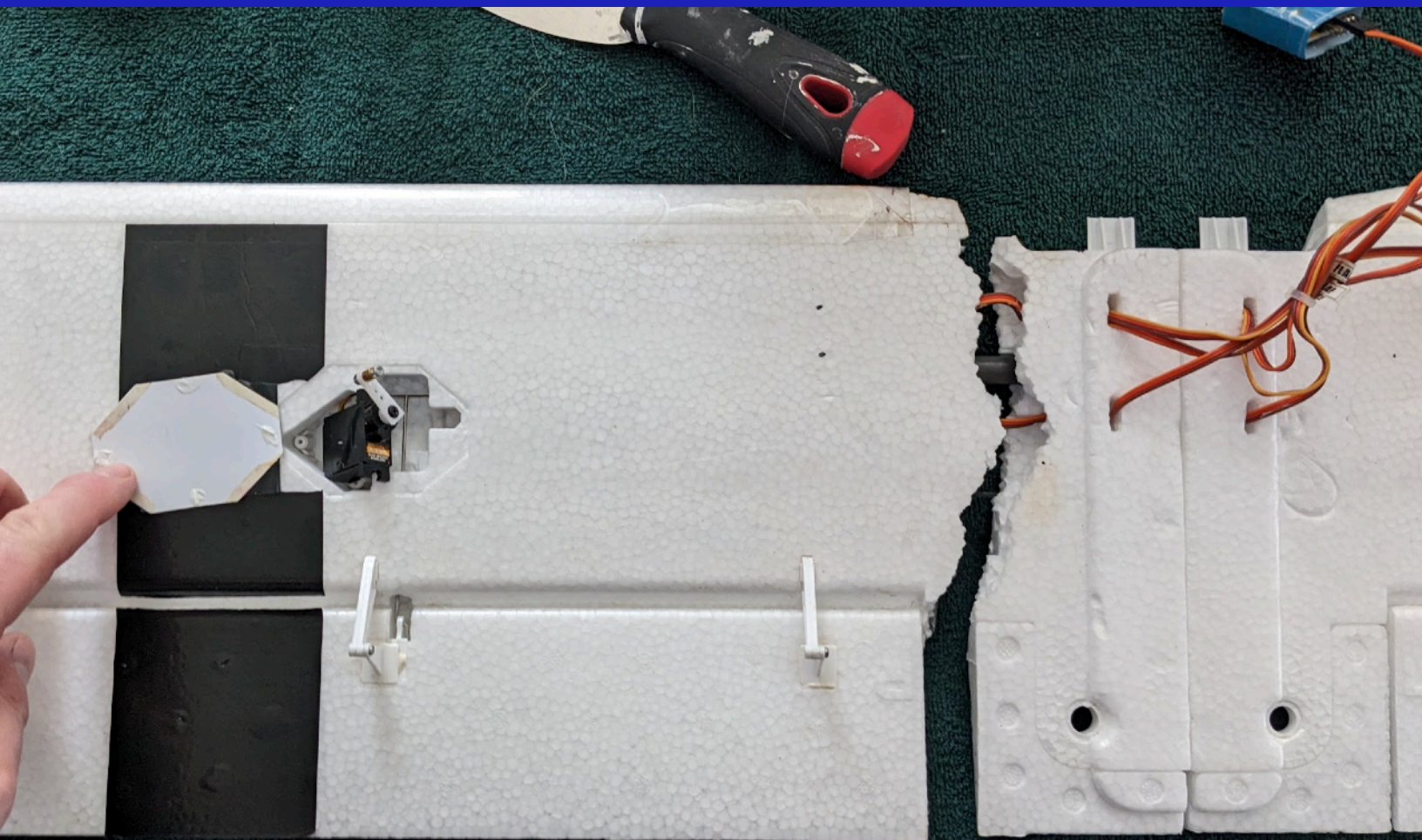


Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

April, 2023



Summer is coming . . . have you been working more on repairs or new creations?



April Meeting:

Wednesday, April 19th, 7:30PM

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear Members,

Boston Dynamics' quadrupedal robot Spot will be visiting us at Goodnow on April 19th, so please attend for this special technology demonstration, courtesy of Malik Hansen. Also bring your winter projects for show and tell. We'll be keeping the business short (or omitting it completely) to make sure we have plenty of time for the fun stuff this month.



Also, April 19th marks the first day of our spring club auction. Like last years' auctions, this will be an online silent auction. You can preview the items at <https://www.32auctions.com/CRRCApril2023>, but as I'm writing this, it's still a work in progress.

April 22nd will be our Davis Field cleanup day, so please show up that morning with work gloves. We'll need trash bags, a shovel or two, and plenty of volunteers. Bring your aircraft as well for some flying afterwards!

Please be sure to attend our April club meeting at Goodnow Library on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:30pm.

- Mike Whidden, CRRC President



From the "cover" image - had a substantial crash? While you're making more obvious repairs, remember to also check for more hidden damage, including the condition of servos, motors, and other electronics. While gluing up wing and body damage on an Eflite Timber, yours truly found a stripped flap servo on the broken side of the wing.

- Adam / Newsletter Editor

Meeting Raffles

March

The March meeting was online-only due to weather, so there was not a raffle.

April

As always, bringing your member's badge and/or a show-and-tell to the club meeting each earn a free raffle ticket - so does a submission of content for this Newsletter. Otherwise, \$1 buys one ticket, or \$2 will get you three tickets.

In April the held over March prizes will be raffled. First prize is a BNF UMX Radian kit, always a favorite and just in time for some easy spring/summer fun on 1S power.

Additional prizes include a box of assorted sizes and colors of shrink-tubing, and a 1-7S LiPo battery checker.



Bill Martin Field Gate Keys

As shared on the groups.io mailing list, keys for the gate at Medfield will be exchanged at the April 25th MMAC club meeting. Ken Antonellis is the CRRC key-master and should be able to arrange a swap if you have a previous key, or to give you a key for \$5 if you don't yet have one. Please also note the gate procedures discussed on the mailing list, or talk with a Bill Martin Field regular if you aren't familiar.

April Meeting - Wednesday 4/19

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be *in-person at Goodnow Library, Sudbury* on **Wednesday, April 19th, at 7:30PM**. We'll have a minimal amount of club business, member show-and-tells as well as a raffle.

This month we also have an exciting demo of the Boston Dynamics "Spot" robot!

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

Acton School Street Field - 2023

As noted in last month's newsletter, the School Street Flyers have been working with the cricket teams to exchange some half-day time blocks this summer. The resulting calendar is shared here, showing Wednesday and Saturday dates when CRRC had requested time. Please carefully note the color code which indicates whether we have full days, shared days with CMass rocketry or cricket in the morning, or no flying in some exception cases.

Apr 1 5 8 12 15 19 22 26 29

May: 3 6 10 13 17 20 24 27 31

June: 3 7 10 14 17 21 24 28

Jul: 1 5 8 12 15 19 22 26 29

Aug: 2 5 9 12 16 19 23 26 30

Sep: 2 6 9 13 16 20 23 27 30

Oct: 4 7 11 14 18 21 25

Green shared with cricket arrive 2pm flying starts round 2.30pm, 18 days total

Blue shared with CMass arrive after 2.30pm 4 days Total

RED no fly no Cricket days, Boy Scout Jamboree April 21-24 and June 21-24 is the Lions Carnival 8 days total

Black All Day Flying 29 days total

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 John Eppling (membership@charlesriverrc.org).

While the **\$5 discount off paid memberships before March 1st** has elapsed for 2023, remember you can renew early next year. Ages 75 and over, and under 19, are free for CRRC membership (AMA membership required to fly at fields/events, and free 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 that free raffle ticket)!

Club Information

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Instruction

To inquire about instruction please call the Chief Instructor, Dick Williamson.

Types of instruction

B = Building
 G = Glider
 E = Electric
 F = Fuel
 H = Helicopter
 Q = Quadcopter/
 Multirotor

Dick Williamson - B,G,E
 Sudbury - 978-618-5475

David Spielman - B,E
[dspielma \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:dspielma@gmail.com)

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 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

General Info

Flying Sites

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.

Keys to Medfield /

Bill Martin Field

To get a key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield please email key-master Ken Antonellis at kxa@verizon.net.

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.

Tree Climbers

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

Membership Application - 2023

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 Junior membership is free! <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:

John Epling
Membership Secretary CRRC
43 Nylander, Acton, MA 01720
membership@charlesriverrc.org

You may pay by check or use PayPal.

Make **checks** to **Charles River RC**, or send **PayPal** to the email above.

Member category	Before March 1, 2023	After March 1, 2023
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>	