

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

February 2025



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February Meeting:

Wednesday, February 12th, 7:30pm

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

Club Meeting - Feb. 12

Our February meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Goodnow Library in Sudbury at 7:30pm.*** Please plan to attend.

We have a speaker this month. Steve Bakke will be talking to us about IMAC competition flying.

Steve's been flying RC since 1999 when he built a plane while recovering from knee surgery. He's a member of Central Mass RC Modelers as well as Quinapoxet Model Flying Club. After having kids, he took a few years off and then returned in 2012 and has been obsessed ever since. Steve's been an at-large board member of CMRCM for several years and is one of the club flight instructors. In the last few years, he's also been part of the AMA District 1 Outreach team. In 2018, he flew my first IMAC contests after somebody in his club said "Hey, give it a try. I'm signing up!". At the time, Steve liked to practice aerobatic maneuvers and had even dabbled in flying a Sportsman IMAC sequence. After a few years, he'd CD'd his first contest at Plum Island and has now become the IMAC Northeast Regional director. He hopes to make it to Nats to compete some day. (Maybe next year!)

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.

Thanks to Our Volunteers



I'll take a moment here to call out a few volunteers. This is *not a complete list*, but just some folks I've seen getting stuff done. I'm sure there are others doing things I've missed! Thanks to Joe Sicree for a last minute dash home for a projector when we lost our meeting room in January, Adam Smith for getting the Zoom meeting running under difficult circumstances, and Scott Ritter for showing up with the raffle gear even though the raffle turned out to be impossible. Thanks to Shawn for silently maintaining the event calendar, newsletter archive, and other aspects of our website. Thanks to Dan Sullivan for helping collect a donation of planes and equipment, and to John Eppling for lining up our February speaker. Thanks also to John Eppling (again), Jimmy Quinn, and Andy for clearing snow off the School St. runway to keep planes rolling!

And thanks everyone I missed (sorry!).

Discounted Membership Renewals

If you haven't yet, now is the time to renew your club membership while you can get the discounted price of \$60! Renew before March 1. You can find the form at the end of this newsletter.

January Meeting

Due to an urgent need, our January meeting was relocated to a lovely wood-paneled room on the 2nd floor of Goodnow Library. Unfortunately, there was no projector, so our intrepid President ran back home to return with a portable projector.



AMA District 1 Senior AVP Daren Hudson, CD Douglas Thompson, and AVP Joel Rosenzweig presented information to us about how District 1 is spearheading an effort to improve outreach to draw folks in to the AMA. They emphasized that although we belong to our local chapters, we are all still part of AMA. The AMA District 1 Outreach Team

(ADOT) is a resource for clubs who want to hold outreach events, but need support in the form of volunteers, simulators, buddy boxes, etc.

But for the Outreach Team to work, they also need help themselves. If you have a heart to support outreach, please get in touch with them. You don't need to be on the "frontline" engaging with the public if that's not your thing. You can do demo flights, manage simulator stations, help with setup, or any other number of opportunities.

You can find out more at <http://amadistrict-i.org> under the "OUTREACH" menu at the top.

Due to time constraints, there was no raffle.

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

ATTENDEES

In person meeting at Goodnow Library (Zoom also). Quorum met.

AGENDA

Business commenced at 7:40 pm

Last Meeting Follow-up

- None.

Business / Discussion

- Field reports
 - Davis was ok during the FFFF
 - School St in good condition
- Membership
 - Several renewals in, membership in the high 80's
- Treasurer
 - None
- Safety
 - None
- Old Business
 - Schedule for School St in hand, will be published soon
- New Business
 - New donation needs to be picked up and stored. List has been promulgated. Location for pickup is in Burlington. Mike and Dan will coordinate.

- Flea & Fly date? 4/20 or Saturday of Memorial Day weekend as last year
- Davis spring cleanup, usually first Saturday in April
- Mike working with NERDS for drone race at the end of July
- Should think about auction after Flea & Fly if anything left

End of Business 7:55 pm

AMA District 1 AVP's gave an energetic and enlightening presentation on their Outreach team progress and goals for 2025.

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 - 2025	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 /</u> <u>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>	