

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

August, 2022



ALES 2022 enjoyed sun, lift, and plenty of heat.

Photos by Adam Smith



August Meeting:

Saturday, August 13th, 9:45 AM

In Person at

Davis Field, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear Members,

We had two successful competitions since my last address.

The 3rd annual NERDs Drone Race at Davis field drew nine pilots from New England to our field. Our own Scott Ritter placed 5th while yours truly placed 9th. Like a sheep dog, I never got out in front, but I made sure the herd knew I was there and in charge. (Well, that's how I viewed it, anyway).

You'll find a full report on the ALES further down in this newsletter, but it was a successful event with both old and new blood, but very hot weather.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on August 20th and 21st for the 5th Annual Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In.

Fly well,

- Mike Whidden, CRRC President



Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In

The final contest of the summer season will be the Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In on August 20th and 21st. Come fly or spectate for the best in winch-launched thermal duration at Davis Field, Sudbury. Entry fee \$25/day includes lunch; pilot's meeting at 9AM.

- Chris Schuch, Contest Director

August Mtg - In Person @Davis Field

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Davis Field, Sudbury*** on **SATURDAY, August 13th, at 9:45AM**. Bring something to fly before or after, or to share with other members! Summer field meetings tend not to be overly long or formal, but are a great time to catch up on what others are flying, building, and thinking about.

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

July Raffle Winners

The July field meeting saw more raffle prizes go home with lucky attendees:

- John Horcher grabbed a UMX P-47 bind-and-fly
- Dan Sullivan got a *schwerpunktwaage* (CG balance finder)
- Chris Schuch took home some helping hands

Remember that contributors to the Newsletter earn a free raffle ticket!



Altitude Limited Electric Soaring

(ALES) Contest Report

The annual CRRC Altitude Limited Electric Soaring contest was held on August 6th and 7th, 2022.

August 6, 2022

The weather for Saturday's session was hot with some chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Nine pilots signed up for the Saturday session. The air was still in the morning but the lift was good and several flyers in the early rounds were able to make their 10 minute target time.

As the day progressed, the wind picked up and although there were lots of puffy cumulus clouds, the wind was breaking up the lift making it hard to stay up. I had my plane blown off the field by a strong gust during landing. We took a short break to let a small storm pass over. The air was flat after the storm and no long flights were recorded after lunch.

August 7, 2022

Only six pilot participated in Sunday's session. The weather was even hotter than Saturday but the lift was much better. The wind increased as the day went by, but unlike Saturday, there was good lift to be found for most of the rounds. I had an epic flight (for me) with my 2 meter glider almost disappearing due to height and I struggled to keep control and get it back on the ground (43 seconds over the target time). On the subsequent round we also found good lift, unfortunately Chris Schuch had his Radian fly away towards the East and was not able to find it. On the same flight I tripped over the landing tape and finished the flight seated on the ground and damaged my glider on landing.

Although the lift was still strong in the afternoon, the wind was picking up and we were running out of pilots and planes. We flew one more abbreviated round with four pilots and called it a day around 2:00 PM.

Placing for Saturday:

- 1 John Marien 4975
- 2 George Hill 4729
- 3 Chris Schuch 4109

Placing for Sunday:

1. Daniel Sullivan 4000
2. Richard Phipps 2787
3. Anders Siggins
2580

Two day placing:

1. Richard Phipps 6748
2. Daniel Sullivan 6456
3. Chris Schuch 5866

Many thanks to all the participants and all the others that helped to make the contest a success.

- Dan Sullivan, ALES Contest Director



ALES 2022 - Full Scoring Summary

Class	First Name	Last Name	Saturday	Sunday	Two Day
Expert	Richard	Phipps	3960.94	2787.82	6748.77
Sportsman	Daniel	Sullivan	2456.28	4000.00	6456.28
Expert	Chris	Schuch	4109.85	1756.91	5866.76
Sportsman	Adam	Smith	3173.73	2511.20	5684.93
Expert	John	Marien	4975.28		4975.28
Expert	George	Hill	4729.89		4729.89
Expert	Welcome	Bender	3859.77		3859.77
Expert	Mark	Higgins	3403.72		3403.72
Expert	Mike	Bergerson	2594.34		2594.34
Sportsman	Anders	Siggins		2580.15	2580.15
Expert	James	Rochette		1964.51	1964.51

[Thanks as often to Dave Marshall for running the scoring table, setting the flight groups, and collating the results! -Ed.]





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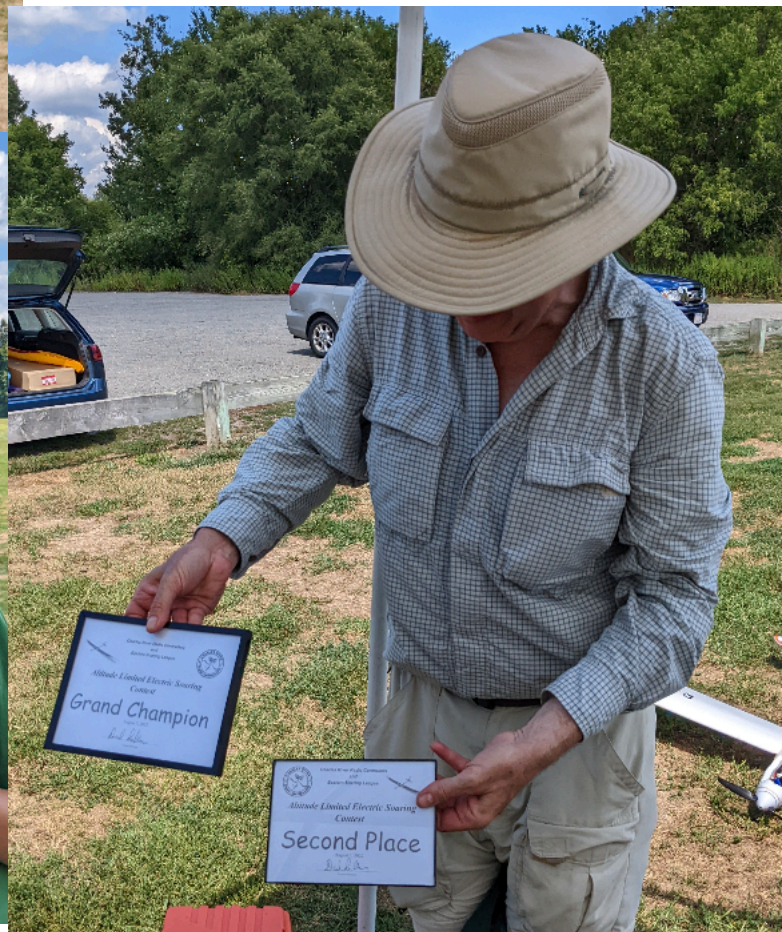
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COVID Updates

CRRC requests all members to follow state guidelines and any location- or facility-based requirements at all fields & meetings.

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 vaccinations and variants evolves.

Membership Renewal

Support CRRC by renewing your annual membership! See the last page, or contact John Eppling (membership@charlesriverrc.org).

We're in the thick of summer event season and great flying weather. Make sure you have a current card to bring to the field(s)!

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

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

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

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 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 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.

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	