

Charles River Radio Controllers Flight Log

May 2025



Photo Credit: Adam Smith



May Meeting:

Saturday, May 17th, 9:45 am

In Person at

Davi Field, Sudbury

President's Message

It's been a wet couple of weeks, but hopefully the weather's improving so that we can get out flying. The last two times I was planning on going to Davis Field it ended up pouring rain but hopefully things are turning around (and drying out).

Starting this month, our meetings will be switching to Saturday mornings at Davis Field. This month's meeting will be Saturday, May 17th at 9:45am at Davis Field in Sudbury. The annual field clean up day at Davis Field scheduled for last month was eventually postponed due to back to back rainy weekends. We are going to try again this month by having it at 9:00am the morning of May 17th, before our regular meeting. If you can help out, please plan on showing up to the field at 9am. We will also be flying at the field after our regular meeting.

As we look towards the summer, we have a number of events coming up. The 2nd Annual School St. Flea & Fly will happen Saturday May 24th (Memorial Day weekend) starting at noon. The 2025 ALES Competition is scheduled for June 21-22 followed soon after by our annual July 4th Demo Day at Davis Field. 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!

Thanks everyone,

Joe

Club Meeting - May 17

Our May meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Davis Field in Sudbury at 9:45am***. It's our first outdoor meeting of the year, and we'll be cleaning up the field (beginning at 9am) and enjoying some flying time, weather permitting.

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

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.

Port-a-Potty Partners



Two Ultimate Frisbee teams contacted us last month expressing appreciation that we'd had a port-a-potty at Davis Field last summer. They offered to cover 50% of the cost of the rental this year, since

they'll be making use of it. So if you are at the field in the early evening on a Tuesday or Thursday (if I recall correctly) and you see the Ultimate Frisbee

players, say "Hi" to our new friends, the "Get Flat Ultimate" and "Flying Salsa"

2nd Annual Flea & Fly



Charles River RC (#339)

2025 Flea & Fly

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 12PM

**School Street Field
347 School St
Acton MA**

- **Flea Market**
- **Buy, Sell, Trade**
- **Concessions**
- **Fun Fly**

Join us at the School Street Field in Acton, MA on May 24, 2025 for a model RC flea market and fun fly.

\$10 to sell. Bring your own table.

Register by Friday May 16th.
<https://charlesriverrc.org/contact/>

No charge to fly. No RemoteID required.
Electrics only. AMA membership required to fly.



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.

Hobby Shop Closing Sale

We received a communication from the owners of Hog Heaven Hobbies in Fiskdale, MA that they will be closing their physical shop and are having a sale. See below if that might be of interest to you.

Hog Heaven will close its brick-and-mortar store permanently on 17 July 2025. We will hold a Retirement / Store Closing sale between 24 May 2025 – 17 July 2025. The internet store will remain viable.

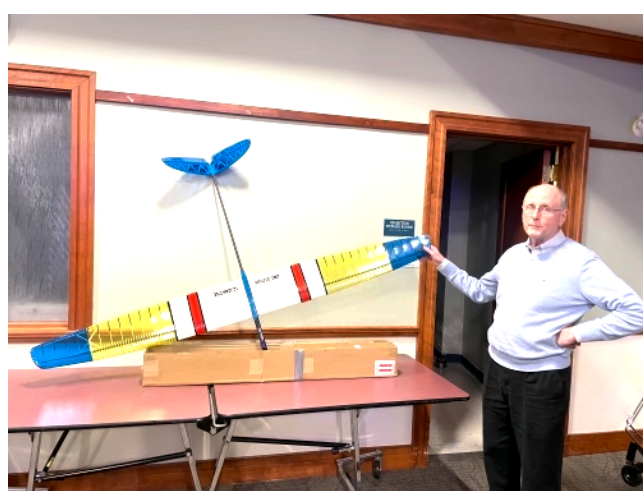
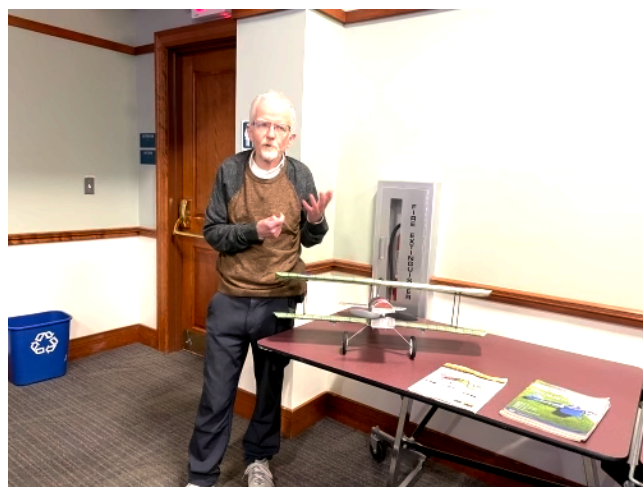
The sale will include only in-stock items. Obviously the earlier you shop, the better the selection will be.

I will accept last-minute special orders as long as they will arrive at the store before 15 July 2025. These orders will be accepted if paid in advance and will sell at normal retail prices. Other than special-orders I will not replace or acquire any new merchandise.

Hog Heaven will be closed Memorial Day 26 May and Independence Day 4 July.

April Meeting

On the cover, Jimi Two Feathers, Joe Sicree, and Michael Whidden, winners of the May raffle prizes.



We had few show-and-tells of winter build projects. Including, pictured above, Richard Phipps' still-in-progress glider, Evan Hadingham's foam biplane, Adam Smith's static model, and Tom David's v-tail sailplane.

Meeting Minutes [*thank you to Roger Silva, club Secretary*]**16 Apr 2024 / 7:30 PM**

ATTENDEES

In person meeting at Goodnow Library. Quorum met.

AGENDA

Business commenced at 7:42 pm

Business / Discussion

- Treasurer report - none
- Membership report - Eighty something active
- Safety report - none
- Field reports - Sudbury has shut down most sports activities due to fields wet conditions

Discussion

Discussion regarding field attendance and best practices for making contact with non-members about field use during our paid times

Old Business

- Cleanup at Davis didn't happen due to weather. After discussion, it was decided to hold the cleanup on the day of our first outdoor meeting on May 17 (Sat)

New Business

- All permits submitted for fields
- AMA press release for higher ceilings at AMA fields. 700ft granted at Davis, School St and Bill Martin
- Flea and Fly at School St, Saturday of Memorial Day weekend
- July 4th event, need to know who can help. No confirmation of commitment from AMA Dist 1
- New Google storage location created for club documents.
- Have not heard from Dan Frey about help needed for summer event.

End of business 8:22 pm

School Street Flying Schedule

Thank you to John Eppling for drawing up this calendar.

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SCHOOL STREET FIELDS 2025

CRRC (ALL DAY)

RC (EVENINGS)

CRICKET (ALL DAY)

CRICKET (EVENINGS)

ROCKETS

CRICKET (AM) / CRRC (3-7 PM)

ACTON TOWN FAIR

COMMUNITY EVENT

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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 - 2025	Instruction	General Info
<p><i>President</i> Joe Sicree president at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Vice President</i> Dan Sullivan vicepresident at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Treasurer</i> Dave Marshall treasurer at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Membership Secretary</i> Adam Smith membership at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Recording Secretary</i> Roger Silva secretary at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Webmaster</i> Shawn Silva webmaster at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Newsletter Editor</i> Mike Whidden newsletter at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Interim Chief Instructor</i> Scott Ritter chiefinstructor at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Safety Coordinator</i> Jimi Two Feathers safety at charlesriverrc.org</p> <p><i>Raffle Chairman</i> John Eppling exofficio at charlesriverrc.org</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 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><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 kxa@verizon.net. <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 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 (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	