

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

September, 2022



September Meeting:

Saturday, September 17th, 9:45 AM

In Person at

Davis Field, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear Members,

We had a couple of chilly days this month, and already those special summer hours of daylight lasting nearly until 9pm are gone. Soon enough we'll be limited to a few chilly hours midday, so get as much flying in as you can!



The 5th Annual Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In happened since my last address. Thanks to everyone who put in the time and effort to make that a successful event.

Last flying season, we had a sudden influx of large donations, and the club was busy with auctions and delivering flying goodies. This year for unknown reasons, the floodgates have opened on invitations to exhibit! We've already participated in the Kelley's Corner Block Party, and perhaps when you read this we'll have also done demos at the Sudbury Fall Fest. More on those in articles you'll find below. Next, we've been invited to show off our hobby at the Acton Children's Business Fair in October. Look for more details on that in the coming weeks on our mailing list.

Finally, I'll encourage you to read the article about the School Street Field. As you may know our flying there had become very restricted due to intensive use and modification by cricket teams, but a small cabal – er, I mean group – of club members and other R/C pilots has given our club something wonderful. No spoilers here, so be sure to read on!

Fly well,

- Mike Whidden, CRRC President

Cover photo - Dick Williamson received a birthday surprise when some club friends schemed to present him with an Olympic sailplane - beautifully built in secret by John Weigl from a kit Dick's daughter spirited out of his condo!

Photo by Adam Smith

September Meeting - In Person @Davis Field

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Davis Field, Sudbury*** on **SATURDAY, September 17th, 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!

September Meeting Raffle

Unfortunately, the August raffle was not held due to logistical challenges.

There will be a raffle at the September field meeting, though! Prizes are a UMX Whipit micro DLG, a can of Corrosion-X, and a bottle of CA Activator with a bottle of foam-safe kicker.

Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In

The Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In competition was held at Davis Field on August 20th and 21st. A full report wasn't available at "press time" for this edition - your humble editor's fault for not making the request in time. We'll try to provide a better summary in the October newsletter. Thanks to Contest Director Chris Schuch as well as several volunteers who helped setup and brought equipment, tents, beverages, etc.

School Street Field - Reserved in 2023

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of Jimi Two Feathers, and some extraordinary donations from CRRC members and other pilots who enjoy flying at the School Street field, I'm grateful to be able to announce that a donation of 60 full day rentals in 2023 of School Street for flying has been made to our club. The specific dates will be confirmed after late October meeting with other field users. If you see any of the donors, particularly Jimi Two Feathers and Sai Revel who really spearheaded this, please be sure to thank them, and plan to fly with them at School Street.

- Mike Whidden

Acton "Kelly's Corner Block Party"

On September 10th , CRRC participated in the "Kelley's Corner Block Party" at the request of the organizers.

We were given space among other participants and vendors in the parking lot of Acton Plaza, between someone selling essential oils, across from an exercise bike, and catty-corner to a commercial drone photographer.

The venue was not suitable for flying, but John Eppling brought a tent, two planes, a table, batteries and an inverter and gave demo flights to over a dozen people on his Real Flight simulator. (John's wife brought snacks!) Jacob Heller brought a plane and also an FPV drone and gave "virtual" flights by holding a props-off quadcopter and moving it manually to simulate a flight while guests peered through goggles. Yours truly brought some quadcopters for discussion. Adam Smith brought a wing and a mini Flite Test plane to show. Scott Ritter also joined us and helped advocated for our hobby and encourage visitors to join us at meetings or for a demo flight.

Thank you to John, Jacob, Adam and Scott for making this event a success.

- Mike Whidden

Sudbury “Fall Fest” - September 17th

On September 17th , Sudbury Parks & Rec, who also operate Davis Field, will be hosting their Fall Fest, and have invited us to participate with flying demos. The event is at Haskell Field, 40 Fairbank Rd, and runs from 3:30-7:00pm, so if you are reading this before that date, please come out and help us engage the community and demonstrate safe operation of UAS of all sorts.

The Youth Coordinator for Sudbury Parks & Rec, Tricia Sardagnola, is very excited for us to participate, and this will be another great opportunity to get the community interested in our hobby and make them aware that we are good neighbors and conscientious operators.



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/>

CRRC Membership Renewal

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

There's plenty of good flying time left this year. Make sure you have a current card to bring to the field(s)!

Club Information

Officers - 2022

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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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 508-835-2049

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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)
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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 (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	