

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

December 2024



Photo Credit: Adam Smith



December Meeting:

Wednesday, December 18th, 7:30pm

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

As the year wraps up, I hope that everyone has a chance to enjoy the holidays — whether it's being with family, enjoying some time off, or maybe doing some cold-weather flying! :^)

I'd like to take a moment to thank the other members of the CRRC Board of Directors: Dan Sullivan, Adam Smith, Roger Silva, Dave Marshall, John Eppling, Mike Whidden, Jimi Two Feathers, Scott Ritter and Shawn Silva. They keep the club running whether it's negotiating access to the fields, communicating with the rest of the club, or teaching new members how to fly. The time and effort they give to the club is truly appreciated. Thank you!

I'd also like to thank the members of the club who have come out to the meetings, the flying fields and the various events we have held over the past year. Your participation defines the success of the CRRC, and I hope that everyone has had a great year flying, crashing, repairing and then flying again! In 2025, I'd like to find ways to not only increase our membership, but to also increase participation by existing members. If anyone has thoughts or an idea on this, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Our last meeting of 2024 will be this Wed, Dec 18th at 7:30pm at the Goodnow Library in Sudbury. Bring a current project for show & tell and feel free to share any current or future projects with the rest of the club. Our final event of the year, or (technically) the first event of 2025, will be the Frozen Finger Fun Fly on January 1st at Davis Field. Bring your aircraft and a warm pair of gloves to ring in the new year!

Thanks and See You in 2025....

Joe Sicree

[Editor's Note: Thanks also to club president Joe Sicree for his leadership!]

Club Meeting - Dec. 18

Our annual club meeting with officer elections is scheduled to be ***in-person at Goodnow Library in Sudbury at 7:30pm.***

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

We are back to meeting in doors for a few months, so **we need speakers** to present during our meetings in the library. **Please** get in touch with any of the club officers if you know someone who could give an interesting presentation to the club, or if you yourself would like to present.

Club Expenses

You might be aware that our club membership is down from our highs, but field costs continue be our primary expense. We have reserves, but dues alone are not sufficient to cover expenses. The club always accepts donations, which you can send in with your membership dues, bring to a club meeting, or send with PayPal to membership@charlesriverrc.org.

Looking Ahead to Next Month!

Please plan to attend the club's January meeting on **January 8th** at Goodnow Library. We have special guests Daren Hudson, a District 1 AVP, and Doug Thomson, both representing the AMA District 1 Outreach Team. They will be there to tell us about what the Outreach Team is doing for the AMA, and answer any questions we might have about expanding (or at least maintaining!) Membership.

Just For Fun

What do you get when you ask AI to create a winter holiday-themed image of model aircraft? I'm not so sure about the aerodynamics asymmetrical props and using lightbulbs and evergreen boughs as... vortex generators?



2025 Officer Election Results

Our annual meeting and officer election was held in November. We had a very low turnout, and only *barely* made quorum. The entire 2024 board was re-elected as there were no volunteers to join any board position.

If you haven't been a regular attendee of our monthly meetings, please consider joining us from time to time. It's a fun opportunity to get together to learn and socialize (and win prizes!).

Also, over the coming months until the next annual meeting, give some thought to volunteering to be a club officer.

November Meeting

We had no raffle do to logistical issues, but Adam gave a fun show and tell of some aerial photos he took of Davis field and the surroundings from his friend's full-scale Cessna.



Meeting Minutes:

20 Nov 2024 / 7:30 PM

8 attendees in-person, 1 via Zoom, 1 by phone. Quorum was met during the officer elections.

Membership report: 88 members

- BoD is considering making official policy about how late-season new memberships should be charged or extended

No Treasurer Report

No Safety Report

Field Report

- Adam said Davis is in fine shape

Old Business:

- Adam discussed the ongoing scheduling for School St. 2025.

- Current schedule has Mon, Wed, Fri evenings from mid-April through early October, plus 5 full Saturdays (including Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day weekends) and 17 half Saturdays (afternoons). However, there are still discussions ongoing and that may change to 8 full Saturdays and a dozen-ish half Saturdays.

- Rocket club has 4 weekends. Lions club has 10 days including 3 weekend days, and cricket has 40 full and half-days.

- Joe Sicree to confirm we've paid our share of the mowing fees at Medfield.

- Mike Whidden to follow up again with D1 Outreach team about a possible presentation to the club.

New Business:

- This was the first meeting that Tom David attended, though he's been a member for 5-6 years. He just got his CD and plans to volunteer to assist at the ALES and Soar-Ins next year.

Annual elections were held. All 2024 officers were re-elected unanimously for 2025.

Show & Tell:

- Adam show aerial photos of School Street, Davis Field, and other local landmarks that he took from the passenger seat of a Cessna 172 piloted by a friend of his.

School Street Flying Schedule

Our "official" flying season at School Street is over for 2024. Check back here in the coming months for the 2025 season schedule.

SCHOOL STREET FIELDS 2024

CRRC (ALL DAY - START 11 AM)	ROCKETS
RC (EVENINGS)	BOY SCOUT CAMP
CRICKET (ALL DAY)	ACTON TOWN FAIR
CRICKET (EVENINGS)	

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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 miss a renewal!

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 Adam Smith (membership@charlesriverrc.org). Ages 75 and over, and under 19, are free for CRRC membership (AMA membership required to fly at fields/events, and discounted for juniors). Sixty-and-over receive a \$10 discount. Donations to the club are always welcome.

Make sure you have a current card to bring to in-person meetings and get a free raffle ticket!

Club Information

Officers - 2024	Instruction	General Info
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>President</i> Joe Sicree president at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vice President</i> Dan Sullivan vicepresident at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Treasurer</i> Dave Marshall treasurer at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Membership Secretary</i> Adam Smith membership at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recording Secretary</i> Roger Silva secretary at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Webmaster</i> Shawn Silva webmaster at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Newsletter Editor</i> Mike Whidden newsletter at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interim Chief Instructor</i> Scott Ritter chiefinstructor at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Safety Coordinator</i> Jimi Two Feathers safety at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Raffle Chairman</i> John Epling exofficio at charlesriverrc.org</p>	<p>To inquire about instruction please call the Chief Instructor, Dick Williamson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Types of instruction</u> B = Building G = Glider E = Electric F = Fuel H = Helicopter Q = Quadcopter/ Multirotor</p> <p>John Weigel - B Natick - 508-655-2138</p> <p>Richard Gammon - B,G,E,F West Boylston - 508-835-2049</p> <p>Ken Antonellis - G,E,F Natick - 508-653-8369</p> <p>Lincoln Ross - G,E Waltham - 781-891-0332</p> <p>Dave Walter - G Hudson - 978-562-5400</p> <p>Jon Leehey - F Wayland - 508-358-5721</p> <p>Tony Davids - H Stow - 978-568-9598</p> <p>Scott Ritter - Q Sudbury - 978-443-2373</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Flying Sites</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Keys to Medfield / Bill Martin Field</u></p> <p>To get a key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield please email key-master Ken Antonellis at kxa@verizon.net.</p> <p><i>The key for 2023 will be updated in late April by MMAC. Keys may also be available at the monthly meeting. A \$5 deposit is required the first time you receive a key.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tree Climbers</u></p> <p>Tom Hurney 508-272-7489</p> <p>Scott (Sudbury) 508-203-3845</p> <p>Stephen Canessa The Tree Guy 978-460-1000</p> <p>Hartney Greymont (Medfield) Sean Comer 781-444-1227 thescomer@gmail.com</p>

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Membership Application - 2025

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 Jr membership is discounted! <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:

Adam Smith
Membership Secretary CRRC
460 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720
membership@charlesriverrc.org

You may pay by check or use PayPal. Make **checks** payable to **Charles River RC**, or send **PayPal** to the email above.

Member category	Before March 1, 2025	After March 1, 2025
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>	