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NCRCC Meeting Minutes January 9, 2020

NEXT (February)

MEETING:

February 13, 2020

- NCRCC February meeting is indoors at the Somers Library
The meeting will start at 7:00pm –
- 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting
- Coffee, soft drinks
- Pilot Projects
- Good Times

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CALL TO ORDER:

Club Vice President Mike Maznicki called the NCRCC January 9, 2020 indoor regular meeting to order at the Blake Room at Somers public library at 7:22 pm. There were approximately 35 members present.

PRESIDENT'S

REPORT: Bob LaFlamme was unable to attend.

VICE PRESIDENT'S

REPORT: Mike Maznicki opened by wishing all in attendance a happy new year and welcomed all into

2020. Mike noted that he had received word from president Bob Laflamme with an update for his estimated time of arrival and that unfortunately Bob was stuck at work and would not be able to make the meeting. Mike had a reasonably small hand full of things to cover. Our club treasurer Len Marchese is

continuing his oversight of the 2020 renewals process and had prepared the upcoming budget for this current year which had been reviewed during the most recent January executive board meeting. Mike stated

February 13, 2020 NCRCC

Monthly Meeting

Is at the Somers Library.

The Thursday February 13th meeting will be indoors at the Somers Library.

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

The meeting will start at **7:00pm.**

Free soft drinks/ coffee / Pilot Projects.

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**THE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2020 MEETING TO BE
HELD AT THE SOMERS LIBRARY**

The February 13, 2020 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 - February, 2020



Irv Thurrott
Activities Director

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 13th, at the Somers Library – 7PM.

The Indoor Fliers have been active over the last month. The East Windsor Dome (Sports World) is available on Fridays from 1 to 3 PM and the Tolland Dome (Star Hill) is open from 1-3 PM on Wednesdays. The cost is \$10 for the two hours at each facility.

Star hill members at the Tolland dome can fly for no additional charge. If you want

to try indoor flying please limit the all-up weight of your Star Hill aircraft to less than 8 ounces – we have to take care to not harm the facilities. Signing a Waiver is required at the Tolland Dome before you use the site for the first time. Also – please be very “Safety Conscious” at both sites.

The position of NCRCC Secretary is still open, and the NCRCC Exec Committee is trying their best to get it filled. We’re also discussing the possible need to “share” the duties among our existing Exec members. Hopefully this will be soon addressed.

I apologize for overdoing the FAA rules discussion at our January meeting. The possibility of losing our ability to legally fly at our field had me very concerned.

Obviously it’s important that the National Air Space remain safe for full-scale aircraft and we should help the FAA gather all the relevant information so they can make

accurate and workable decisions. New technologies, introduced in recent years, have greatly changed the landscape of what used to be “Model Airplane Building/Flying”. Our eyeballs used to be the most sophisticated control mechanism available. The implications of “drone deliveries”, and other commercial drone uses, will impact a lot more of the airspace than we’ve ever experienced.

If you have some good ideas, observations, and recommendations please let the FAA know them during the comment period (ends March 2, 2020).

Hope to see you at the Meeting on Thursday, February 13th.

Activities Director, Irv

January 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes . . . continued

that the budget was well in hand. Mike asked that all welcome NCRCC Club member Mark Paradise as our new 2020 public liaison officer thanking him for stepping up and taking charge of this position. Thank you Mark. Mike made a call to the floor for any others that had interest. There were none. Mike asked for a vote all were in favor none were opposed. On behalf of the secretary Mike Maznicki placed a single vote in favor and Mark was appointed NCRCC club public liaison officer. Congratulations Mark.

Mike also noted that while Adam Gorman would see us through our 2020 membership renewal process that this position would be vacant and that the duties of secretary would then need to be split up among the remaining officership and that simply put -we need a secretary. Mike further stating that if you or someone you know would make a good secretary now is the time. Adam will show you the ropes and show you what to do during a period of transition to make it easier.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Club Treasurer Len Marchese was unable to attend. Mike and Art Usher gave a brief account of our 2020 budget noting that financing for our entire 2020 budget is supported directly by our membership dues. That is to say 100% of your 2020 dues go into paying for the day to day 2020 operating expenses of our club. At the time that our 2020 budget was created approximately 80% of 2020 renewals had been received.

Art said he received 11 additional renewals today which came from, in combination, our post office box and folks attending in person.

Art stated that on this meeting date, January 9, 2020 which coincides with the formal close of our current renewal program, roughly 90% of membership has re-joined for 2020. Irv Thurrott provided further evidence and by his individual measure those renewing came to 91.02%.

In closing, Mike went over the "instructors list" with the intent to add and/ or remove folks as is required. Mike polled all in

attendance for their intent for 2020. All would remain on our list. One member in attendance was no longer able but stated that he would always be available for help as needed.

NCRCC club members Alan Crawford and Ola Nordell both volunteered to be NCRCC instructors. Thank you both Alan and Ola. In addition, current NCRCC instructor Ralph Rinaldi is now currently an AMA "introductory pilot instructor". Congratulations Ralph.

Mike explained briefly our student pilot program noting that as an instructor you are not required to help at any given point in time but rather that you are one of several contacts for available help with the hope that your schedule might coincide with that of a potential student. Mike spoke of our Student Pilot R/C Flight Instruction Manual which is now in its 6th edition and available on our website. Here is a link:

<http://www.ncrcc.org/index.php/student-pilots>

Mike thanked everyone for helping with our NCRCC new pilot program to help

teach those new to RC flying.

After the break Mike discussed budget; stating the dollar amount that we went over in 2019, noting this included the unbudgeted replacement of tires for our tractor now 20 years old. Mike went over line-by-line the 2019 budget noting we were under for P.O. box, fuel and newsletter mailings.

Joel Lang asked what the specific total budget amounts were for both 2019 and 2020. Joel was satisfied with our 2020 budget accordingly. A motion to accept our 2020 NCRCC budget was made and the motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Position vacant no report..

FIELD SUPERVISOR'S

REPORT: Club field supervisor Art Usher reported on the maintenance and service that has been recently completed for our tractor noting that it is presently 20-years-old and with this milestone came some added maintenance. Art detailed all the items that received maintenance including the changing out all

fluids including the hydraulics. In addition, a new front grill was installed replacing the old one which had become damaged. Art noted that the new grill was the only item in his estimate that was expensive. Art also said he intends to weld a new top and framework for a canopy to protect from weather and sun.

Ola Nordell stated the dollar amount that one other club that he is a current member of allocates per year to have their field mowed professionally. Mike M. noted that we are very fortunate to have such a great mowing team in place and further stated that their volunteerism is directly responsible for us not having to pass this cost along in the form of higher dues. In closing Mike thanked John P., Stan B., Bob M., Wayne M., Mike M., Art U., Irv T., Buddy B., and anyone else he may have forgotten for their great service to our club. Dennis T. noted that during his events visitors have always been impressed with the condition of our field.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Irv interviewed all contest directors in attendance confirming and updating best information for their proposed events. Irv described the most recent January website updates. Irv polled the audience to learn if we have too many events. He learned that the consensus was that we do not have too many events.

Irv described his concern for recent FAA proposed rules that would affect our hobby, characterizing them as "serious" in nature. Irv further described the details related to a limiting 400-foot envelope at fixed sites where future RC flight would be permitted. A March 2nd deadline for public comment in Irv's view made it important to respond to our legislators and pointed to a couple of resources for ideas and even a template, stating that individually addressed concerns would have the best and greatest impact.

Irv stated that we needed to get our government

representatives to focus on what is important and how this proposed legislation might affect future generations sighting our involvement with Ellington's educational high school STEM program where science, technology, engineering and math right this very moment are being taught through modeling and RC flight. In addition; Irv pointed out that modeling and our RC hobby was a source for positive social interaction that is important. Lastly; Irv noted that if there was ever a rogue element within our hobby that we as both modelers and flyers would likely be at the forefronts for its identification. Proper channels for communication of any observed nefarious activities are well posted within our sheltered field radio impound should it ever become necessary to alert the proper authorities.

Club member John W. provided his thoughts to the new proposed legislation stating he felt the FAA could better tailor their efforts to RC modeling.

Irv offered the opportunity to anyone wishing to read a response to his November 12, 2019 letter to U.S. Senator

Richard Blumenthal.

PUBLIC LIAISON'S

OFFICER'S REPORT: All in attendance welcomed Mark Paradise to his position as NCRCC public liaison officer. Mark conducted the January raffle and encouraged all to continue to do business at Hog Heaven one of the last brick and mortar true hobby shops around. Mark would keep everyone abreast of Hog Heaven's proposed March fuel sale; in addition he raffled off several items including a Sig ARF low-wing trainer and made available some 2019 dawn patrol tee shirts for sale.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S

REPORT: Concern was brought to our newsletter editor's attention that since our 2020 events calendar did not have a contest director nor a set time nor date that our traditional spring pylon race would be at risk of not being allowed by our executive board. Peter Tani explained that the events calendar has always been a fluid document and that in fact in 2019 there existed twelve individual versions. Peter stated that to date no one has stepped forward as race contest director and that NCRCC is the only remaining local club to host pylon racing. Alas.

Peter further stated that we

would like to continue to secure our dates but due to limited entries, we are going to have a Q500 practice day for 424 and 426 only on Sunday, June 7, 2020. Pylons will be set up, no lights or officials. A participation fee of \$12.50 will be charged with the entire amount going to NCRCC for the use of the field for the day. This price will include a lunch either by our club or with pizza and drinks depending on turnout and the availability of both options close in. In any event NEPRO will spring for lunch. This will give us all an opportunity to test and practice. As of now, we still have the first weekend in August scheduled for racing.

Peter asked all to consider this date as our official NEPRO meeting as we have to discuss our future.

Peter was astonished to learn that from within top NEPRO membership our traditional June race date had been slated for an AMA district 1 fun fly. He was later relieved to learn that this date had been changed. Our activities director was also unaware of initial district 1 fun fly planning and has been recently made aware of the current proposal.

Joel Lang stepped up as our event contact. Thank you Joel for your effort and volunteerism.

Would you believe? Even more January 9,, 2019 Meeting Minutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS: Covered elsewhere in the minutes.

INTRODUCTIONS: Stephen Emerson of Manchester.

Norm Stender of Enfield.

NEW MEMBERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Our meeting was adjourned by Mike

Maznicki, the time of which was not recorded and will again be lost to the ages. Alas. The author will continue to make greater attempts to record meeting adjournment time in future.

Minutes submitted by: Peter Tani, NCRCC newsletter editor



Wayne G. with indoor PT-19

From the Treasurer :



Len Marchese

Treasurer

Final returns marked a 92.4% renewal, for a total of 161 single, family and social members. This return rate allows the 2020 operations budget to meet or exceed last year's 2019 budget. We should not have the high expenses that occurred during 2019 season. But . . . let's see what the flying season brings.

The months of February and March are quiet for NCRCC financials, but we are preparing for the annual audit. This audit is scheduled for some time in April.

Also we are working on the upcoming Annual NCRCC Tailgate Swapmeet, scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2020. If anyone has any suggestions to improve this annual event, please send me an email:

lpmarchese@yahoo.com

We will review any suggestion and hopefully that suggestion will be applied to the event.

Once again, thank you for a successful 2020 renewal campaign.

See you soon,

Len Marchese,
NCRCC Treasurer

First, I would like to thank all NCRCC members that renewed for our 2020 flying season. The deadline for 2020 membership renewal was January 9th, 2020.



February Public Liaison Officers Report



Mark Paradise

**NCRCC Public
Liaison Officer**

Greetings NCRCC Club Members!

This month we have a very special airplane to raffle off. It is the E-flite® Twin Otter 1.2m BNF Basic with AS3X and SAFE, which includes floats! I've included some basic information about the airplane. It looks like a real winner. So bring plenty of cash to buy your raffle tickets. I will also have club hats for sale as usual.

Sincerely,
Mark Paradise



THE PERFECT FIRST TWIN

For RC pilots who want a great first (or next) twin model, there's no better choice than the E-flite® Twin Otter 1.2m. It delivers exciting "bush plane" scale looks and performance along with the inherent stability of a high-wing design. The convenient size of the Twin Otter means you can transport it fully assembled for flying at a wide variety of locations with paved, grass or packed dirt surfaces, such as large parks, sports fields and RC flying fields. Your adventures won't stop there, though — remove the tricycle landing gear, install the provided floats, and now you're ready to fly off of large ponds and small lakes. Having two landing gear options included in the box only hints at this model's incredible value. Along with molded-in panel lines, corrugated control surfaces and a scale-inspired trim scheme, the E-flite Twin Otter comes with many functional features including operational flaps, LED navigation and landing lights, and props finished with black and white stripes that look awesome whether spinning or standing still, landing lights, flaps, and optional-use floats.

The Twin Otter offers a truly unique flying experience that a wide range of pilots can enjoy and is a scale replica that makes the perfect first twin-powered model for intermediate to experienced RC pilots. It's versatile, easy to fly,

VERSATILE AND CAPABLE

The DHC-6 Twin Otter was developed by de Havilland Canada in 1965. Designed as a rugged STOL (Short Take-Off and Landing) commuter aircraft, the Twin Otter carried passengers and cargo into harsh environments such as the sub-zero Antarctic and scorching North African desert. The line was shut down in 1988, after producing 844 aircraft. Viking Air Limited purchased the Type Certificates for all out-of-production de Havilland aircraft in 2005 and announced the Viking Series 400 Twin Otter Production Program two years later. By mid-2015 Viking delivered 75 new aircraft and re-established the Twin Otter as a successful commuter airliner — while nearly 500 of the original aircraft also remained in operation.

February 2020 Field Supervisors Report:



Art Usher

NCRCC Field Supervisor

I was at the field in early January and all was well. Since that time I have manufactured a frame for a new canopy for the tractor. The old "pvc" one was broken in a few spots. I had some extra steel hanging around so I made the new one out of

that: If my welds hold, the next time we will need a new one, I won't be here to see it. LoL.

See you at the meeting.

Art

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Thank you Bob S. and Art U. for securing our spot at the dome.
In a word: **FUN!**

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