

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

November 2024



Adam showing the club his new field-charging battery.



November Meeting:

Wednesday, November 20th, 7:30pm

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

Well, Fall is finally here, the days are getting shorter but that doesn't mean there isn't good flying to be done. Personally, I will probably be waiting until a little later in the day to fly to avoid the worst of the colder temperatures. Or, I could just go digging in my closet to find my cold weather gear, but that would just remind me that at some point, "winter is coming..."

While things might be slowing down a bit, one item I would like to remind people about are the upcoming elections. If you think you would like to get more involved in the club, please consider running for one of the offices of the Board of Directors. In last month's newsletter, there was a description of what each position entails. Electing new members to the Board is a great way to bring in new ideas and perspectives into the club and ensure our success going forward. If you have any questions about the Board or the elections, please reach out to any Board member.

Our next meeting will be this Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30pm at the Goodnow Library in Sudbury. This is our Annual Meeting and we will be holding elections to the Board of Directors. Bring a current project for show & tell and feel free to share any current or future projects with the rest of the club. And if you happen to know a friend, family member or even a complete stranger who has an interest in flying, bring them to the meeting! Thanks and I hope to see you there.

-Joe

* Annual * Club Meeting - Nov. 20

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 to 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.

2025 Officer Elections

Our annual meeting and officer election is coming up in November! Please consider running for an office. It's fun, rewarding, and not as much work as you probably think!

Refer to the October issue for detailed descriptions of all officer positions.

Time Machine: August 1996

(Enjoy photos and description of the CRRC Soar-In from August 1996. -Ed.)

CRRC hosted a 2 day Open class sailplane contest on August 3-4, 1996. This was the first contest conducted at the Davis Farm Field in Sudbury, Mass. and all went very smoothly. We were initially worried that the field might be a bit too small, but it was able to comfortably accommodate 3 winch lines, 2 landing circles, and about 25 contestants.

Day 1 was CD'd by Fritz Bien, who imposed a challenging set of tasks. The first round was 6 minute duration, and each ensuing round was one minute longer than the last. The last round, at 12 minutes, was a real killer if you didn't make your time!

John Nilsson was the Contest Director on Day 2. Being a much more reasonable sort, John called for 7 minute rounds, with one 5 minute task flown within the first 3 rounds, at the discretion of the pilot.



October Meeting

At our October meeting, Dean won a BNF Beaver float plane, Dave M. won a low voltage alarm, and Adam took home a flap deflection angle tool.

For show & tell, Adam showed us a new large-capacity LiFe battery with many convenient features that could be used for field charging. Joe L. talked about his Hobby Eagle A3Pro v2 6-Axis gyro that he's had a lot of fun with. Mike showed us two different models of FAA-compliant RemoteID broadcast modules, and Tony D. showed and demonstrated a Star Wars-style light saber with lights and motion-triggered sound effects. Fortunately everyone at the Goodnow Cantina was well behaved and left with all of their limbs still attached.



Meeting Minutes:

16 Oct 2024 / 7:30 PM

Quorum met

- Treasurer report - none
- Membership report - Approximately mid 80's for active membership

- Safety report - Incident at School St noted. Suggestion is to move runway further from roadway/pilot area. Did not meet standard for reporting to AMA
- Field report - nothing specific. Discussed other groups showing up at Davis during our scheduled time.
- Old Business
 - Last month's vote to fund School St. Total still unknown but expected to be around \$1800.00
- New Business
 - Board of Director Election at November meeting
 - Next event is Frozen Finger Fun Fly
 - Need ideas for speakers
 - AMA Dist 1 Outreach or Officials?
 - Maybe co-meeting with another club?

Business ended 8:15 pm

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)
- RC (EVENINGS)
- CRICKET (ALL DAY)
- CRICKET (EVENINGS)

- ROCKETS
- BOY SCOUT CAMP
- ACTON TOWN FAIR

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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>	