

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

February, 2023



February Meeting:

Wednesday, February 15th, 7:30PM

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear Members,

I'm happy to see that some of you have been taking advantage of the warmer days this winter to be out at the fields and flying. Although I personally enjoy a deep blanket of powdery snow over New England in the winter, I certainly also love to take advantage of the warmer days when "mother nature" offers them up.

CRRC has submitted our FRIA information for Davis to the AMA. This does not mean that we have applied or been granted FRIA status, but the AMA now has the information and things will progress from there. The BoD has been working together with MMAC on the submission for Bill Martin field as well. We are not able yet to provide data for School Street, but we are waiting on the AMA to let us know when we can do that.

The club's Discord server has a healthy number of members – 32 at the moment, but we'd love to swell those ranks. I know there must be some of you working on winter builds, and we'd love to see more build logs posted on the #building channel. Get in touch if you need help getting set up.

We had a great time hearing from and interacting with award-winning scale modeler Jack Buckley at our January meeting. This month's club meeting also includes a speaker! Zach from Tail Heavy Productions will be joining us. Tail Heavy Productions has a web site, YouTube channel, and social media presence with the goal of "educating and promoting flying RC planes in unconventional ways [...] through fun and educational content."

Please be sure to attend our January club meeting at Goodnow Library on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30pm.

Fly well,

- Mike Whidden, CRRC President



Meeting Raffles

January

January prizes included an Eflite BNF kit for the fun **UMX Habu ducted-fan micro**, won by Melanie Sleder; a Syma **indoor heli model** taken home by Bert Cohen; and an LED **Servo Tester** which now belongs to Ray Harlan.



February

Our upcoming meeting will include another exciting raffle!

Come along to win:

- * A Horizon Hobby UMX J-3 Cub (Bind-and-Fly Basic kit)
- * a metal carry-case (branded for a Blade helicopter, but modifiable for other uses)
- * Dubro hinge tape

As always, your member's badge and/or show-and-tell each earn a free raffle ticket!



February Meeting - Wednesday 2/15

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Goodnow Library, Sudbury*** on **Wednesday, February 15th, at 7:30PM**. After club business, we'll have member show-and-tells as well as a great guest speaker!

Zach from Tail Heavy Productions will be joining us. Tail Heavy Productions has a web site, YouTube channel, and social media presence with the goal of "educating and promoting flying RC planes in unconventional ways [...] through fun and educational content."

Check out their YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@TailHeavyProductions/featured>

...and their website:

<https://tailheavyrc.com/>

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



Jack Buckley on Scale Modeling

At January's club meeting, Jack Buckley spoke about scale modeling. Clearly a labor of love for this multi-talented modeler, Jack's passion and inventiveness is clear in his creations, including the displayed Fairchild 24.



The details amaze, from instruments & controls down to the screw-heads and molded diamond-plate!



Photos by Adam Smith - Jack Buckley presenting at the January club meeting.

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 forget!

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).

You'll get a **\$5 discount off paid memberships before March 1st**. 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.

Be ready for 2023 by renewing early! Make sure you have a current card to bring to in-person meetings (and raffles)!

Club Information

Officers - 2023

President

Mike Whidden
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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 the

Bill Martin Field

To get a key for Bill Martin Field in Medfield please email Ken Antonellis at kxa@verizon.net. Ken is the key-master. The key for the 2021 season is key #15. Ken may have keys at the 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 (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	