

# Charles River Radio Controllers

# Flight Log



July Meeting:

SATURDAY, July 15th, 9:45AM

In Person at

DAVIS FIELD, Sudbury

## (Substitute) President's Message

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Dear CRRC'ers -

Our fearless President asked that I include a message in his stead about recent and upcoming events.

Despite the heavy threat of storms, the Fourth of July Demonstration Day was held in mostly dry conditions through the morning. With a couple of pop-up tents for the gear and a couple of race gates for the multirotors to play among, we showed off not just the hobby but the Club and Members' spirits! Please see more below.

Our July meeting will be at Davis Field on Saturday, the 15th at 9:45AM (weather permitting). This Saturday also is a split day with the Rocketry club at School Street Fields, so our time starts at 2:30PM (2PM after cricket on July 22nd and 29th).

Closing out July will be the NERDs Drone Race at Davis on the 29th. Further info on the email list soon. Somehow my summer schedule always has me missing this event, but I hear it's a blast (as pilot or spectator).

(Spoilers - August will see the Altitude-Limited Electric Soaring contest on the 5th-6th, and the Fritz Bien Soar-In contest on the 19th-20th. The club meeting will be on 8/12, at the Acton School Street field.)

I hope you are all enjoying a safe and happy summer. See you at the field!

- Adam Smith, Newsletter Editor



*"Cover" Photo Credit: Bob Andersen, a visitor at the July Fourth Demonstrations.*

## Meeting Raffles

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With low attendance at the June meeting, it was decided to defer the raffle prizes to July. Second chances don't come every month!

Top Race TR-MQ1 micro quad copter  
Energy TN025 NiMH/NiCad charger  
Flite Test Mini Cruiser speed build kit

## June Meeting - SATURDAY 7/15

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Our next general meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at DAVIS FIELD, Sudbury*** on **SATURDAY, July 15th, at 9:45AM**. Please note that we're outside for the summer!

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



*Photo Credit: Bob Andersen, a visitor at the July Fourth Demonstrations.*

## Fourth Of July Demonstrations

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This summer's forecasts have been mostly between threatening and chaotic, but the CRRC club spirit wouldn't be damped this Fourth of July. While we eschewed more extensive setups like the winch-launch and big tent due to forecasted storms, an intrepid crew (and not a small group, either) came to the field to share the love of the hobby, even if we were only able to chat in the shelter of pop-up tents. And behold! The rain tapered off, then held off (barring some sprinkles) for long of us to once again host a great demonstration of planes, quads, gear, and fun! While probably not our best-attended year, there was activity from about 9:30 to past noon - perhaps we benefited from other events cancelling?

Many contributors deserve thanks and I'm sure I don't have a proper list, so I won't try to name names. Buddy-box rides were as popular as ever with kids and adults alike and we were able to show off multirotor action with race gates and flags. Several folks "worked the crowd" and/or flew demonstration flights with micros, park-flyers, and Flite Test models. A selection of take-home chuck gliders given to the young'uns were soon being gleefully launched, and there was even a side-audience just watching the flying. There was a monitor showing the "pilot's seat" view from FPV flights, and a simulator (until the laptop ran out of power) for safer test-flights.

Thanks to all who came out to help! It was once again a great event.

- Adam Smith, Newsletter Editor



A drone's-eye view of the July 4th activity from the landing pad.

Photo credit: Scott Ritter



Photo credits: above, Adam Smith;  
left and below, Roger Silva





Photos credit: Scott Ritter



Photo credit: Roger Silva

## 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. Most Monday evenings, Wednesdays, and Saturday afternoons/evenings are reserved for flying! Exceptions below:

**Mondays, June through October:** reserved from 2 hours before sunset

**Wednesdays, June through October ALL DAY, EXCEPT June 21st no flying**

**Saturdays as follows:**

**July** 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th from 2PM following cricket

July 15th from 2:30PM following CMAAS rocketry

**August** 5th, 19th, 26th from 2PM following cricket

August 12th from 2:30PM following CMAAS rocketry

**September** 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th from 2PM following cricket

**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 the practice is to observe a "flight line" near the center of the parking area 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. In picture are John Warner, Tom S, Gary P, Jimi Two Feathers, Andrew Rusczyk, John Horcher, Jimmy Quinn. Brian Cousins and Bryce Greene were also flying.*

*(Photo courtesy of John Epling)*

## 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 John Eppling ([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.

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

### Officers - 2023

*President*

Mike Whidden  
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Scott Ritter  
[exofficio at charlesriverrc.org](mailto:exofficio@charlesriverrc.org)

### 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](http://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](mailto: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  
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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: <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 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](http://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](mailto: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>	