

October  
2019

# NCRCC Flyer

## **NEXT (October) MEETING:**

October 10, 2019

- NCRCC October club meeting - Indoors at the Somers Library  
The meeting will start at 6:00pm –
- Regular indoor Meeting
- Pilot Projects
- Free food
- Good Times

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## **NCRCC Meeting Minutes September 12, 2019**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The September 12, 2019 NCRCC outdoor meeting was called to order by president Bob Laflamme at 6:57pm. A meeting sign-up sheet was made available. There were approximately 31 members and one introduction in attendance.

### **PRESIDENT'S**

**REPORT:** President Bob Laflamme welcomed everyone to the last outdoor field meeting for our group in 2019 reminding everyone that our next October meeting will be indoors at the Somers library. Both

October indoor NCRCC meeting  
Is **INDOORS** at the Somers Library.

The Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be indoors at the Somers Library.

[2 Vision Blvd, Somers, CT 06071](http://2VisionBlvd.com)

The meeting will start at **6:00pm.**

Free soft drinks/ coffee / Pilot Projects.

our president and vice president Mike Maznicki thanked fellow members for providing an extra jacket and one blanket in light of the colder temperatures we experienced. Club member Buddy Beaudion commented on what he perceived as an impromptu fashion statement by

our top officership. Bob and Mike thanked the folks that provided the extra clothing and in addition, both thanked Cliff Scorso for cooking. Thank you Cliff.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Club vice president Mike

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**THE THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2019 MEETING TO BE  
HELD AT THE SOMERS LIBRARY**

**The October 10th 2019 meeting will be held indoors on Thursday evening at the Somers Library [2 Vision Blvd, Somers, CT 06071](http://2VisionBlvd.com)**

## **Activities Director's Report - September, 2019**



**Irv Thurrott**  
**Activities Director**

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 10, 2019** at the **Somers Library**.

**PLEASE NOTE that the meeting will start at 6 PM, and we must be out of the Library by 8PM.**

The "Annual Warbirds Over Ellington" had to be moved from Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather. It was extremely windy on Saturday so the decision made was a good one. The number of Contestants on Sunday was less than 2018, but all went well, with many spectators and club members present. As usual, Dennis did an excellent job as CD, especially on building a large contribution to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center via the Donation Raffle.

We're in the process of building a relationship with the Ellington Public School system STEM program. They have two teachers running three classes that will be building, and hopefully flying, RC Aircraft kits. The students will be attending some demonstrations at our field as well as experiencing presentations by some of our members during the upcoming months. This could be a valuable relationship for the club – especially in attracting new, younger members. We'll discuss this activity more fully at the meeting.

**"MOWING Day/Time"** continues to be posted on the NCRCC Web-site. Please check the web-site to avoid conflicts with the work done by the Mowing Team.

Our last event of the year, the NCRCC Heli-Fest, is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> (Saturday), starting at 8 AM. There will also be some very interesting "night-flying" after dark. Special lighting emphasizes the unique maneuverability of the aircraft and piloting skills of the contestants. This is always a great spectator experience for all R/C pilots, even if you don't fly helicopters. Joel Lang will be CD-ing this event, with assistance from Mike Lewandowski. Please try to check it out.

Hope to see you at the Meeting on Thursday, October 10th.

Activities Director, Irv



**Congratulations to top place finishers!**

## September 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Maznicki welcomed all in attendance. Mike was pleased to report that he had been contacted by a teacher from Ellington High School last week noting that she had interest in our group. She has three classes of 16-students each that will concentrate on aeronautical engineering/ math and sciences this semester. She and her three classes will be on a field trip on October 4, 2019 which will allow in their travels for about an hour's time at our NCRCC flying field during the early afternoon hours. Her class is currently working on model aircraft with the spring-time goal of flying some of them.

Mike asked if any of our membership is available on Friday, October 4, 2019, and if so that they show their support and bring their thinking caps and if possible some educational items on that afternoon. Club member Bob Owens said he would make himself available. Member Ola Nordell spoke of his experiences while a student in Sweden in a similar type of class noting the importance of keeping it "easy and achievable" for greater overall success. Bob Spooner will also make himself available. Thank you Bob S.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Club treasurer Len Marchese stated that we have money providing

our ending balances for all accounts as well as our total cash on hand as of the last day of August. In addition, an account of recent expenses was made which included sanitation facilities, meeting costs, mower repairs, fuel, and dumpster costs. Len requested that all sign or initial our meeting attendance sheet that was made available this September meeting. As of the September meeting we are a little over our proposed budget and find ourselves at 92% of our current 2019 budget. We have one new member in August.

Len was pleased to report on the great success of the Warbirds event. Thank you contest director Dennis T. and all volunteers that made this possible. The Q500 two-day race was also successful. Len reported on the financial details related to this second successful event thanking Irv T. and all volunteers on both Saturday and Sunday. Thank you.

In October, the 2020 renewals program will commence. Len asked that all keep an eye out for a mailing that will be sent to current membership. He thanked everyone in advance for their future support of our club noting that all club operating expenses are financed solely from our annual membership dues.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Club secretary Adam Gorman was unable to attend.

### **FIELD SUPERVISOR'S**

**REPORT:** Club Field Supervisor Art Usher was happy to report that our field looks great thanking our mowing volunteers for their fantastic effort and also for their generosity in donating their time. Art requested that folks return chairs back to the area covered by millings with the hope of reducing this effort by our mowing crews.

Art noted that our tractor currently has a new battery. Mowing volunteer Wayne Maccluskey thanked everyone for the help and cooperation that he has been provided while mowing.

### **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S**

**REPORT:** Club activities director Irv Thurrott reported on the mowing schedule that appears on our website, noting the general consensus that this has been helpful. Irv handed the floor over to CD Dennis T. who gave some particulars regarding the Warbirds event that had been rescheduled from Saturday to Sunday to avoid high winds. Dennis thanked all the volunteers, noting the great efforts of our

## **From the Treasurer :**



**Len Marchese**

**Treasurer**

It's the beginning of October and we are now into the "Fall Season". Leaves are starting to turn color, acorns are dropping like flies, days are warm then cool, then warm again and cool again. Typical New England fall season. There is still plenty of time to fly outside at the field (weather permitting), so keep on flying.

I would like to mention what a great event Dennis and his crew of helpers presented at the NCRCC field on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Despite having to make a very difficult decision of postponing the original date of Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Sunday was a huge

success. Plenty of spectators, flyer's and food.

This year's donor raffle benefited "**Connecticut Children's Medical Center**"(CCMC). A huge donation was presented to CCMC on behalf of "Warbirds Over Ellington". This is such a great cause and benefits many children that are in need. We look forward to supporting "CCMC" during next year's event.

NCRCC 2020 membership renewals will be mailed to all current members the first week in November. As always please get your 2020 renewals in as early as possible. All renewals for the coming year will determine our 2020 operations budget. If your address has changed over this past year, please update our club Secretary Adam Gorman, with your current address.

Starting November 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 the club dumpster will be removed. The dumpster will return April 1, 2020 depending on the weather and road conditions. The reason for this change is that the vendor has changed their contract requirements. It

is in the best interest of NCRCC to have the dumpster removed during our winter season. For those fliers that are flying during the winter months and have food or any disposal items, please bring them home. And as always even during our normal flying time. If you have a plane mishap, take that plane home to discard and not in the club's dumpster.

**Reminder! The October meeting will start at 6:00pm and not 7:00pm, at the Somers Library.**

Thank you,

**Len Marchese NCRCC  
Treasurer**



Wilma and Betty in attendance:  
September meeting



From: Dennis Thilbodeau                      Date: 9/26/2019

To: Peter Tani                                      Time: 4:22 pm

*Hi Pete,*

*Can you please get this into the next club newsletter.*

*Dennis*



**Our 2019 "Warbirds" charity.**

***Local businesses honored for their support and generosity to the***

***Warbirds Over Ellington Charity Raffles***

*In 2010 I was approached to CD a Warbirds themed r/c fly in by Guy Beaudoin Sr. with a charity raffle to support worthy charities. The first year, mistakes were made and was almost a disaster. The mistakes were corrected to bring the event into the prominence it has become. Today, the "Warbirds over Ellington" has become the premier R/C event in Southern New England. Each year donations for the charity raffle are solicited to area hobby shops, businesses and national R/C distributors. In the 9-years the raffles have been a high success.*

*In the past, charities were The Wounded Warrior Project, The Disabled American Veterans, and The Connecticut Children's Hospital.*

*Three local area businesses have been Main Stay generous donors each year for the 9-year-run of the event. This year with the blessing of the NCRCC board, three plaques were obtained thru the AMA to honor them with more than just a thank you letter. I presented them to the establishments in the last few weeks of September.*

*They are:*

*The Country Diner, Enfield*

*Danny's Pizza, Enfield*

*Elmo's Dockside Restaurant, Vernon*

*To all 38 donors for 2019 received Letters of thank you.*

*To all of them and to all the NCRCC members that helped set up and operate the event. My sincere thank you!*

*Without you, we could not put on this great event.*

*Dennis Thibodeau*

*Warbirds C/D*



**The Country Diner's, Enfield,**  
Jay Ravelese accepts the Plaque  
as the staff looks on.



**Danny's Pizza, Enfield,** owner,  
Dan Poggio happily accepts his  
honor plaque.



**Elmo's Dockside Restaurant,  
Vernon,** owner receiving his plaque.

## Would you believe . . . Even more September 12, 2019 Minutes!

parking crew, tee-shirt sellers and a great many others.

Irv noted the upcoming swap meet at the Hadley club as well as the upcoming float fly provided by David Arzt. Thank you Dave.

### **PUBLIC LIAISON'S OFFICER'S REPORT:** This position is vacant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A discussion regarding the merits of a cargo trailer was had with those most familiar with our current set up stating the advantage of being able to separate food item supplies and field care supplies. The particulars and requirements for placing a permanent structure within a number of feet of Green Road were discussed. The merits of reducing the effort required to haul all of our plant, material and

supplies while we host NCRCC events and hold outdoor meetings was deliberated. The merits of being able to remove the trailer from our field during the off season when not needed, and the potential risk of damage were also considered.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Contest director Joel Lang informed our group that the Heli-fest date has been changed from ~~October 12, 2019~~ to October 26, 2019 to avoid a conflict with another national helicopter date. Thank you Joel for supporting several NCRCC organized events.

The potential for charging stations and electric supply for our food concession, lights, public address system, was discussed. Local

Ellington solar power company Quest has been interviewed for ideas. In general, it was determined that some engineering would need to be performed but that this effort could largely be done in house.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Potential new member Richard Parker introduced himself.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Peter Shriver and son McCullough Shriver of Marlboro, CT. They have been flying mostly electric jets and have been in the hobby for about 15 years. Welcome Peter and McCullough.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The exact time of the September 12, 2019 meeting was never recorded and unfortunately will be lost to the ages. Alas. It was almost dark.

Minutes submitted by NCRCC club newsletter editor Peter Tani at the behest of NCRCC club secretary Adam Gorman.

## October Field Supervisors Report:



**Art Usher**

**NCRCC Field Supervisor**

Well it is October, and another flying season is coming to an end. The field is in great shape, thanks to our dedicated mowing crew ( Bob Martin and Wayne Maccluskee) also John Palica and Irv Thurrott.

Great job guys.

It has been requested that if you take a chair out onto the grass, that you

please put it back under the pavilion before you leave. This just makes it easier on the mowing crew. I will be absent from the monthly meeting do to my wife having knee replacement surgery on Oct. 2nd. I should be tied up for only 3 weeks with her recovery. I look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting.

Art

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**Notice: HELI-FEST date**

The 2019 NCRCC Helicopter Event has  
been move from ~~October 12, 2019~~ to two  
weeks later on **Saturday, October 26,**  
**2019.** Please attend if you are able. Fun!



**2019 Wardbirds !**

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