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# NCRCC Flyer

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## Prez Sez

Hello NCRCC members. The coronavirus (COVID-19) health issue is presenting all of us with some significant problems. We have seen or read the news and understand the effect of this health crisis. In our area, schools, restaurants, churches, hospitals, casinos, theaters, etc. are closing or restricting access. President Trump has asked us to avoid groups of 10 or more. Dr. Fauci (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) has said that survival - *particularly among higher risk groups such as age 60+ -* will be contingent upon how closely our society follows preventative measures. If we fail to



**Bob Laflamme**  
NCRCC President

### NEXT (April)

#### MEETING:

Is cancelled

- Be safe
- Use good judgement
- Coffee, soft drinks await
- Pilot Projects await
- Good Times Soon!

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## ~~April 9, 2020 NCRCC~~ Monthly Meeting *Is Canceled*

follow those measures, our hospitals will be overwhelmed and mortality will proportionately spike.

First and foremost, your health is of paramount importance to your family and to your friends. As one of your friends, I'm writing to you to let you know how NCRCC will be dealing with this health crisis. Please note the following:

- Follow the **President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America**. Here's the web link: [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20\\_coronavirus-guidance\\_8.5x11\\_315PM.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf).
- Follow all of the State and Local Guidelines issued by Governor Lamont and local officials. Here's the Connecticut web link: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>.
- **We do not advise you to congregate at the field.**
- We will be cancelling the April and May membership meetings. A decision will be made later to determine

whether or not to cancel subsequent meetings.

- We will be postponing the Tailgate Swapmeet that had been scheduled for 5/16/2020. A decision will be made later to determine whether or not other events we had planned will need to be postponed.

As you can imagine, club business will continue despite this health crisis. Your Executive Committee will meet (telephonically) to deal with our issues. To keep you abreast of what's going on, the Executive Committee will produce meeting minutes and broadcast that information to you via our newsletter. As always, please reach out to one of our club officers if you have questions or want to offer feedback.

I have one business matter that I need to bring up with you. Our friends at the Wintonbury Flying Club (WFC) in Bloomfield are at high risk of losing their flying field. We are receiving

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## **Prez Sez . . . continued**

multiple membership applications from WFC members who want to join NCRCC. Since we have taken the safety precaution of cancelling at least our April and May meetings, we will not be able to follow our typical practice of requiring attendance at two NCRCC meetings or taking a membership vote. The Executive Committee has agreed to temporarily waive these meeting

attendance and vote requirements and to process their application for NCRCC membership once all requisite requirements are met. This practice is similar to our approach when the Coventry club closed. Because of this, you will begin seeing some new faces at our flying field.

These are extraordinary times right

now and need to be treated as such. NCRCC is at its best when we pull together. Thank you for your support in making this plan work to keep us all healthy.

Most sincerely,

Bob LaFlamme, President, NCRCC

## **NCRCC Meeting Minutes March 12, 2020**



**Stan Kulesa**  
**NCRCC Secretary**

**T**he meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Vice President Mike Maznicki. The meeting was held at the Somers Public Library and attended by 30 members, 3 applicants, and 2 guests.

### **President's Report:**

No report as Bob LaFlamme was not in attendance.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Mike Maznicki welcomed the meeting attendees.

Mike explained that Bob LaFlamme has possession of the 2020 membership badges so none will be distributed tonight. Unclaimed badges will subsequently be sent to those members who've not claimed them.

Mike told the membership that the April meeting will not take place at the Somers Public Library because the building will be closed until further notice due to the coronavirus situation. A decision concerning where or whether the April meeting will take place will be communicated via our website.

Mike asked for a motion to approve the March meeting minutes which appeared in the newsletter. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Mike reminded the membership to initial the sign-in sheet at the front of the room.

Mike gave the membership an overview on the project work underway to update the club by-laws. He explained that the by-laws are a living document and periodically need to be refreshed. Mike pointed out that the vast majority of the updates are related to wording and clarification fixes but

that some updates are more involved. Mike held up a colorized draft of the proposed changes and invited the membership to come forward to the head table to review the document. Mike also urged the membership to provide any suggestions they might have for additional updates to the by-laws. Ken G said that he would be willing to assist. More on this topic will be covered at subsequent meetings in preparation of a vote by the membership.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Len Marchese attended the meeting in person as he had recently returned from Florida.

Len reported to the membership that the club's finances were in order. He stated that February was relatively "quiet" and he summarized the month's income, expenses, and account balances.

Len commented on the recent vandalism at the field during which the lock to one of the storage trailers was badly damaged. He suggested that we seriously consider setting up solar panels to power a security system and that this power source could also benefit pilots using electric-powered motors along with other value to the club.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Stan Kulesa reminded the membership to initial the sign-in

sheet at the front of the room as he utilizes this as the sole means of verifying the official number of members present at the meeting.

Stan advised the club that he is doing an update to the membership roster information to ensure that it is current and accurate. He recently updated the club name on the AMA club finder tool from "Ncrcc" to "Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club".

He announced the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual R/C Swap Meet in Wallingford sponsored by the East Coast Swamp Flyers R/C Club. (Please note that this event was subsequently cancelled due to the coronavirus situation.)

Stan recently notified four club members that they do not have flying privileges at the field in Ellington until they provide proof that their AMA licenses have been made current.

Stan gave the membership a briefing concerning the project underway to update the club website. He reminded the membership that this project has several goals:

1. Increase membership use of the website
2. Emphasize safety and security aspects of the hobby
3. Enhance the public's perception
4. Increase membership

Leo N has volunteered to assist on the web design and got a round of highly supportive applause. Stan asked the membership to provide any design or content ideas/comments to him as quickly as possible because we don't want to be too far along with the design work and then get ideas/comments after the fact. Stan held up and showed the preliminary design specifications and highlighted the project plan with the membership and stated that these documents would be available at the

head table for all to review.

#### **Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:**

Art Usher told the membership that he had gotten a call from Buddy B concerning the damaged lock on one of our storage trailers at the field. It took Art quite some time to cut the old lock off and he credited the lock protection device he had mounted earlier as a critical and practical element of vandalism protection. The new lock has been placed.

Art noted that the project to fell trees on the northern end of our field has been successfully completed.

A member asked about the assorted signage on the access road and Art explained that these are for the benefit of the vehicles coming in to conduct utility-related work north of our flying field.

Irv Thurrott showed the membership a report he had prepared for the police to report the vandalism. Sgt. Santa responded to Irv's report with some suggestions.

#### **Activities Director Report:**

Irv Thurrott reminded the membership that the club had previously purchased and mounted a game camera as part of our vandalism prevention strategy. Irv went on to explain that as part of the camera's maintenance, a new card needs to be inserted and that this requires someone to periodically climb a ladder to complete the task. He asked for a volunteer. Sal R had some questions and then most graciously agreed to take the job. Thanks for stepping up, Sal.

Irv reviewed the event schedule with the membership and confirmed dates with the Contest Directors present. The only event that was not finalized was the planned AMA District 1 Fun Fly and Buddy B said he's working on it as the date previously planned was requested by another club.

The club recently purchased a banner which resembles the one mounted to the side of the storage trailer. Len Marchese made arrangements to produce the banner in support of the car show display

the club had planned. Unfortunately, the car show was cancelled due to the coronavirus situation.

Irv reported to the membership that Len Marchese is having bumper stickers made that will look like the banner. These bumper stickers will be available for sale at a future date.

#### **Liaison Officer Report:**

Mark Paradise gave a preview of the items he brought to the meeting as raffle gifts highlighted by the Horizon F15 Eagle 64mm EDF BNF Basic with AS3X and SAFE Select. Other items included a book and DVD.

Mark explained to the membership that we are at risk of the raffle ticket sales failing to cover the cost of the raffle prize. Mark pleaded with the membership to increase their raffle ticket purchases to help address this situation.

#### **Newsletter Editor Report:**

In response to last meeting's feedback that some members did not receive their email copy of the newsletter, Peter Tani reported to the membership that corrective action was taken and all affected members received the March newsletter.

Peter acknowledged continued contact with a former member (Rudolf Roggenkamp) who relocated to Michigan.

Finally, Peter reminded the membership that the big sale at Hog Heaven Hobbies is underway and that the fuel sale with a projected delivery date of 4/17/2020 is about to begin.

#### **New Members:**

Three new people were presented for membership. Mark Nowak from Windsor Locks, Shawn Monocchi from Middlesex, and Tom

McCutchan from Cheshire were voted into NCRCC. Welcome Mark, Shawn, and Tom!

**New Business:**

In response to a member's inquiry, a brief status was provided concerning the FAA notice of proposed rulemaking situation by Mike Maznicki. Well over 52,000 letters were posted to the FAA website. Their review is underway. More information on this topic will be forthcoming.

John P announced that he will be rolling the field shortly.

Mike spoke about the grub issue at the flying field. He explained the implications and expense of grub control and since the grub problem is not adversely affecting the runway area, no action will be taken. Mike also explained that because our grass is cut so short that gnats and ticks are not a problem that requires a remedy.

Mark Paradise announced that since he did not sell a sufficient number of

raffle tickets he would postpone the drawing to a subsequent meeting. He asked all members who purchased raffle tickets during the March meeting to hold them until next meeting.

Three members (Leo N, Sal R, John P) brought along models that they recently finished and the members were treated to the builders' overviews on the build and finishing. VERY nice work!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

These meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.

## Activities Director's Report – April, 2020



**Irv Thurrott**

**Activities Director**

Our next meeting, which was supposed to take place on **Thursday, April 9th**, has been **canceled** due to the governmental COVID-19 rules.

It may be time to change the title of "Activities Director" to "Sedentary Manager". The only action taken over the last month has been to tape a copy of the "NCRCC Presidents' Message" to one of the tables at the

Field, and make a sign that says, "Please: Stay at least 6' apart" (which is now also at the Field).

All upcoming Events are on hold, and we'll have to review each one in light of how the pandemic is going, along with the rules being applied. This review will be done by the CDs and the Exec Committee via Conference Calls.

At this time the field is actually pretty active, partly due to the fact that some other local clubs have lost their fields and some of their members have, or will be, joining NCRCC. Quite a few new members, and guests, have been at the Field. Getting outside is permitted, and thought to be a good idea, which allows us to continue outside flying – as long as "Social Distancing" is practiced. When at the field be careful of what you touch, as well as maintaining a 6' distance

between friends.

If possible, either wear vinyl gloves when opening/shutting the gate and lock, or sterilize what has been touched (as well as your hands) with virus killing wipes.

The Executive Committee is continuing to meet via "Zoom" Video Conferencing. The Newsletters will continue and be a good source for anything that may change.

Both Domes have been closed down, so there is no current Indoor Flying (a real change of life-style for me). Everyday my plane tells me how it hates hanging around by its' prop. All the 2 cell batteries are also grumbling in their ammo boxes.

Hope all of you are doing well and staying healthy!

Activities Director?, Irv

## **April 2020 Field Supervisors Report:**



**Art Usher**

### **NCRCC Field Supervisor**

On Saturday March 28th I was at the field with about 10 to 15 other members. For the most

part everyone was keeping a safe distance from one another. When I have had the occasion to open or close the gate I wear rubber gloves to do so. Not knowing if the person before me was infected I would recommend that everyone do the same if you have gloves. I would not recommend putting hand sanitizer on the lock, instead if you do not have gloves and have the eyeglass cleaners in the foil packs that have alcohol in them, I would use them to wipe the lock down before opening and closing the gate.

The batteries have been installed in all the equipment and I will be handing out new keys to the mowing crew. One day this week

I will be taking the cyclone rake to my house to power wash the inside of the impeller housing to remove the build-up of hardened grass. It gets like cement and comes out best with power washing. I will also be adding some more fiberglass to the bottom of the discharge shoot, as some of it has worn away. This is a cheap way to protect the plastic shoot from wearing out. I don't know for a fact but I would guess it would probably cost about \$200.00 or more to replace. So I think about \$10.00 worth of resin and cloth once a year is good insurance.

Everyone be safe and we will get through this.

Art

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## **From the Treasurer :**



**Len Marchese**

### **NCRCC Treasurer**

I really don't know how to start my contribution to this month's newsletter. This whole Coronavirus issue has the entire world, country and state upside down. We all must be diligent and listen and adhere to the advice provided from both federal and local authorities. We will prosper and all of us will get through this.

Well, now that I have that off my chest, here is my contribution to the April newsletter. Happy to announce since the first of February we have welcomed 14 new NCRCC members. They are from the

Wintonbury Club located in Bloomfield CT. Welcome to all!

I'm happy to see that our club still has the privilege to continue flying. But again, we must adhere to our NCRCC rules and regulations. Many of our new flyers along with current members have been very busy flying at our field, taking advantage of the good weather and clean fresh air to clear their minds. Please make sure you observe all flying protocols for a safe flight and stand your distance from each other for health reasons. Also, allow your fellow member waiting to fly the ability to fly.

Regarding the distribution of the 2020 member badges, there was an issue with the making of the badges, but that has been resolved. Some members received their 2020 badge at the

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## **From the Treasurer : . . . continued**

February meeting, and the remaining will eventually be mailed. Due to a few logistical issues there will be a delay with the 2020 badge mailing. **Please be patient.**

As for new members, we have already mailed out the 2020 temporary paper/construction paper badges. These temporary badges need to be displayed or worn when at the field.

Be safe and stay healthy.

See you at the field (one of these days).

**Len Marchese,**  
**NCRCC Treasurer**

## **Public Liaison Officers Report April 2020**



**Mark Paradise**

**NCRCC Public  
Liaison Officer**

**H**ello to all NCRCC members!

Welcome to the spring.

We are done with winter and our flying season will begin soon with better weather on the horizon.

In March, we had a great airplane to raffle-off, an F-15 64mm EDF Jet from Horizon Hobbies courtesy of Hog Heaven. However, at the

last meeting we did not raffle-off the jet but we will do so if possible when next we meet.

I am looking into polo shirts for members and hope to have prices for you. I have done some research and will present my findings shortly.

Be safe, be smart and thank you,

Mark



### **F-15 Eagle 64mm EDF BNF Basic with AS3X and SAFE Select**

#### **Key Features**

- The easiest to fly high-performance F-15 Eagle EDF (Electric Ducted Fan) jet model yet
- Scale replica of the world-renowned air superiority fighter flown by the U.S. Air Force
- 11-blade 64mm fan delivers great vertical performance and top speed plus turbine-like sound
- Factory-installed high-power 4S-compatible brushless motor, 40-amp ESC and 5 servos
- Spektrum™ 6-channel 2.4GHz receiver with industry-leading DSMX® technology
- Unmatched stability and precision of AS3X® technology for smoother flight performance
- Easy to fly with optional-use SAFE® Select flight envelope protection
- Optional-use fixed landing gear with steerable nose wheel
- Bolt-on wings with removable tanks and missiles
- Magnetically-secured nose cone and top hatch
- Durable yet lightweight molded EPO airframe

## April 2020 Secretaries Report



Hi all.

As discussed during the meetings, two projects are underway. One is to update the club by-laws and the other is to refresh the club website. If you have any feedback or ideas you would like to offer on either project, please send an email to

Stan Kulesa at your earliest convenience. Stan's email address is:

[Stanley\\_kulesa@yahoo.com](mailto:Stanley_kulesa@yahoo.com) .

Thank you!

[The line in-between the "y" and the "k" is an "underscore" . You may key in or copy and paste the following. ---pdt]

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**Stan Kulesa**

**NCRCC Secretary**



### *For sale*

*Two Brand new VENOM 4 cell 2200 30c 14.8 volt lipo batteries.*

*Both are in the original packaging with the adapters for different plug types. They have not been charged and have the storage charge that they were shipped with*

*Price \$85.98*

*They were ordered by mistake from Tower Hobbies, I needed 3 cells not 4.*

*A call to Tower revealed the lipo batteries are not returnable!*

*So in need to see if I can sell them within the club.*

*I am not charging for the shipping or sales tax they were individually 42.99 ea.*

*Please call if interested to arrange a pick up! Thanks!*

*Dennis Thibodeau*

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