

# Charles River Radio Controllers

# Flight Log

June 2025



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June Meeting

Saturday, June 14th, 9:45 am

In Person at

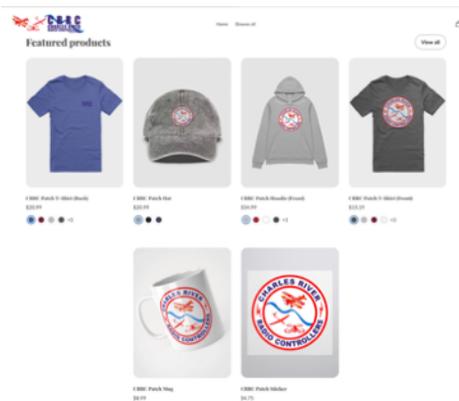
Davis Field, Sudbury

# Club Meeting - Saturday June 14

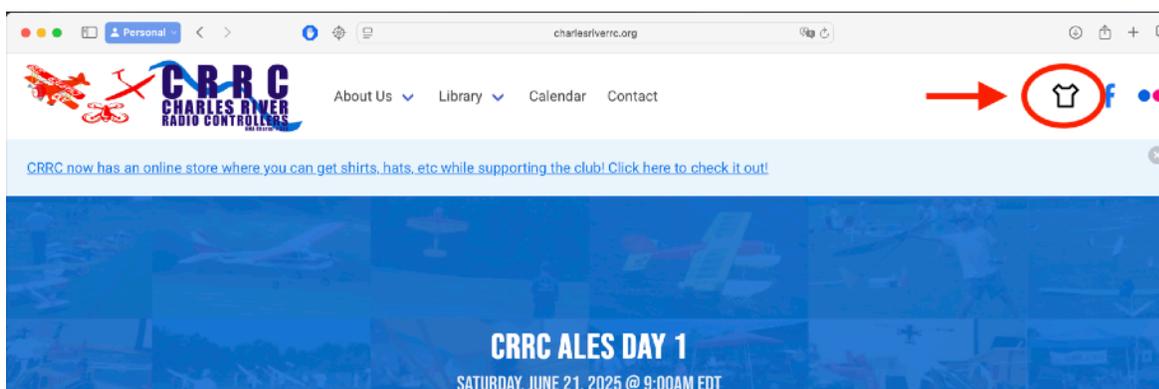
Our June meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Davis Field in Sudbury at 9:45am***. Bring something to fly, something to show & tell, or just come for some friendly company. We had a lot of newcomers last month,

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

## Online Store!



Did you know that our intrepid webmaster has been hard at work maintaining our website \*and\* bringing online the new Charles River RC online storefront? If you've seen 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!

## 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).

## 2nd Annual Flea & Fly

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We hosted our second annual Flea & Fly event at School Street field on Saturday May 24th. Seven sellers had tables (or patches of grass) on which they sold building materials, tools, electronics, batteries, parts, kits, and complete aircraft. Roger Silva, Adam Smith, Joe Sicree and your humble editor ran a table on behalf of CRRC to get some

club inventory into pilots' hands. Including selling fees, sales, and concessions, the club brought in \$449 before \$86 of expenses.

The day was a bit windy from time to time, with a number of brief showers that forced everyone under the popup tents for a few minutes at a time. Between the showers and especially toward the



late afternoon when the showers abated, there was plenty of camaraderie, deal-making, and some flying.

All in all, the event was a great success, again. I'm looking forward to the 3rd annual Flea & Fly in 2026.



[Photos by Adam Smith, Michael Whidden]

## 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 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.

## **ALES Is This Month!**

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The ALES is June 21st and 22nd this year, which means it's right around the corner! If you haven't yet, please visit <http://www.flyesl.org/Contest.aspx?contestid=432> to register. We can always use volunteers to help with timing and scoring, and someone to make a lunch run, so I hope you all show up even if you aren't competing. Thank you to Dan Sullivan for CDing this event!

## **Looking Ahead**

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July has a number of events coming up.

**July 4th** - Demo Day at Davis Field. We need help running simulators, buddy-boxing, and engaging with the public to educate and excite them about R/C flying.

**July 19th** - Military Service Day at the Patton Homestead. We've been invited back to this event for another opportunity to advocate for our hobby with the public. Please consider joining us there to help out. We were sorely understaffed last year.

**July 26th** - NERDS Drone Race at Davis Field

## May Meeting

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Our May meeting was the first of the season at Davis Field, and included a field cleanup before a brief club meeting. Attendance was light, and we didn't meet quorum, so no "official" business was done.

There wasn't as much dog poop on the field as we've seen in years past, probably due more to the very wet spring than to more diligent pet owners, in my opinion. The majority of the trash was collected by Dave Marshall from the parking lot.

Perhaps the highlight of the meeting was the attendance of 4 (if I recall correctly) potential new pilots interested enough in the club to seek us out based on our website and Facebook presence. A young man from a high school in Newtown came for, and received, help with the maiden flight of a new A-10 Warthog model, and became an AMA member right there on the field. A few other came to ask questions and observe, some staying until the very end. It was a great time!



[Check out Shawn and Roger rocking' their CRRC swag (Shawn with the hat and Roger with the T-shirt)! Get your own at <https://shop.charlesriverrc.org/> ]

# School Street Flying Schedule

Thank you to John Epling for drawing up this calendar.

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## SCHOOL STREET FIELDS 2025

CRRC (ALL DAY)	ROCKETS
RC (EVENINGS)	CRICKET (AM) / CRRC ( 3-7 PM)
CRICKET (ALL DAY)	ACTON TOWN FAIR
CRICKET (EVENINGS)	COMMUNITY EVENT

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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 style="text-align: center;"><i>President</i> Joe Sicree <a href="mailto:president@charlesriverrc.org">president at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vice President</i> Dan Sullivan <a href="mailto:vicepresident@charlesriverrc.org">vicepresident at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Treasurer</i> Dave Marshall <a href="mailto:treasurer@charlesriverrc.org">treasurer at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Membership Secretary</i> Adam Smith <a href="mailto:membership@charlesriverrc.org">membership at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Recording Secretary</i> Roger Silva <a href="mailto:secretary@charlesriverrc.org">secretary at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Webmaster</i> Shawn Silva <a href="mailto:webmaster@charlesriverrc.org">webmaster at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Newsletter Editor</i> Mike Whidden <a href="mailto:newsletter@charlesriverrc.org">newsletter at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Interim Chief Instructor</i> Scott Ritter <a href="mailto:chiefinstructor@charlesriverrc.org">chiefinstructor at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Safety Coordinator</i> Jimi Two Feathers <a href="mailto:safety@charlesriverrc.org">safety at charlesriverrc.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Raffle Chairman</i> John Epling <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 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 <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 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 <a href="mailto:kxa@verizon.net">kxa@verizon.net</a>.</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 <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 <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>	