

# Charles River Radio Controllers

# Flight Log

February 2026



Image Credit: Michael Whidden



February Meeting

Wednesday, February 18th, 7:30 pm

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

## President's Message

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Is it Spring yet? Happy freezing February everyone! I hope you are all keeping warm and keeping ahead of the snow and ice. I keep finding myself wishing for a quad with a heat gun attachment to help melt the ice off my roof. And have people been seeing all the drone usage at the Olympics? They are everywhere! Seeing them following the competitors in events like luge and skeleton was pretty cool.

Things tend to be pretty quiet this time of year, but we are working on planning for events this Spring and Summer. One thing that we have been talking about recently is the idea of taking a poll of members to get a better idea of where and when people fly. We'd like to get a better sense of how the fields are used and also get suggestions from members on what we can do to increase member engagement. This is still in the early planning stages so stay tuned for more info.

Our next meeting will be this Wednesday, Feb 18th at 7:30pm at Goodnow Library. Bring a current project for show & tell and feel free to share any current or future projects with the rest of the club. See you there!

Joe

## Club Meeting - Wednesday Feb. 18

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**Please note the non-standard date!** Our February 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.

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

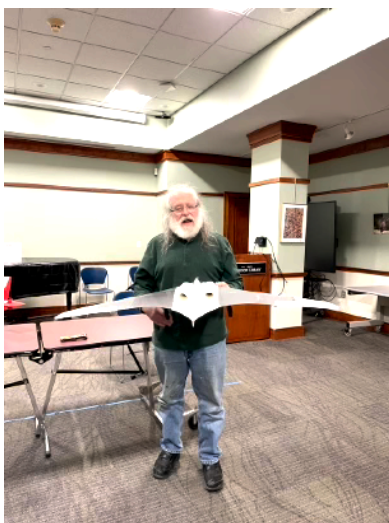
## Membership Renewals

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March 1st is the last day to renew at the discounted rate for 2026, so if you haven't renewed yet, better do it fast! See the renewal form at the end of this newsletter for all the details.

## January Meeting

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Due to low attendance, no real business was conducted at the January meeting, but we had a great time chatting and sharing. Jeff D shared a 3-d printed flying wing that he printed from plans he got from the designer in Germany (if I recall correctly).

*[Photo by Michael Whidden]*

## 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).

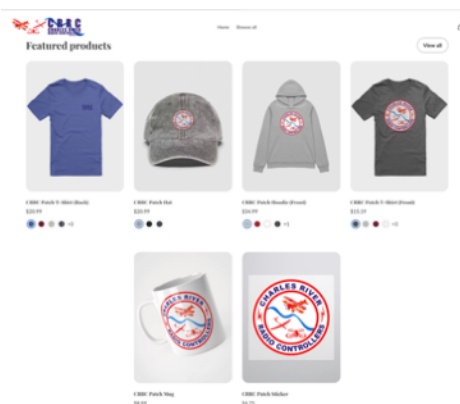
## Volunteers Needed 2026

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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 events that need planning, and of course, club officer positions for next year.

## Online Store!

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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

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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 - 2026	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> Scott Ritter <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 (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	\$40	\$45
Family member additional to OPEN membership		
Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)	Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc	