

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

August, 2023



-> September <- Meeting:

SATURDAY, September 16th, 9:45AM

In Person at

DAVIS FIELD, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear CRRC'ers -

It's hard to believe that in a few short weeks, summer will be over. Already I notice evening flights ending earlier as the short days of winter approach, and I remember how pleasant it was to drop my daughter off at her evening sports class and then fly until 8pm.

Our July drone race with the NERDs was postponed due to forecast rain, but the Board is working with them to find a new date in the Fall.

The ALES event was held on August 5th & 6th, had lovely weather, and was by all accounts, a great success. If I recall correctly it was, while warm, not nearly as hot as in past years.

After the August meeting at Davis field, we enjoyed some winch activity as pilots prepared for the upcoming Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In. The club also voted and approved a motion for the club to fund up to \$1,000 toward securing reserved flying time at School Street in 2024, working with the group of donors and volunteers who generously donated their own field reservation for use by all our members. It was suggested that by the time 2025 comes around, CRRC could be managing field reservations for School Street on our own, and accepting donations to offset the expense from any who would like to help.

In regulatory news, the FAA has approved our FRIA for Davis field and the FRIAs for School St and Medfield are still in progress. If you fly in a FRIA, then RemoteID is not required for your aircraft. For those of us who spend time flying outside of areas likely to become FRIAs, a number of RemoteID module have started to appear for sale online. While the prices are significantly higher than we were promised, some of the modules are quite light, which is encouraging.

As our AMA leadership so often reminds us, keep flying as you have been.

Fly Well,

- Mike Whidden, CRRC President



September Meeting - SATURDAY 9/16

(Since the newsletter is coming out after the August meeting...)

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at DAVIS FIELD, Sudbury*** on **SATURDAY, September 16th, at 9:45AM**. Please note that we're staying outside for one more month!

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



Bert Cohen brought a nice "Wright Flyer" static model for show-and-tell at the August field meeting. Found at a department store, Bert made a good job of it despite some unusual materials.

Meeting Raffles

We met quorum for the August meeting, and held a raffle! Joe won an FT kit, Sheldon won a micro-drone, and Bert won an NiMH charger!



There will no doubt be a raffle at the September meeting, but the prizes had not been selected at "press time" for this newsletter. Come for the surprise, stay for the excitement!

Fritz Bien Soar-In (August 21-22)

The Fritz Bien Soar-In will be held August 21st and 22nd - this year as a mixed-launch contest with both winches and electric soaring. Contact CD Chris Schuch for details, or register at FlyESL (<http://flyesl.org/Contest.aspx?contestid=402>). Each day fee of \$25 includes lunch and water/drinks. Pilot's meeting at (or soon after) 9AM followed by first flights.

**Cover photo: two planes in a flight group at the 2023 ALES contest.
All photos in this issue are courtesy Adam Smith.**

Contest Report - Altitude-Limited

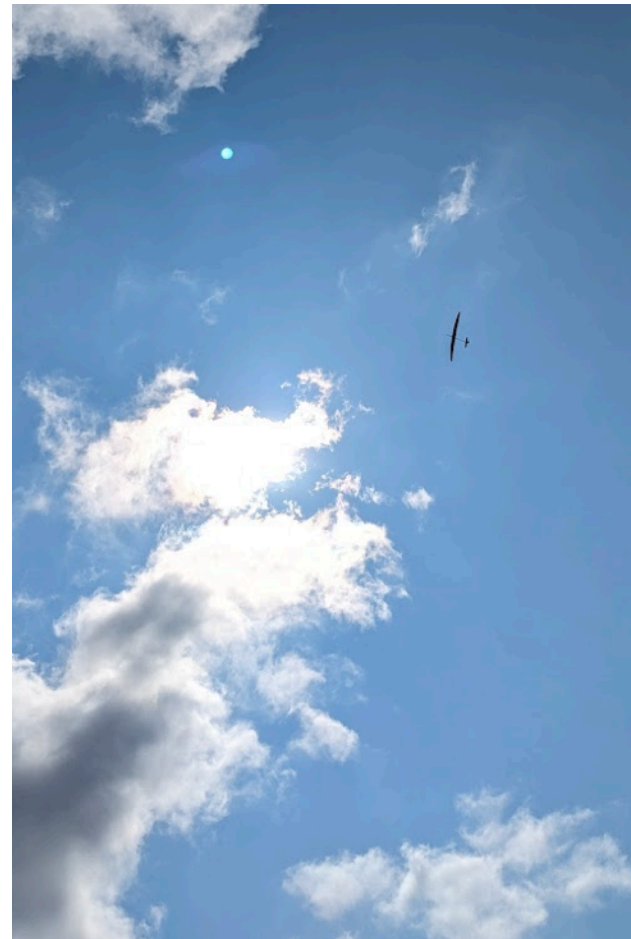
Electric Soaring, August 5-6

The CRRC ALES contest for 2023 was held August 5-6th at Davis Field, with great conditions prevailing (as compared to the scorching we took last year). A dozen pilots sent their craft into the skies, with nine competing both days (and one for only a few flights Saturday). Saturday's lift was workable but perhaps a bit more variable than Sunday, which (if memory serves) had a higher rate of full-time flights. Dave Walter led both days, fighting off Tom David on Saturday and nosing past Jim Rochette on Sunday, and was the weekend champion. Alex Hall was in the mix both days and came 2nd for the weekend. I think I was the only flyer to have an off-field adventure, nose-diving out of a perfectly good thermal on Sunday to put my Radian's nose about four inches into a swamp (picture at right).



Thanks to Contest Director Dan Sullivan, as well as Dave Marshall for running the scoring table. As always thanks to those who brought supplies and/or help set up - our great events run on a volunteer basis!







2023 CRRC ALES Results

Place	Contestant	Total Score
1	Walter, David	12481.650
2	Hall, Alexander	12286.458
3	David, Thomas	11973.297
4	Rochette, James	11825.021
5	Hill, George	11296.857
6	Bender, Welcome	10086.878
7	Phipps, Richard	9659.838
8	Sullivan, Daniel	8515.212
9	Smith, Adam	7212.742
10	Kranish, Steve	4853.190
11	Haro, Alex	4478.570
12	Higgins, Mark	1777.465

See single-day results at FlyESL
 (<http://www.flyesl.org/Contests/ContestResults.aspx?contestid=401>)

- Adam Smith,
 Newsletter
 Editor





Acton School Street Field - 2023

Thanks to a donation by the School Street Flyers, CRRC has time reserved at this Acton field off of Route 2. At the August club meeting, those present authorized the club to contribute to the 2024 booking as well!

Remaining dates for this year include (with breaking updates for August 26 and September 9):

Mondays, June through October: evenings starting 2 hours before sunset

Wednesdays, August through October ALL DAY

Saturdays as follows:

August 19th from 2PM following cricket

August 26th **NO FLYING**, exchanged for a full flying day in September

September 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th from 2PM following cricket

September 9th **ALL DAY** - if bad weather there will be a make-up

October 7th, 14th, 21st **ALL DAY**

The cricket league / teams have field reservations Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, typically showing up around 5 and going until dark - let's respect their times. Please cooperate with other ad-hoc field users/spectators at times when no group has a reservation, and of course always fly with safety in mind. When more than one flyer is present, observe a "flight line" near the parking side of the field, and call out for take-off, landing, on-the-field, etc. Do not fly over/behind School Street, or near Route 2.



Activity at School Street on a beautiful early-June Wednesday evening. (Photo courtesy of John Eppling)

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). 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.

While the \$5 discount off paid memberships before March 1st has elapsed for 2023, remember you can renew early next year.

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

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

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)
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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 (Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50)	Free if AMA member (Voluntary donation appreciated - e.g. \$50)
JUNIOR Member Under 19 before July 1st	(Voluntary donation appreciated)	(Voluntary donation appreciated)
NON-FLYING member If age 75 before July 1st		
Full time STUDENT	\$40	\$45
Family member additional to OPEN membership		
Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)	Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc	