

Charles River Radio Controllers

Flight Log

September, 2023



Preparing for a winch launch at the Fritz Bien Soar-In contest in August. *Photo by John Horcher*



-> September <- Meeting:

SATURDAY, September 16th, 9:45AM

In Person at

DAVIS FIELD, Sudbury

President's Message



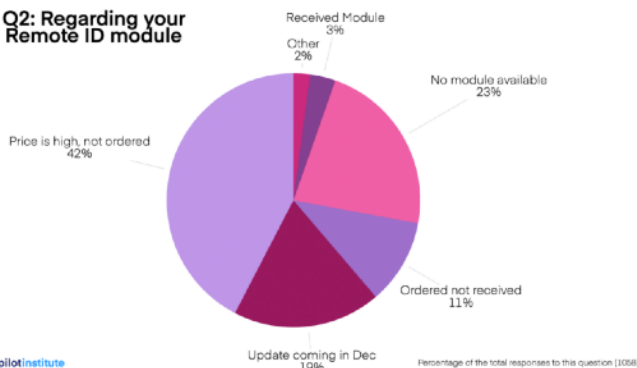
Dear CRRC'ers -

Summer is (unofficially) over, but we still have events! On September 23rd, CRRC returns to the Sudbury Fall Fest at Haskell field (see more details below) so bring some planes and let's show off what we can do! And on September 30th, the rescheduled-due-to-weather NERDs Drone Race will be held at Davis field.

More and more RemoteID modules continue to appear on the market, at least, pictures of them. Scuttlebutt from District leadership is that the supply chain isn't quite there, in part because most sellers realize that the prices being charged by manufacturers are unmarketable. Further rumors (~~rumors only, so don't count on it~~) are that RemoteID implementation will be delayed, but that we'll likely not hear about it until the last minute.

Remember, you don't need RemoteID to fly as you always have at our club fields.

Q2: Regarding your Remote ID module



(see chart) From the Pilot Institute, survey of 2,081 UAS pilots. This chart breaks down the responses that 1,058 of those pilots who indicated the status of their RemoteID module, or lack thereof. Only 3% had received a module, and only 14% of all pilots had even ordered one.

Breaking News! See article later in this issue... -Ed.

Fly Well,
- Mike Whidden, CRRC President

September Meeting - SATURDAY 9/16

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!

Meeting Raffles

We met quorum for the August meeting, and held a raffle! Sheldon won an FT kit, Joe 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!

FAA Delays Enforcement for RemoteID Broadcast Requirement

Hold the presses! As predicted by some (and, I'm sure, widely hoped & prayed for by many), the FAA announced September 13th that "drone pilots" will have six more months before enforcement begins for the "broadcast requirement" of the Remote ID Rule. Rather than September 16th of this year, we have until March 16th, 2024 to acquire and equip the required modules. The FAA lists "the unanticipated issues that some operators are experiencing finding some remote identification broadcast modules" as the reason for the delay.

As Mike reminds us in his letter, whether before or after the deadline you don't need a RemoteID module to fly at the club's fields. FRIA status for Davis and Bill Martin Fields has been approved by the FAA, while our second application for School Street is pending. Per a recent AMA email, "AMA has submitted 1,415 FAA-Recognized Identification Areas (FRIAs); 965 have been approved and 271 have been denied".

See <https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/faa-extends-remote-id-enforcement-date-six-months> for the official announcement, which in turn refers to a Federal Register document (unpublished at time of announcement).

Sudbury Fall Fest Invite - Sept. 23

We made a good impression at the 2022 Sudbury Fall Fest, so the town has invited us back again this year!

We are officially participating in the Sudbury Fall Fest event at **Haskell Field** on September 23 from 12-5:00pm. This is an amazing opportunity because it is a **flying** event. The town of Sudbury has allocated us a spot to put up a couple of popups and a huge section of Haskell field for us to do flying demos, or even buddy box some of the youngsters and adults.

This **really is a great opportunity**, to reach out to the community, but also to show the Sudbury Parks & Rec department that we are a part of the community, that we have a lot to offer, and that we do so in a safe and conscientious manner.

I would like to please urge you to attend. Bring an electric, a sailplane, a quadcopter or whatever. Come to talk with the families who will be visiting the other vendors at the park about R/C flying and let's get some folks excited to join us. If you've never done this sort of thing, this is a great time to come out and give it a try. ***Please get in touch with me if you can attend, and let me know what you will be bringing.***

We'd love to have:

- a simulator setup (need batteries and an inverter),
- a popup tent and table (two would be even better)
- an instructor with a trainer and a buddy box
- plenty of aircraft for static display as well.
- experienced pilots for live flying demos and *buddy boxing*
- some quadcopter pilots to join us for some FPV racing and/or freestyle demonstrations.
- caution tape or signage to advertise CRRC and set up a flight line
- an aviation-related craft to do with the youngsters

(PS. There will be **food trucks**, too!)



- Mike Whidden, CRRC President

Contest Report - Fritz Bien Soar-In

The Fritz Bien Memorial Soar-In went off without a hitch (but with plenty of hooks) at Davis Field on Saturday/Sunday August 21st/22nd. The weather was good both days, but of course each day had different flight characteristics. Saturday was sunny then overcast with some gusty winds making the soaring pretty challenging. Sunday was very sunny with fabulous thermals – but keeping the gliders in sight was sometimes a challenge!

We had 7 competitors on Saturday with pilots from as far away Rhode Island and New Jersey. There were mostly winch planes, but a few pilots were working electric (including a customized Radian). Winds started out of the North, but then came out of the West with gusts up to 10 knots making things interesting. We had 2 planes land off field! One undamaged in the brush and one requiring a tree climber. At the end of the day, Michael Lachowski took first place with a cumulative score of 8041.32. Alex Haro came in second with a score of 7450.

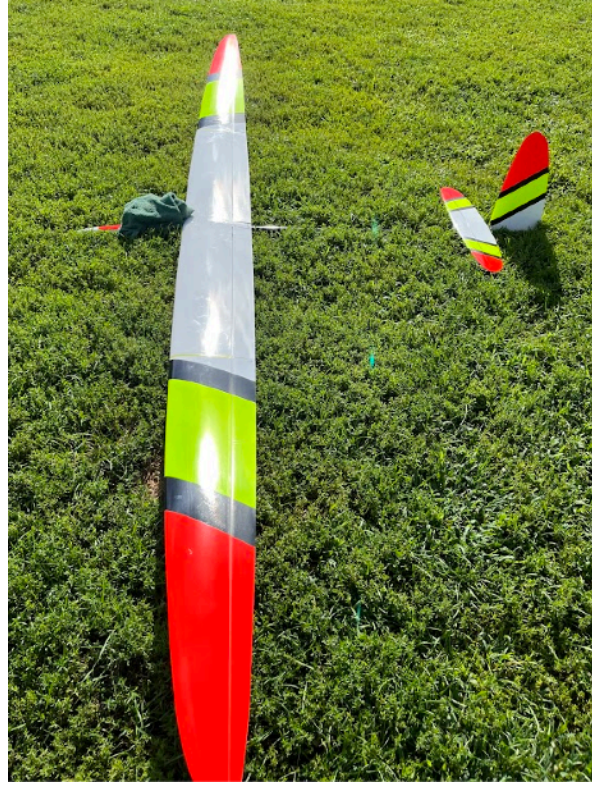
Sunday was a summer, warmer day with occasional gusts. 7 entrants competed, and Lincoln Ross, a new entrant, competed well with his “piece of foam” Radian trimmed out to perfection. All the planes made it back to the field.

For the two day competition, Michael Lachowski was the Grand Champion, the winner of both days.

A huge thank you to Chris Schuch for running the Soar In, as well as providing drinks. Thanks to Anker for being the lunch gofer both days. David did a fantastic job scoring for us both days (thanks). *A note from Chris:*

I wish to thank all the people who helped. From setting up to tearing down, especially on Saturday when i was out recovering my plane and you all broke everything down. Without you all it would have been impossible to have a good contest! Thanks Dave Walter.

- John Horcher



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:

Mondays through October: evenings starting 2 hours before sunset

Wednesdays through October ALL DAY

Saturdays as follows:

September 16th from 11AM

September 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, 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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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

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David Spielman - B,E
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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

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 Wayland - 508-358-5721

Tony Davids - H
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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
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Scott (Sudbury)
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Stephen Canessa
 The Tree Guy
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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		
NON-FLYING member If age 75 before July 1st	(Voluntary donation appreciated)	(Voluntary donation appreciated)
Full time STUDENT	\$40	\$45
Family member additional to OPEN membership		
Additional / optional donation (supports field rental)	Voluntary \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / etc	