

# Charles River Radio Controllers

# Flight Log

April 2025



Photo Credit: Adam Smith



April Meeting:

Wednesday, April 16th, 7:30pm

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

## President's Message

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Well, Spring is finally here and it's time to get flying! The updated schedule for School St is now available on the website and we have reserved the use of Davis Field for the year. Thank you Jimi, Adam and Scott for getting this done!

The annual field clean up day at Davis Field was originally supposed to be April 5th, but it was rescheduled to April 12th because of weather. I hope everyone can come out next week to do some field maintenance and then stick around to fly. Some other events that will be coming up in the next few months include the 2nd Annual School St. Flea & Fly (currently in planning for Memorial Day Weekend) and the 2025 ALES Competition (June 21-22). As always, help is more than welcome, so if you would like to volunteer to help plan any of these events, please let a member of the Board know!

Our last indoor meeting will be Wed, April 16th at Goodnow Library. We are working on getting a speaker for the meeting and will update everyone when we get confirmation. Starting in May, we will switch to having our meetings on Saturdays at Davis Field followed by flying.

As a final note, I recently (re)discovered the CRRC Discord channel. I do not use Discord that much, but I was thinking that it could be a good way for members to stay connected and perhaps increase field turnout. If you are heading to one of the fields to fly, consider putting a message up on the Discord channel under one of the Flying Site channels and let other members know that you plan on flying.

Thanks everyone,

Joe

## Club Meeting - Apr. 16

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Our April meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Goodnow Library in Sudbury at 7:30pm***. Please plan to attend. It's Winter Build Night, so bring your winter project for show & tell!

We had hoped to have a gyrocopter pilot speak to us this month, but unfortunately weather and mechanical issues have forced a postponement. We look forward to hearing from her in the near future.

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

## Club Expenses

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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](mailto:membership@charlesriverrc.org).

## Sub-250g Aircraft

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David Spielman found some information that we'd all do well to recall: even though your under-250-gram RC plane or quadcopter doesn't require FAA registration or Remote ID, it is still subject to other regulations and still may not be flown during TFRs or in controlled airspace without authorization.

- If you are flying in controlled airspace, you need to use [LAANC](#) to get authorization.
- You must have a visual observer colocated with you that can see the UAV if flying FPV.
- You must stay below 400 feet Above Ground Level ( AGL ) or the maximum height allowed by [LAANC](#) for the area.
- Follow all FAA airspace restrictions including TFRs and NOTAMs.
- Never fly near other aircraft.
- Always give way to all other aircraft.
- Never fly over groups of people.
- Never fly near emergency response activities.
- Never fly under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

## Volunteers Needed 2025

Our event season is getting started, and it's never too soon to start thinking about how you can support this club in one of the most important ways: volunteering. Without volunteers, we don't *have* a club. If you see someone helping out, say thank you, and if you see a way to help, please do! We have a number of opportunities coming up, including things like the May Flea & Fly, the ALES contest, the July Fourth Demo Day, the NERDs drone race, the Soar-In and of course club officer positions for 2026.

If you only volunteer to help at **one** event this year, consider coming out to the July Fourth Demo day. It's one of our best opportunities to interact with the public and try to grow our membership, especially with the younger folks who will **be** this club in a decade or two.

Seven years ago Andy Argenio came out to visit our July Fourth Demo Day, and had glowing praises for the event and our club. We've always had good events and public turnout, but we've not had quite as much volunteer support in the last couple of years. Let's make 2025 a great one!





## March Meeting

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On the cover, Dan Frey showed off his "Astroboy" flying model.

At the March meeting's raffle, Bert Cohen won a pair of wire strippers, Jimmy Quinn took home a LiPo bag, and Adam Smith scored a Flite Test Storch kit.



Meeting Minutes [*thank you to Roger Silva, club Secretary*]

**19 Mar 2024 / 7:30 PM**

ATTENDEES

In person meeting at Goodnow Library. Quorum met.

AGENDA

Business commenced at 7:38 pm

**Business / Discussion**

- No Treasurer report



- No Membership report - 44 renewed, 27 members last year have not renewed as of yet. Discussed need to increase membership.
- No Safety report
- Field report -
  - School St great!
  - Davis good, looks like someone cleaned up the dog stuff recently.
- Old Business
  - School St schedule is fixed. Pushed back on cricket guys wanting to switch up days, etc.
  - Davis clean up April 5th, same day as Medfield clean up and key swap. Ken Antonellis is solely responsible for CRRC key handout.
- New Business
  - May 17th is first on field meeting.
  - Flea and Fly is Memorial Day at School St
  - Dan Frey attended (and joined) meeting to seek out help this summer with an MIT engineering project for about 30 kids that involves building and flying an RC plane. Discussed member volunteers, field use and AMA Outreach assistance. Dan will be in contact for further discussion. (Dan Frey's contact info is recorded)
  - Next meeting guest speaker arranged by Adam is a gyro plane pilot. There is also a STEM event on April 12th in Northboro that she is requesting assistance with and Adam will send details to the mailing list. *[Late news, our club will not participate officially in this event this year. -Ed.]*
  - Discussed the need for additional buddy box trainers for events and prospective members.

End of business 8:10 pm

*Thank you to John Eppling for drawing up this calendar.*

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## FAA Registration

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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

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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

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Support CRRC by renewing your annual membership! See the last page, or contact Adam Smith ([membership@charlesriverrc.org](mailto: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 - 2025	Instruction	General Info
<p><i>President</i> Joe Sicree <a href="mailto:president@charlesriverrc.org">president at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Vice President</i> Dan Sullivan <a href="mailto:vicepresident@charlesriverrc.org">vicepresident at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Treasurer</i> Dave Marshall <a href="mailto:treasurer@charlesriverrc.org">treasurer at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Membership Secretary</i> Adam Smith <a href="mailto:membership@charlesriverrc.org">membership at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Recording Secretary</i> Roger Silva <a href="mailto:secretary@charlesriverrc.org">secretary at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Webmaster</i> Shawn Silva <a href="mailto:webmaster@charlesriverrc.org">webmaster at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Newsletter Editor</i> Mike Whidden <a href="mailto:newsletter@charlesriverrc.org">newsletter at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Interim Chief Instructor</i> Scott Ritter <a href="mailto:chiefinstructor@charlesriverrc.org">chiefinstructor at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Safety Coordinator</i> Jimi Two Feathers <a href="mailto:safety@charlesriverrc.org">safety at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p><i>Raffle Chairman</i> John Eppling <a href="mailto:exofficio@charlesriverrc.org">exofficio at charlesriverrc.org</a></p>	<p>To inquire about instruction please call the Chief Instructor, Dick Williamson.</p> <p><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 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</p>	<p><u>Flying Sites</u> Go to <a href="http://charlesriverrc.org">charlesriverrc.org</a> 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><u>Keys to Medfield /</u> <u>Bill Martin Field</u> To get a key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield please email key-master Ken Antonellis at <a href="mailto:kxa@verizon.net">kxa@verizon.net</a>. <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><u>Tree Climbers</u> 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 <a href="mailto:thescomer@gmail.com">thescomer@gmail.com</a></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: <a href="http://charlesriverrc.org/newsite/Documents/CRRC%20Handbook%202020.pdf">http://charlesriverrc.org/newsite/Documents/CRRC%20Handbook%202020.pdf</a>				

**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](http://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](mailto: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 (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		
Family member additional to OPEN membership	\$40	\$45
Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)	Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc	