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# NCRCC Flyer

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## NCRCC Meeting Minutes April 11, 2019

### *NEXT (May)*

### *MEETING:*

May 9, 2019

- NCRCC May club meeting -outdoors at the NCRCC flying field  
The meeting will start at about 6:30pm –
- Regular outdoor Meeting
- Real R/C Flight
- Free food
- Good Times (hopin')

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Club President Bob Laflamme called the Thursday, April 11, 2019 meeting to order at the Somers Library, Blake Auditorium at 7:08 p.m. There were 35 members present and two likely new members at their "second" club meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bob Laflamme welcomed everyone to the last "in-door" monthly club meeting before we start meeting at our flying field. May is the first month in 2019 that we will meet outdoors at our flying field. Bob did not have too much to report and noted that he was currently in procession of both a new "gavel" and "sound block" which replaced an earlier one that had unfortunately broken. Bob thanked treasurer Len Marchese

for providing an original "Hartford Whaler's" hockey puck to supplement the wooden sound block that came with the new set. Bob stated that he has purchased and is currently in the process of reading two references for Robert's Rules of Order. One reference is a definitive treatise on the subject while the second book by the same author is written as a guide to help the reader with the larger and more detailed volume.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Club vice-president Mike Maznicki stated that he also did not have too much to report.

Mike invited everyone to attend our first NCRCC event of our 2019 season namely the "[NCRCC Tailgate Swapmeet](#)" that is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019. Mike spoke of the event flier that is available noting that copies were sent out to a number of local clubs and also some more distantly located clubs with the hope of increasing attendance.

Mike reminded everyone that as usual spectators and buyers may attend for free and that flying is available

## May NCRCC meeting

### Is OUTDOORS at the NCRCC Field

The Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be outdoors at the NCRCC flying Field.

"200" Green Road Ellington, CT 06029

The grill will light at about 5:30pm. The meeting starts around 6:30pm. If you have a signature dish – please bring it to share.

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**THE THURSDAY MAY 9, 2019 MEETING TO BE HELD  
OUTDOORS AT THE NCRCC FLYING FIELD**

**The May 9th 2018 meeting will be held outdoors on Thursday  
evening at the NCRCC Flying Field**

## Activities Director's Report - April 2019



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

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, May 9th, 2019** at the **NCRCC Field**. The Grill will light up at about **5:30 PM** and free food and drinks will be provided. As a member you are not required to eat or drink, but are welcome to do so if it is in your nature.

Haven't heard of any new requirements from the FAA, but the FAA has approved "delivery by Drone" for a commercial company. Obviously delivery drones do not require "line of sight" piloting so it would seem pretty important for the AMA to make sure "model aircraft" are clearly separated from "commercial delivery small Unmanned Aircraft Systems". Perhaps the theme should be "pounds in the air" versus "old men carefully watching/flying their models".

The NCRCC Event Calendar seems

to now be in its final format for the 2019 season. Please note that the Warbirds Over Ellington Event has been moved to September 7<sup>th</sup>. The final list is on the NCRCC web-site. Our first Event, the NCRCC Tailgate Swapmeet, will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It's always beneficial if many of our members attend events to either help or participate. Please try to make it to the Swapmeet – you may just find the plane of your dreams.

The road to the field has gone from very bad, to good, and then back to not so good. The rain

and road activity has increased the rut size and number. Hopefully we'll have some dry days and the road will level out.

Indoor flying sessions at East Windsor Dome have been halted for the summer and will resume in the fall of 2019. Tolland Dome (Wednesdays, 1-3PM) continues year-round and is going well with 6-10 attendees.

Hope to see you at the Field on Thursday, May 9th.

Activities Director, Irv

### **NOTICE:**

A member has proposed two amendments to the current by-laws.

**Amendment 1:** Proposes to reduce the number of members present at a meeting to constitute a quorum.

The current by-laws require 25% of membership. The proposal is to reduce this to 20%.

At 169 members, a quorum is 42.25 (43) members, not including the chair. At 20% this is reduced to 33.8 (34) members.

**Amendment 2:** Proposes to change the requirements for petitioning by members to hold special meetings.

The current by-laws require a petition signed by 25% of the membership. The proposal is to reduce it to 20%.

These will be discussed at the May 9th meeting for potential voting at the June meeting.

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for all those with current AMA membership requesting only that they fly with the assistance of a spotter. Food will be available at the field. Mike spoke of the advertising that is available on the various RC forums/ websites noting one with over 160 "hits" to date.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Club treasurer Len Marchese gave a detailed account of our 2019 NCRCC budget explaining what has been spent to date. Len gave an itemized account of the current balances for all club accounts. Len noted that currently we have spent 6% of our 2019 annual budget to date. Len noted that as we come into the heart of the 2019 flying season we will as scheduled have more expenses that have been budgeted for and are required to run our club day to day. Len offered to answer any individual questions and/ or provide 2019 club finance information to anyone wishing. He offered an opportunity to review and inspect our financial paper work that he had in his possession.

Len spoke of the anticipated expenditure related to both our regular and handicap-accessible portable restrooms that are planned to be delivered noting the current and reasonably good travelable condition of our access road.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Club secretary Adam Gorman was

unable to attend.

**FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Club field supervisor Art Usher was unable to attend.

**ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Club activities director Irv Thurrott welcomed everyone in attendance and passed out a single paper copy of a NCRCC newsletter that he had from the year "1989". Several in attendance stated that they knew many of the past contributors as well as many in officership at the time. This current author noted in addition that several that held prior officership and/ or were past contributors were also currently in attendance now some 30 years later. Thank you for your long time support.

Irv went over the events list noting that the "[Annual Warbird's over Ellington](#)" event date had been changed to September 7<sup>th</sup> 2019, and with a second (weather-date) for the 8<sup>th</sup>. Contest director Dennis Thibodeau gave an account of his event stating that this year's 2019 charity is Connecticut Children's Hospital. Dennis stated that he has been in contact with this organization and has been authorized to use their logo and name in association with our event. Thank you Dennis for your hard work and effort. Dennis thanked those within AMA for expediting his application.

Buddy Beaudoin gave a short account of his Building Contest that is scheduled to take place during the Thursday, June 13, 2019 "regular" out-door club meeting. Thank you Buddy for running our 2019 building

contest.

Irv stated that: a) AMA sanctions are in place for 2019 NCRCC club events as required; b) our website is updated to show traditional things such as road and field condition, and thanked John Palica and others for rolling our field and c) expressed some minor frustration with AMA wording related to current FAA registration requirements stating by his understanding that "pilots" are "registered" and "craft" are "identified" with FAA-issued registration numbers.

**PUBLIC LIAISON'S OFFICER'S REPORT:** Club public liaison officer John Staudt welcomed all to the April meeting. John spoke some on his Saturday, July 27, 2019 "[Scale Build/ Fly](#)" contest stating that he is looking to get an approximate head count and would appreciate anyone thinking they might attend, to contact him. John also noted one important factor in 2019 is that the builder of the craft must be part of the operating party, that is to say the builder of the model should be part of the competing group. As before: the builder need not be the pilot, just part of their team.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Treasure Len Marchese stated that our access road has been graded and that the delivery of portable rest rooms is scheduled for next week.

President Bob Laflamme stated

that he is currently and continuing his education of the Robert's Rules of Order noting that he is re-reading and reviewing Henry Robert III's Robert's Rules of Order which he described in places is like reading a constitutional law dictionary/ textbook. Bob noted that since the March meeting three executive board meetings had been scheduled and attended which related to the debate that ensued at the March meeting, stating further that this is two more than is usual and customary. Bob thanked his fellow committee members for the extra: time, work, effort, travel and hosting that were involved as part of their individual functions. Bob L. apologized for letting the March meeting get a little out of hand, stating too that while he supported the spirited meeting, we as a group

unfortunately did not possess a quorum. As such the vote taken was "mute". Bob L. further and simply stated that the event organizers have since withdrawn their proposal to run the event at NCRCC.

Bob L. further noted that a member had contacted the executive board requesting a change to the "NCRCC By-Laws" specifically requesting a change to the number of members required in attendance for a quorum at a monthly club meeting. Bob L. produced a flow chart and paper-copy hand-out of our by-law revision process which he characterized as not being a simple process and one that involves some very specific timing requirements. The process includes waiting periods of time between actions. These periods may start upon

the proposed amendment being submitted, there is a 20-day waiting period between submittal and the meeting where it is discussed, a further and concurrent 10-day minimum waiting period prior to that meeting for notification of membership, a "first" meeting for any required discussion and any required wording amendments if found necessary, another 10-day waiting period prior to the next meeting for the secretary to send out a copy of the proposed amendment/ notice of vote and/or ballots and a second meeting where vote or mail-in ballots are counted. Bob L. described these periods of time as "cooling off" periods by his measure.

Senior statesmen Irv Thurrott relayed his thoughts and recollection of two instances where by his measure this was done once before. The first was

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## From the Treasurer :



**Len Marchese**

### Treasurer

**Wow!** May is already here. The grass is green, and the field looks to be in great

shape. Looking forward to the many events and flying for this season. Hopefully, members along with their family and friends, can attend and support the events. Or even lend a hand or two. We are never short of volunteers!

As for the financial side of the club, we are on solid ground. We are now entering our busy season where a good majority of the operating expense is disbursed. With items such as portable sanitation units, dumpster usage, fuel for the field equipment, town taxes, food for summer meetings,

field and equipment maintenance, propane fuel and along with other field and support expenses. The operating expense gets depleted quite rapidly.

Don't forget the annual Tailgate Swap Meet Saturday May 18th at 9:00am. Whether you are a buyer or seller, there is a deal for everyone. Come on out and support the event.

See you at the field.

Len Marchese  
NCRCC Treasurer



## NCRCC TAILGATE SWAP MEET

**\$10.00 Seller Fee**

**Ellington, CT**

**Saturday May 18 2019**

**9:00 AM Start** (field opens at 7:00am)

Wonder if  
the seller  
would take  
\$10.00?

What a  
deal. I'll  
TAKE it!

Come on  
over and see  
my planes, I  
have such  
great deals!

Don't wait till  
the last minute.  
Someone will  
make an offer  
we can't refuse.



**Buyers and Spectators admission is free!**

Food available at the field.

Try before you buy it. Flying available, must have current AMA card and a spotter!

Directions to NCRCC field available on NCRCC website: [www.ncrcc.org](http://www.ncrcc.org)

For tailgate Information contact Mike Maznicki at [MIKMAZ@ATT.NET](mailto:MIKMAZ@ATT.NET)

Event Contact: Mike Maznicki [MIKMAZ@att.com](mailto:MIKMAZ@att.com)

**Public Liaison Officer Report:****John Staudt****Public Liaison Officer**

Hello Guys,

I will have the Horizon PT-17 BNF, and a \$25.00 Hog Heaven gift card for the raffle.

The Scale Build & Fly contest will be held on Saturday, July 27th with a \$10.00 entry fee. Sunday, July 28 will be reserved as a "rain-date" should it be required.

You may build a Scale kit or Scratch build from plans. Contestants do the Judging.

There will be 5 categories judged in Static Display Scores and 5 Flying maneuvers to complete. The winner takes home the cash entry fees.

Note: The contestant must be the builder of the airplane, but you may have a pilot fly your airplane for you if you're not comfortable.

As a reminder, I am running the raffle as same way as in the

past, the member who spends the most money on tickets throughout the year will win a \$100.00 Hog Heaven Gift Card at the last meeting of the year held in November, made possible by the generosity of John Glennon at Hog Heaven. So let's show Hog Heaven how much we appreciate all they do for us and do some shopping at Hog Heaven, 494 Main Street, Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01518. (508) 347-9350

I also will have hats for sale at \$15.00 each.

Thank You,

John

**Horizon PT-17 BNF 1.1M****"The first ride of Fighter Aces.."****NCRCC Hats!****\$15 each****Hog Heaven****\$25  
Gift Card**

for the purchase of the present club tractor and the second was for the installation of the paved portion of our runway. Irv stated that in his opinion these were important club decisions were he felt our membership at large would have an opinion that should be heard and as such the formal process was involved. Irv described the process and recalled mail ballots were sent on these two important club decisions. Several chimed in supporting Irv's recounting of the process and gave credence to the times this process was followed for these two important instances.

Bob Laflamme stated that there are portions of the process that could benefit by some modernization especially as it relates to electronic transfer of files and information noting that post marks by USPS mail may still have their place and would cover present requirements.

Longtime NCRCC member and former contest director Roy Meyer spoke of his experiences as a current officer of a nearby R/C club. He said that he is familiar with the process and understands first-hand the complexities involved.

Sal Raia spoke of some of the similarities between the procedures for NCRCC and another unrelated club that he is a member.

Mark Paradise spoke of his fishing club that did not have nearly the degree of complexity for changes to the by-laws and related votes to determine a course of club action.

Tom Munsell spoke of some practical approaches to notification and the process as currently described.

Cliff Scorso noted that there is

presently much monthly business that is conducted and this is done without a quorum and gave a few examples such as admitting new members.

In general, it was determined that the governing board would do its best keep a closer eye on maintaining Robert's Rules of Order during future meetings and proceedings. It was also determined that many of the items that appear in "Robert's Rules" are a guideline for operation and is not organizationally nor item specific. A considerable amount of reason and common sense is still in order.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Len M. stated that both he and the remaining board are aware of activity further down the road from the entrance to our flying field. This activity is related to the excavation of gravel that both NCRCC and the Town of Ellington are aware. Bob L. and several in attendance are aware and know the individuals that are adjacent land owners. All had a discussion involving the recent activities at various locations in the area along green road and in the vicinity of our field.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** None.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Two returning and potential new members re-introduced themselves to our group. Firstly was, Neal Caplan of Manchester, CT flying almost exclusively electrics. Secondly, Mike Knuerr hailing from Wilbraham, MA a long time RC'er. Both were unanimously voted in as members. Welcome to our club.

**SOLO CERTIFICATES:** None.

**RAFFLE:** Horizon Hobby Pitts S-1S: Buddy Beaudoin; \$30 Hog Heaven Hobbies gift certificate: Cliff Scorso; Robart airplane super-stand: Bob Martin.

**PILOT PROJECTS:** "700-Sized" Protek helicopter. Mike Lewandowski gave an extensive presentation of his new electric helicopter that he successfully flew for the first time recently. Carbon fiber and titanium abound. Congratulations on your new "AMain Hobbies" sponsorship. Thank you too for being our helicopter contact within NCRCC.

"Hustler" twin-boom turbine jet. Buddy Beaudoin brought in a newly painted with custom graphics "boom" belonging to fellow club member Mike Fiorito. It was a group project by many within NCRCC which included several professionals in their fields of (car) painting, artistry (teacher) and more. Please keep up the great work all and continue to pass on your knowledge and expertise.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bob Laflamme adjourned the April 11, 2019 NCRCC Club meeting at 9:07pm.

Minutes submitted by:  
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