

# Charles River Radio Controllers

# Flight Log

November 2025



Photo Credit: Gabriele Whidden



November Meeting

Wednesday, November 19th, 7:30 pm

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

## Editor's Message

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Your club Newsletter Editor here. I'll take a moment to remind you that this month is our Annual Meeting, and it's more important this month that we have enough attendance to have a quorum, which has become challenging. **Please** make an effort to attend.

If it weren't bad enough to be worried that we'll have a quorum, we also need some volunteers to step up to fill roles in the board of directors. We've hammered away at this in last month's newsletter, and I'm saying it again: new leaders with fresh energy and new ideas are critical for a healthy club. It's a minimal time commitment (really — I've been on the board for five years, so I know), and it's quite fun, so please come to the November meeting and stand for any one of the offices described in detail in last month's newsletter.

Michael Whidden  
Newsletter Editor

## Club Meeting - Wednesday Nov. 19

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Our November meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Goodnow Library at 7:30 p.m.*** Bring something to fly, something to show & tell, or just come for some friendly company. This is our Annual Meeting, so please make a special effort to attend.

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

## November Annual Meeting

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Our annual meeting and officer election is coming up in November! Please consider running for an office. It's fun, rewarding, and not as much work as you probably think!

## Volunteers Needed 2025

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Our event season is over, but 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 will need help organizing an auction and all the 2026 events that need planning, and of course, club officer positions for 2026.

# 2025 Fall Auction Results

## CRRC Fall 2025

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All Items (1-20 of 20)

FEATURED	FEATURED	FEATURED
 <b>Sold!</b>	 <b>Sold!</b>	 <b>Sold!</b>
<b>Big Bird 2</b> <input type="text"/> bids: 12	<b>Eflite Turbo Timber</b> <input type="text"/> bids: 15	<b>Eflite UMX Radian</b> <input type="text"/> bids: 18

Thanks to the volunteers, especially Roger Silva, for putting up the Fall Auction website. Due to a generous donation of planes from club member Richard Roy (thank you!) the club brought in just over \$700 that will help with field rentals and other expenses.

The auction ran from October 30 to November 13. It was advertised to a number of local clubs, and to all of AMA District 1 via their Facebook page. Over the two week run it attracted over 40 bidders placing 141 bids.

# Acton Boxborough H.S. STEAM Fair



Joe(left), Scott (back), and Michael talking to visitors.

After a long post-COVID hiatus, the AB High School's AB STEAM Fair returned this year with a new name (formerly AB PIP STEM). Charles River RC was invited back to show our models of various sorts. Thank you to Ethan Geil, Scott Ritter, Joe Sicree, Adam Smith, and Mike Whidden for staffing our table and engaging with a pretty large crowd. We had to

compete with a number of fancy robots, but we were the only ones there (as far as I could see) with anything that brought STEAM into the skies, and into the air inside the school gymnasium.



Micro-drone's-eye view of the CRRC table.



Ethan talks about his wispy indoor flyer.

Ethan brought a simulator station that allowed visitors to try their hand at flying a fixed wing RC model virtually, as well as an ultralight indoor flyer that could dawdle gracefully through the gym. Scott brought an FPV racing

quad and engaged with plenty of youngsters on all sorts of technical topics. Joe Sicree came well-equipped with a projector and screen showing slides of club activities. Adam Smith brought a small fleet of aircraft to show and tell. Michael Whidden (yours truly) brought a whoop-style FPV quad and TV screen to show live flight footage.

It was a great event and generated interest in our hobby, the AMA, and our club. We look forward to participating again next time!

*[Photos courtesy of Gabrielle Whidden and Michael Whidden.]*



Our club got a certificate of appreciation, but even better, the organizers provide pizza and cookies!

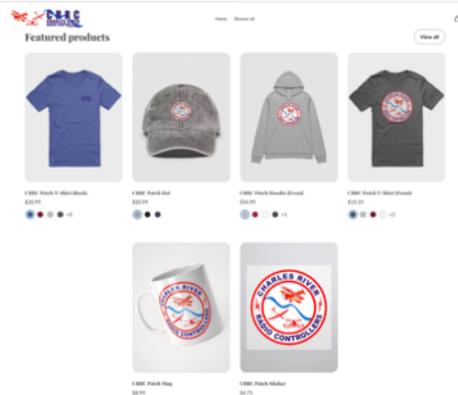


Adam (background) and Michael engage the crowd. If you like that snazzy red CRRC hoody that Michael is rockin', check out the link to the CRRC Store on page 6.

## 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](mailto: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!

## 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

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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 contact Interim Chief Instructor, Scott Ritter.</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 style="text-align: center;">Tom Hurney 508-272-7489</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sean Comer 781-444-1227 <a href="mailto:thescomer@gmail.com">thescomer@gmail.com</a></p>

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# Membership Application - 2026

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 it 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, 2026	After March 1, 2026
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>	