

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

July 2025



Photo Credit: Dave Walter



July Meeting

Saturday, July 12th, 9:45 am

In Person at

Davis Field, Sudbury

President's Message

I hope everyone had a great July 4th! We've had a busy few weeks, with the ALES competition followed closely by the July 4th Demo Day last week. The ALES competition had a great Saturday but Sunday ended up being too windy to compete. This year's July 4th Demo Day had great weather and we had pretty good attendance throughout the day. At one point, a member of Sudbury's Parks & Recreation committee stopped by Davis and was impressed with everything going on. These events would not be possible without the club members who volunteered their time and effort to make them happen. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make these events a success!

We have a few upcoming events. On Sat July 19th, we will be running a warbird exhibit at the Patton Homestead event in Hamilton, MA. The following Saturday, July 26th, we will be hosting the CRRRC / NERDS Drone Race at Davis Field. If you are interested in helping out with either of these, please contact a board member.

Our meetings will continue to be held at Davis Field for for the next few months. The summer meetings are intentionally kept short to allow for more time flying afterward, so if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, I encourage you to come on out to the next one and do some flying!

Thanks everyone,

Joe

Club Meeting - Saturday June 12

Our June meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Davis Field in Sudbury at 9:45am***. Bring something to fly, something to show & tell, or just come for some friendly company.

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

July 4th Demo Day

Our July 4th Demo Day this year saw good weather and a decent turnout. We had a simulator station, buddy-boxing, lots of displays and demos. It's our club members who show up for these events that really make them a success, so a big "thank you" to you if you were there helping out.





[Photos by Dave Walter and Adam Smith]

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 STILL have a number of opportunities coming up, including things like the Patton Homestead Demo event, the NERDs drone race, the Soar-In and of course club officer positions for 2026.

Consider helping out at the Patton Homestead event this year. It's a great opportunity 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. Plus you get to see all the cool re-enactors and military hardware on display.

Patton Homestead Event July 19th

The producer of the Military Service Day event at the General Patton Homestead in Hamilton, Massachusetts has invited us back for the second year to provide static displays and flight simulator stations. The event is on July 19th. If you have warbirds or other military models, or can provide or help run a flight simulator, or can help advocate for model aviation, please plan to attend. Michael Whidden is coordinating, so reach out to him by email mwhidden@gmail.com

The event is a day-long exhibition of vintage military vehicles, equipment, military re-enactors, speakers – both veterans and academics – and other veteran-related attractions, held on the grounds of the home of one of America's most famous and celebrated military families. Admission is FREE to the public, rain or shine. For information, visit <https://apgardnerposthamilton.org/military-day/>

FAMILY FRIENDLY
FREE SATURDAY JULY 19, 2025, 10am-4pm
RAIN or SHINE

CELEBRATE THE U.S. ARMY'S 250TH BIRTHDAY & OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

ALL THIS AND SO MUCH MORE!

Guest Speakers & Awards, Food Trucks, History Displays! Helicopter (s)*, Flyover (s)*, MA National Guard Unit (s) Artillery, WWII M4A1 Sherman, M24 Chafee & German STUG MKIII Tank Driving Demonstrations! MA State Police K9 & Additional Units. American Revolutionary War Fife & Drum, Mounted Horses, Military Re-enactors & Equipment, Vintage Military Vehicles Including a Half Track, Heavy Trucks, Artillery, Memorabilia. Veterans Info, RC Airplanes, Model Painting & Music.



Event is FREE at Patton Homestead,
General Patton's home, 650 Asbury St., Hamilton, MA



SUGGESTED \$10 PARKING DONATION-THANK YOU!

Note: Certified Dogs Only. No Alcohol. Limited Handicap Access, Contact Producers.

*Helicopter landing/display/take-offs. Specific U.S. Military/MANG and Massachusetts rotor aircraft to be announced 24-36hrs before the event, see Facebook. All aviation subject to final flight times, weather and mission changes day of the event.

CRRC and NERDs Drone Race July 26

Our annual drone race at Davis Field, held in conjunction with New England Racing Drones will be held on Saturday July 26th beginning at 10:00am.

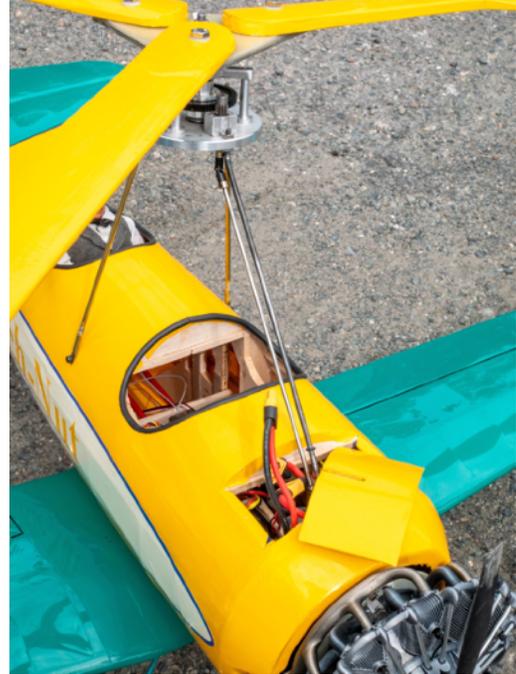


Register to race at <https://www.multigp.com/races/view/?race=29912/CRRRC-with-NERDS-at-Davis-Field-2> or just come out to watch these blazing-fast machines maneuver the race course.

RC Gyrocopter Maiden

It's not every weekend that you see a model gyrocopter out for a maiden flight, but that's what happened on Sunday June 15th when new member Bruce Murray brought out an impressive plan-built Pitcairn PCA-2 gyrocopter with a 6' rotor span. Although the first flight did not go well, it was an impressive build and hopefully will be repaired and ready for another attempt soon!





[Photos by Dave Walter and Roger Silva]

ALES Contest

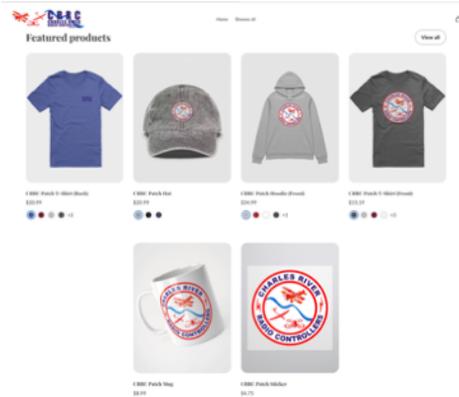
The 2025 ALES Contest took place on June 21st and 22nd. On Saturday, Dave Walter placed first, Tom David second, and Welcome Bender took third out of nine competitors. I hope to have more information in the August newsletter.

Club Expenses

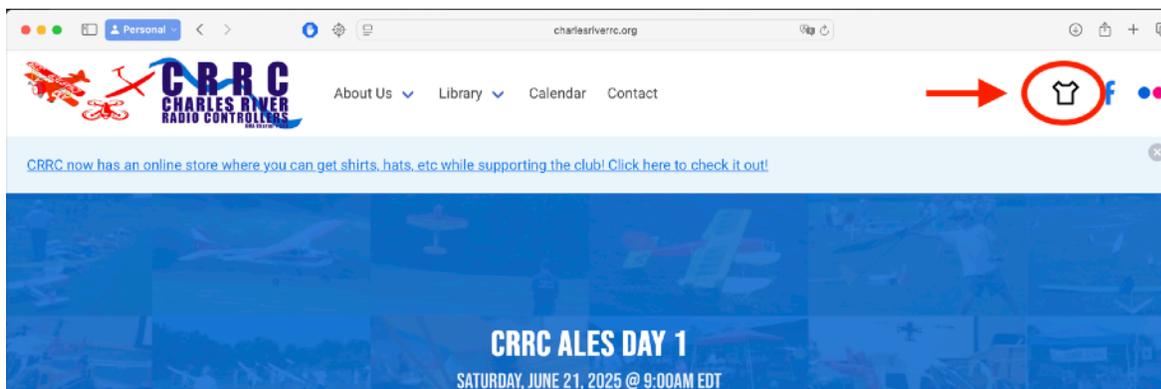
You might be aware that our club membership is down from our highs, but field costs continue to be our primary expense. We have reserves, but dues alone are not sufficient to cover expenses. The club always accepts

donations, which you can send in with your membership dues, bring to a club meeting, or send with PayPal to membership@charlesriverrc.org.

Online Store!



Did you know that our webmaster has been quietly hard at work maintaining our website *and* bringing online the new Charles River RC online storefront? If you've seen Shawn and Roger at the field wearing CRRC "swag" and felt a twinge of envy, you can visit <https://shop.charlesriverrc.org/> or click the link on our website.



Proceeds benefit the club, so stock up!

RC ACES Summer Auction

It's not really a "summer" auction, and it's still some ways off, but the RC ACES club in North Hampton, NH asked us to share information about their auction in September.

Summer Auction

Saturday, Sept 13TH

Rain Date: Sunday, Sept 14TH



Public Welcome
Food, Soda and Water available
Please bring your own chairs

Setup and viewing @ 9:00 am
Auction Starts @ 11:00 am
Admission: \$2.00 per person

Bring a table to sell your small under \$20 items
(Please pay 10% of sales to the Club)
Auction sales commission 10% -\$20 max/per item
Please no side deals

50/50 Raffle

Come to buy - sell or just watch

**Time to dust off those RC Items stored under the bed,
out in the garage or in the back closet and bring them to:**

HOME OF THE RC ACES

Hobbs-Martin Field

(formerly RC ACES Flying Field)

The field is accessed from behind Joe's Meat Shop at 229 Atlantic Ave (Rt. 111). Look for the access road entrance on right side of parking lot across from fuel storage tanks. Follow the unpaved access road that runs along the west side of the new Rail Trail north for about 400 yards.

Watch our website www.rcaces.org for announcement of "Rain Date" activation or auction cancellation/rescheduling



www.rcaces.org

Club Contact: Don Chase
dhchaseh@comcast.net

June Meeting

Attendance was light, and we didn't meet quorum, so no "official" business was done.

15 Jun 2024 / 9:45 am

ATTENDEES

In person meeting at Davis Field. Quorum not met during meeting.

AGENDA

Business / Discussion

1. Treasurer Report:
 1. Approximately \$3800 in cash
 2. Porta Potty payment to be made
 3. \$6900 in CD's
 4. Adam has about \$450 in cash from Flea & Fly and membership dues.
2. Field Report
 1. Davis, looks good
3. Sudbury Parks and Rec still looking for resident input on field improvements / modifications
4. Upcoming events
 1. ALES this coming weekend
 2. July 4th demo day
 3. Patton Homestead static display
5. Show and Tell
 1. Bruce Murray talked about his building of the Pitcairn PCA-2

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 / 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>	