

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

January, 2022



Damp and fog were more challenging than snow or cold, at an atypical "Frozen Finger" Fun Fly on January 1st, 2022.



January Meeting:

Wednesday, January 19th, 7:45

via Zoom / Online

(details via mailing list)

President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year!



Where I am writing this, in the lakes region of Maine, it is currently 11 degrees below zero, which is warmer than the 17-below of a few hours ago. Today would have been a better day for our Frozen Finger Fun Fly than January 1st turned out to be. Only couple of intrepid pilots endured the rain on that day. We'll hope for less soggy, more frozen weather next year.

Last month we had our first in-person monthly meeting in a very long time. There was a pretty good turnout of masked and distanced members, and it was great to see them in person. We enjoyed a raffle, awarded long-overdue wings to Sam Sparks and Roger Silva, and generally enjoyed the fellowship of friends. A few members also joined us experimentally via Zoom as we tested out the feasibility of a hybrid meeting. Sadly, the extraordinary spike in Covid-19 infection rates since means we are unlikely to be meeting in person again until things settle down a bit.

We also had our first (annual?) CRRC Holiday Social on December 17 via Zoom, in an attempt to resurrect an old CRRC tradition of having a holiday gathering each year. A handful of members attended and we enjoyed chatting about anything that came up – no business!

Don't forget to join our January meeting via Zoom on January 19th at 7:45pm. Details will be shared on the groups.io mailing list.

Fly well,

- Mike Whidden, CRRC President

January Meeting - Online via Zoom

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be **online via Zoom** on **Wednesday, January 19th, at 7:45PM.**

We had hoped to mix in-person and virtual meetings this winter, but for the moment the Omicron variant seems likely to keep the next couple online. Stay safe and in touch via Zoom - reach out to the BoD if you need help connecting.

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

The information to join the Zoom meeting will be distributed via the Groups.io email list before the meeting.

“Frozen Finger” Fun Fly 2022

The weather conditions can be challenging around New Year's, and this year, while not abysmally cold (then), predicted rain caused members who did venture out to spread their visits to the field across a couple of days.



Your faithful Editor can attest that several hardy souls ventured out on the afternoon of the First. Jake M. and I each had close encounters of the evergreen kind, but thanks to a rescue crew including Jon C and his handy surf-casting pole, both craft were returned to ground level that afternoon.

Other members met up on Friday or on Saturday morning, I take it. But whether flying, building, or whatever else - I hope you New Year is off to a fine start!



December Raffle Winners

After so long away from in-person meetings, we finally had some raffle winners at the December meeting!

Richard P. went home with a Flite Test Bushwhacker kit to build, Sam S. got a UMX Spacewalker RTF, and Roger S. has new “helping hands” for soldering.



Soliciting Newsletter Content

Do you have something to contribute? An article about a recent build or a flight with a new model, a picture from a day out flying (recent or remote), or a memory of a favorite club meeting or event would all be appreciated by readers. It just takes a bit of initiative for any of us to share something.

As an extra incentive, if content that you send in is used in the Newsletter this winter, you'll get a free entry in the next raffle held!

- Adam Smith, Newsletter Editor

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: January 2022 - CRRC has not received specific guidance from the Town of Sudbury recently. Please continue to be aware both of state & local guidance and requirements each time you fly, as well as considerate of the health and preferences of those around us, as the situation with Omicron or other major variants evolves.

FAA Registration

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, or extension.

Check your registration when you mark each new plane/drone, so you don't forget!

TRUST Test

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.

The test is free and can't be failed!
Take it at:

<https://trust.modelaircraft.org/>

Club Information

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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

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General Info

Flying Sites

Go to charlesriverrc.org and select the Flying Sites tab to see the various sites. CRRC reserves time seasonally on Davis Field in Sudbury, and shares Bill Martin Field in Medfield with the MMAC.

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.

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 508-272-7489

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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 <i>(Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50)</i>	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	<i>(Voluntary donation appreciated)</i>	(Voluntary donation appreciated)
Full time STUDENT	\$40	\$45
Family member additional to OPEN membership		
<i>Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)</i>	<i>Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc</i>	