

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

May, 2023



"Spring Training" photo by Scott Ritter © 2023



May Meeting:

TUESDAY, May 16th, 7:30PM

In Person at

Goodnow Library, Sudbury

President's Message

Dear Members,

Thanks for Malik Hansen for his well-attended and very well done exhibition of Boston Dynamics' robot, Spot, at our April meeting. We had a great turnout and I don't think anyone wasn't thrilled to see this robot. Several of our members even got to drive it around the room!



Our spring auction wrapped up early in May. Thanks to generous donations, including some scale models beautifully made by Neil Kaufmann and donated to the club by his wife, Phyllis. A Pike Perfect donated by Miner Cray was also quite popular. Thanks to all who donated, the volunteers who organized, documented, stored, transported, and delivered, and to all who bid and purchased. We raised nearly \$2,000 for the club.

Flying season is in full swing, so get out there and in the air! See you at the field.

Please be sure to note that the May club meeting will be on a TUESDAY, due to availability of the meeting room. Hope to see you at Goodnow Library on May 16th at 7:30pm.

- Mike Whidden, CRRC President



Cover image - as spring warms toward summer, it's time to get training in, whatever your discipline. For the quad squad, the gates came out for practice recently! Photo by Scott Ritter, via Mike Whidden.

Meeting Raffles

April Winners



May Prizes

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.

As the last indoor meeting before summer, May prizes include two chances to win something flyable! Get your tickets and go home with a receiver-ready Multiplex "Shark" or a Flite Test "Storch" kit . . . or a precision pocket scale.

Bill Martin Field Gate Keys

As shared on the groups.io mailing list, keys for the gate at Medfield were 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.

Spring 2023 Auction a Success!

Thanks to everyone who took an interest in the Spring 2023 auction online! With something like 340 bids on ~80 actively pursued items, and some great bargains as well, it was an exciting time. We also raised nearly \$2,000 to benefit the club, and got a lot of equipment into hands where it can be put to good use. The majority of items have already reached their new homes. Thanks again to the volunteers who helped with pickup, storage, cataloguing, the auction listings, and distribution, and of course to the generous donors!

See adjacent picture of many of the "winnings", ready for pick-up at Davis Field!



May Meeting - TUESDAY 5/16

Our next general meeting is scheduled to be ***in-person at Goodnow Library, Sudbury on TUESDAY, May 16th, at 7:30PM***. Please note the unusual day-of-week due to un-availability of the Library meeting room on Wednesday. ***Club meetings are open to the public, we welcome visitors and guests to learn about model aviation and CRRC!***

We'll have club business, member show-and-tells as well as a raffle. If you're finished a winter build or a particularly tricky repair, or if you want to show off your recent raffle winnings or another newly purchased model, now's the time before we switch to at-field meetings for the summer.

Acton School Street Field - 2023

The Acton / School Street Field calendar for 2023 is shown at the right, listing the Wednesday and Saturday dates when CRRC has allocated time (donated by the School Street Flyers group). 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

Summer Newsletter - Help Wanted

I'd like to ask for help with the Newsletter this summer. Due to travel and schedule conflicts, I'll likely miss at least the Soar-In and ALES events in August, so it would be great if someone could "cover" each event and provide an article/summary, as well as pictures if possible! Please get in touch if you'd be willing / interested. "Reporters" for the 4th of July and NERDs drone race would also be welcome.

- Adam Smith, Newsletter Editor

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 free 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

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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)

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)
 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	