

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

December, 2021



photo - thanks to Mike Whidden

John Eppling prepares for a flight -
or possibly to hop on and fly away?



December Meeting:

Wednesday, December 15th, 7:30

IN PERSON

Goodnow Library, Sudbury, MA

President's Message

Dear Members,

Welcome to the final Presidential Address of 2021. I find that the years go by faster as I grow older, and COVID-19 has only accelerated the passing of time. I remind myself to take a moment each day to just observe and enjoy the world and my place in it. In the words of Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."



Our November meeting included the election of new club officers. If you haven't already, please congratulate our new Recording Secretary, Roger Silva, our new Webmaster, Suhas Srinivasan, and our new Safety Coordinator, Jimi Two Feathers.

At the November Board Meeting, we roughed out some dates for 2022 events. Except for the Frozen Finger Fun Fly, consider these dates tentative.

- Jan 1 - Frozen Finger Fun Fly
- July 4th - Demo Day
- Jul 16 - NERDs Drone Race
- Aug 6-7 - Altitude Limited Electric Soaring (ALES)
- Aug 20-21 - Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In

Don't forget to renew your CRRC membership! Discounted renewal rates are still in effect.

I look forward to seeing some of you in person at the December meeting in Goodnow Library. And there will be a raffle! COVID is still with us, so we're not going to be holding in person meetings on the regular yet, but if you are willing to join some other masked modelers, please join us at 7:30pm December 15th .

Fly well,

- Mike Whidden, CRRC President



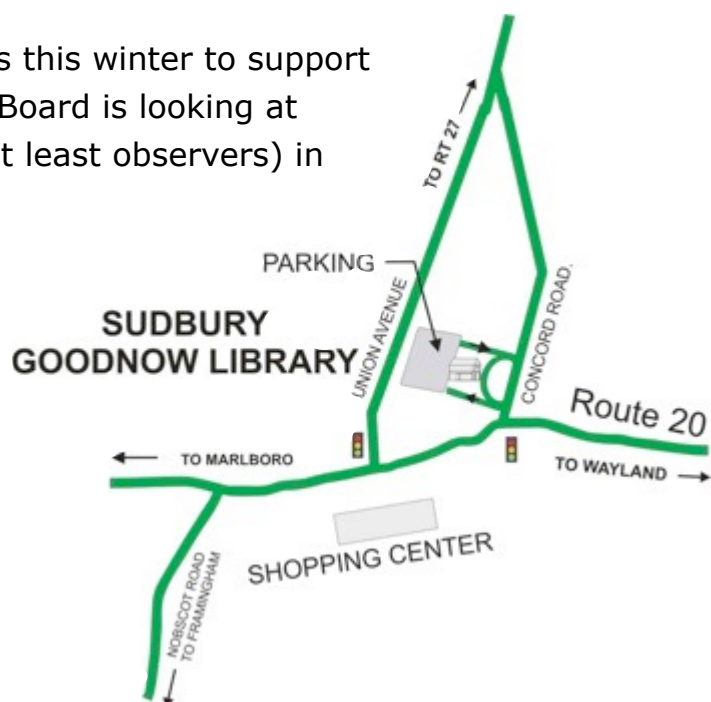
December Meeting - IN PERSON

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be ***in person*** on **Wednesday, December 15th, 7:45PM**, at **Goodnow Library in Sudbury**. Out of caution and consideration for those of us who continue to be at risk from COVID-19, *we request that only fully vaccinated members attend in-person in December*. Masks are required per the Sudbury Board of Health.

We'll likely mix in-person and online meetings this winter to support members interested in each format, and the Board is looking at options for including virtual participants (or at least observers) in any in-person meetings.

Club meetings are open to the public, we welcome visitors and guests to learn about model aviation and CRRC!

Directions to the Goodnow Library: <http://tinyurl.com/j8h427e>



End-of-Year Zoom

What other way to end 2021 than with an online meet-and-greet? Special this year - the club will host a year-end Zoom call to wrap up 2021 (or nearly), on **Friday, December 17th at 7:30**. For those not able to make the in-person meeting, as well as those who are, please join in to share a bit of cheer and fellowship. Best crash story wins! No business or structure anticipated, just call in and share a memory from this year, or a plan for next year!

Watch the groups.io mailing list for a Zoom invite to join this session.

RAFFLE!

Have you been waiting for it? The club meeting raffle is back in December!

First prize - choice of Flite Test foamboard plane kit, or a Ready-to-Fly UMX Spacewalker!

Second prize - whatever the first prize winner doesn't take

Third prize - a helping hands jig



Soliciting Newsletter Content

Do you have something to contribute? It may be easier than you think. The club members would love to read an article about a recent build or a flight with a new model, see a picture from a day out flying (recent or remote), or re-live a memory of a favorite club meeting or event. It just takes a bit on initiative for any of us to share sometime.

As an extra incentive as we enter the winter season, if an article, photo, or other content that you send in is used in the Newsletter, you'll get a free entry in the next club meeting raffle held!

- Adam Smith, Newsletter Editor

2021 Board of Directors

The officers for 2021 were (re-)elected at the November meeting. Please give your thanks and support to:

President: Michael Whidden

Vice President: Dan Sullivan

Treasurer: Dave Marshall

Membership Secretary: John Eppling

Recording Secretary: Roger Silva

Newsletter Editor: Adam Smith

Webmaster: Suhas Srinivasan

Safety Coordinator: Jimi Two

Feathers



Raja Bortcosh's night-flyer heli sports "enough" LEDs (photo - John Eppling)



Do I spot a "santa" fringe to our President's headgear, delivering auction items at Davis Field in November?



COVID Updates

CRRC requests all members to follow state guidelines and any location or facility based requirements at all fields & meetings. Please maintain safe and healthy practices for our own and other members' sakes, as well as for the sake of other users of our shared fields and meeting rooms.

Update: June 2021 - As of the time of writing, the original Massachusetts "emergency" declaration and most public restrictions have been lifted by the Governor and the State. CRRC has not received specific new guidance from the Town of Sudbury. Please continue to be aware both of state & local guidance and requirements, as well as considerate of the health and preferences of those around us, as the situation evolves.

FAA Registration and TRUST Test

Please remember to visit <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/> to check and renew your FAA registration ID. Also, beware some commercial entities who are claiming to process registrations - often for increased prices. The FAA charges \$5 for a three-year registration / extension from your existing expiry. **Check your registration when you mark each new plane/drone, so you don't forget!**

Also in recent news, the FAA has authorized several organizations including the AMA to administer the knowledge and safety test required by congressional action. ***You are now required to show proof of passing the test (along with your FAA ID number) to law enforcement or FAA representatives upon request.***

According to reports from members, the test takes about 15 minutes to complete. You can't proceed without providing the correct answers, and at the end you'll receive a confirmation number as well as link to a printable certificate/card. The test is free! Take it at: <https://trust.modelaircraft.org/>

Club Information

Officers - 2021

President

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Recording Secretary (vacant)

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Instruction

To inquire about instruction please call the Chief Instructor, Dick Williamson.

Types of instruction

B = Building
 G = Glider
 E = Electric
 F = Fuel
 H = Helicopter
 Q = Quadcopter/
 Multirotor

Dick Williamson - B,G,E
 Sudbury - 978-618-5475

David Spielman - B,E
[dspielma \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:dspielma@gmail.com)

John Weigel - B
 Natick - 508-655-2138
 Richard Gammon - B,G,E,F
 West Boylston -
 508-835-2049

Ken Antonellis - G,E,F
 Natick - 508-653-8369
 Lincoln Ross - G,E
 Waltham - 781-891-0332

Dave Walter - G
 Hudson - 978-562-5400

Jon Leehey - F
 Wayland - 508-358-5721

Tony Davids - H
 Stow - 978-568-9598
 Scott Ritter - Q
 Sudbury - 978-443-2373

General Info

Flying Sites

Go to the [CRRC Website](http://www.charlesriverrc.org) and select the Flying Sites tab to see the various sites. The site page will give current weather and site information.

Keys to the

Bill Martin Field

To get a key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield please email Ken Antonellis at kxa@verizon.net. Ken is the key-master. The key for the 2021 season is key #15. Ken may have keys at the meeting. A \$5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key.

Tree Climbers

Tom Hurney
 508-272-7489

Scott (Sudbury)
 508-203-3845

Stephen Canessa
 The Tree Guy
 978-460-1000

Hartney Greymont (Medfield)
 Sean Comer
 781-444-1227
thescomer@gmail.com

Membership Application - 2022

Name					
Street					
Town		State		Zip	
Telephone		Email			
AMA No.		Birth Date			
I agree: []	Club membership and activities are bound by the CRRC handbook, available at: http://charlesriverrc.org/newsite/Documents/CRRC%20Handbook%202020.pdf				

IMPORTANT: You must be an Academy of Model Aeronautics member to join CRRC.
AMA Junior membership is free! <http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/youth.aspx>
 By submitting this membership application you agree to comply with the AMA safety code,
 including documents 550 and 560 found at: www.modelaircraft.org/documents.aspx

To receive a membership card, bring this application to a club meeting or
 mail to the membership secretary:

John Eppling
Membership Secretary CRRC
43 Nylander, Acton, MA 01720
membership@charlesriverrc.org

You may pay by check or use PayPal.

Make **checks** to **Charles River RC**, or send **PayPal** to the email above.

Member category	Before March 1, 2022	After March 1, 2022
OPEN Member	\$60	\$65
SENIOR member If age 60 before July 1st	\$50	\$55
SENIOR member If age 75 before July 1st	Free if AMA member (Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50)	Free if AMA member (Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50)
JUNIOR Member Under 19 before July 1st		
NON-FLYING member If age 75 before July 1st	(Voluntary donation appreciated)	(Voluntary donation appreciated)
Full time STUDENT	\$40	\$45
Family member additional to OPEN membership		
Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)	Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc	