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NCRCC Flyer

NEXT (February)

MEETING:

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- Continued Health and Safety
- Continued good judgment
- No need to bring a chair ! Lol.
- Good Times

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Prez Says

As I write this it's about 5 degrees, hard to think about much else except being warm again.

But thinking we are, making plans for another flying season that we are all confident will be better than last year. The roster of events is being discussed, though there will be some changes. I expect there will be less involvement of the general public than in the past due



Bob Laflamme
NCRCC President

Thursday February 11
, 2021 NCRCC
Monthly Meeting
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Start time 7pm.
Instructions are here on pages 4 and 5

to COVID, but I'm sure we'll all have fun despite lower attendance.

2021 Membership Badges have been printed and mailed, you should be receiving them by the time this is printed. Thank you to Len for getting them in the Mail.

The response to the membership renewal drive has been phenomenal as you'll read further in the newsletter.

In the coming weeks you'll see an increase in our digital outreach. We will be piloting our mass-mailing software to send out newsletters, making it easier on the editor, as well as using software to conduct surveys and

polls via the internet, making it easier for us to get feedback from a wider audience.

You will also find some 'not-so-new' newsletters on the website. I have scanned some old newsletters and they are available on the website in the newsletter section. These are pretty interesting, and I'm wondering how many of you remember the 'NCRCC BullSheet'.

Our next meeting will be virtual, see you there

bob

NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – 1/14/2021



Stan Kulesa
NCRCC Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held via Zoom technology and attended by 22 members and no guests.

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the meeting attendees.

Stan Kulesa requested a correction to the December meeting minutes in which the "Liaison Officer" title was incorrectly printed as "Public Liaison Officer" in two places. Bob asked for a motion to approve the December general membership meeting minutes which appeared in the newsletter, as amended. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Bob presented the slate of candidates for the Executive Committee (LaFlamme – *President*, Maznicki – *Vice President*, Kulesa – *Secretary*, Marchese – *Treasurer*, Tani – *Activities Director*, Usher – *Field Marshall/Safety Officer*) and for the Board of Directors (Thurrott – *Chairman*, Arzt – *Member*,

Burnham – *Member*). Bob noted a suspension of the rules and asked the Secretary to cast a vote for the entire slate. Stan Kulesa cast the affirmative vote in support of the slate and the motion carried. Since the Liaison Officer position was vacant at the time the slate was finalized, Bob reminded the membership that John Blossick has volunteered to fill the vacancy through December 2021.

Bob thanked the membership for the discussion during the December meeting concerning the possibility of a membership cap. He summarized the pros/cons of the idea that were raised. Bob shared his concerns over how our hobby has been under attack and how we as aeromodelers need to respond to preserve our pastime. No decision on a membership cap has been finalized.

Vice President's Report:

Mike Maznicki spoke about his personal COVID experience and wished all members good health.

Mike summarized the contents of a note he had received from a new pilot member who has not had a favorable experience in learning how to fly. Mike referenced the club website section called "New Pilot Training Program" and called attention to its list of instructors and how less new pilot members can reach out to them. Mike encouraged all members to be on the look-out for new pilots and to guide their

learning experience for a favorable outcome with the hobby.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has 183 members but noted that this number is subject to change because the 2021 membership drive ends in a few more days and more renewal applications may be received. There were no guests to introduce.

Stan gave a report on the club website. In December there were 1,234 views (and 425 visitors). Stan then described several new features including an aerial view of the flying field and surrounding area in the "Flying Field Amenities" section, new items for sale under the "Member Buy/Sell" section, important updates regarding the FAA rulings in the "FAA Web Link" section, photos of Gersh T-'s latest project in the "Photo Gallery" section, and a new photo on the website's home page. Stan asked all members to check out the club website now that winter has arrived and flying time is limited.

Stan reported that the club's AMA charter renewal package has been received and that the forms and payment were processed and promptly returned. Our current charter expires 3/31/21.

During the December meeting, Joel L- had asked about

property insurance coverage. Stan reported on the research he had recently completed in response to that inquiry. In short, no local insurance brokers were willing to underwrite the coverage and the AMA's liability carrier does not underwrite property insurance. In deference to these findings and the continuously depreciating value of the items in the two storage containers, Stan noted that the return on an investment in property insurance coverage probably won't be cost effective and he recommended that the club not pursue coverage. Bob LaFlamme noted that this was a similar outcome to when the club last considered purchasing property insurance coverage. There was some discussion and then a consensus among the members that we should not purchase property insurance coverage.

Stan spoke to the membership about how we can use the new email blast communication technology. He reminded the membership that this tool was used to inform the members of the 2021 membership renewal drive. Along with emergency/urgent announcements, other potential applications for using the email blast tool include: a general membership meeting reminder, notification of the death of a member, announcing new items in the "Member Buy/Sell" section, lost & found, etc. While there is some concern about over-communicating, the general consensus among the members is to try out these functions and get feedback from the membership.

Stan reported that the memorial stone for deceased member Paul Savastano has been ordered but there is a significant backlog due to the spike in COVID-related deaths. Dennis T- asked about a memorial stone for deceased member Randy Hickton. No objections were raised by the members.

Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese gave an update on the 2021 membership drive. He was pleased with the results of the drive as over 90% of the members have renewed

thus far; he noted that the deadline for renewing membership is 1/15/2021. Len announced that the ability to pay dues via credit card through the club's PayPal account would be disabled now that the membership renewal drive is ending. This capability will be restored in October when the 2022 membership renewal campaign will begin.

Len gave the membership a very detailed overview of the proposed operating budget for 2021. Based on gross income he projected from membership renewals, he showed an Excel spreadsheet comparing actual 2020 expenses to proposed amounts for 2021 on a line-by-line basis for each expense category. Len explained how he fine-tuned the components of various expense categories. He also pointed out the marked expense increases for the portable toilet and the trash receptacle that he's been discussing over the past few recent meetings. Len answered a number of questions from members. Joel L- made a motion to approve the 2021 budget, as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed. Bob LaFlamme took the opportunity to recognize the significant expense savings enjoyed by the club because of the volunteer work performed by the mowing team, by Glenn S-'s maintenance of the lawn tractor, and by Art Usher's equally noteworthy labor on an array of field equipment. Bob also gave a major shout out for Len Marchese's consistently astute, trustworthy, and dedicated work as our Treasurer.

Len spoke to the membership about his plans to purchase a teleconferencing technology license so that the club can continue to host general membership, ad hoc, event, and other virtual meetings. There were no objections.

Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani gave a report on the

monthly club newsletter. He noted that the date of the 2021 Dawn Patrol event was incorrectly stated and will be corrected in future issues.

Liaison Officer Report:

Since he is the newest member of the Executive Committee, John Blossick reintroduced himself to the membership. John's photo appears in the "Officers & Roles" section of the website. He noted that he's looking forward to his new role and anticipates the reintroduction of the raffle once in-person meetings begin again. John asked for recommendations and ideas for raffle prizes from the membership.

Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:

Art Usher reported that there was some minor vandalism at the field. A sign was damaged and a picnic table was moved close to the fire pit but these "uninvited guests" were apparently unable to light a fire. The table was returned to the designated area by Buddy B-. Art found that there was some 4-wheeling on the field and he will make arrangements in the spring to place an obstruction by the area where he believes they entered our property. He commented that Green Rd. was passable. Otherwise, the flying field is in great condition. Art lamented that the aerial view of the field leads him to want to spread more grass seed.

New Members:

Mike Maznicki stated that there were no prospective new members in attendance tonight. He reported that he has received email inquiries from two potential members and will follow-up with them.

Old Business:

John W- gave the membership a critically important update concerning the FAA's recent final ruling. He noted that while the AMA

and others are still reviewing the impact of the ruling the outcome seems much more favorable to the hobby than predicted earlier. John pointed to the significant input from modelers across the country as a heavy influencer on this decision. To accompany John's presentation, he prepared and reviewed with the membership a PowerPoint slide show. Arrangements have been made to post John's (and the AMA's) literature on our club website under the "FAA Web Link" section. Members are encouraged to read this information. There were a lot of member questions.

Stan Kulesa announced that now that the holidays have passed the Executive Committee will have a special meeting in January to review the by-laws ad hoc committee's proposal.

New Business:

Buddy B- presented to the membership his idea of hosting a two-day pylon racing event on

8/7/21 – 8/8/21. He noted that he would work closely with Lloyd B- to organize it and that Joel L- would serve as Contest Director. Buddy projected that ~18 – 20 pilots from across the Northeast would attend. He also felt confident that he would be able to arrange for a sufficient number of volunteers. Buddy recognized that there might be significant COVID-related limitations still in place and that this could adversely impact the ability to have the event. In preparation of the two-day race, Buddy would also like to have a practice pylon race during an afternoon in June. Feedback from the membership suggested that the practice event minimally impact regular flying and that he needs to avoid the June date conflicting with the Warbirds event (also planned for June) and Buddy agreed. Since Buddy understands the depth of the

planning involved and the risk of COVID-related limitations, he was given support to host the two-day pylon racing event. The AMA sanction will be submitted.

Announcements:

Bob B- asked if the Zoom meetings could be taped and posted on the club website.

Peter Tani announced that he has resigned as the President of NEPRO.

Irv Thurrott briefly spoke about some news articles he's recently seen.

Dennis T- expressed his displeasure with having his phone number not appear on his advertisement for the Warbirds Over Ellington event. Peter Tani explained he ran out of room but will make accommodations for it in subsequent issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by

Stan Kulesa, Secretary.

Instructions to Join the Virtual Meeting on 02/11/2021

Please plan to join the meeting at or about 6:55 PM since it will take a few minutes to connect. Members attending the meeting will be placed on mute. If you have a question or wish to make a comment during the meeting, follow the last section of the instructions below. If you join us using your computer or smart phone, please call from a well-lighted quiet room and use earphones/buds for better sound quality.

To Use Your Computer to Log in to the Meeting with Video and Audio:

1. Click on this link:
<https://zoom.us/j/94940526010?pwd=Z215RE9sN2Y4MTVVZiBvNlVPd1FVQT09>
(If you have not previously used Zoom, you may be asked to download the program.)
2. Click on the blue-colored "Join Meeting" button
3. Enter the meeting ID, if requested: **949 4052 6010**
4. Enter the password, if requested: **349726**
5. Enter your first and last name as the display name so we can take attendance
6. Do not click on the "audio" or "video" buttons; click on the "Join" button

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To Use Your *Smart Phone* to Log in to the Meeting with Video and Audio:

1. Download the Zoom app to your smart phone by either searching for it in your App Store or by clicking on this link <https://zoom.us/download> and scrolling to "Zoom Mobile Apps"
2. When you hear the prompt, enter the meeting ID: 949 4052 6010
3. When prompted for the password, enter 349726

To Use Your *Telephone (cell or regular)* to Call in to the Meeting with Audio Only:

1. Dial (646) 876-9923
2. When you hear the prompt, enter the meeting ID: 949 4052 6010, followed by "#"
3. When prompted for the participant ID, enter "#"
4. When prompted for the password, enter 349726, followed by "#"

If You Have a Question or Want to Make a Comment During the Meeting:

If you used your computer/smart phone to log in:

1. Click on the "Participants" button at the bottom of the screen
2. Click on the "Raise Your Hand" button on the bottom right
3. You will eventually be un-muted; after you speak click on "Lower Your Hand"
4. One more option: You can click on the "Chat" button at the bottom of the screen and type in your question/comment

If you experience problems please notify Stan Kulesa at (914) 882-7997 or stanley_kulesa@yahoo.com

The above space between the letters "y" and "k" is an underscore this: "_"



Peter Tani
Activities Director

With morning temperatures in the single digits and winter storm warnings in effect it is hard to imagine that better days may lie ahead. With all this snow even my town of Vernon put a pre-emptive parking ban into effect and two days into the future given all the work that would be required to clear our roads and streets. Thankfully flying is still available at the various local domes. This gives a chance for a

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little fun and catching up on things with friends and fellow club members that also share this common passion and hobby.

Our February general membership meeting will be "virtual" with information on how to join us elsewhere in this publication. Please if you haven't already give it a go, it is not that hard and is achievable even by telephone and smart phone. We as a group have been doing this for a while and it has been working out very well. Please allow a few extra minutes for the actual process of joining our February meeting. Thank you to all that have helped toward this effort and with NCRCC securing a 2021 account.

Thank you fellow members for your collective vote as 2021 activities director. As before I have some very large shoes to fill and thank you Irv Thurrott for your years of service and for your continued help when requested as how best to carry on this club officership position.

Thank you Dennis Thibodeau for contest directorship of our Saturday, June 12, 2021 Warbirds over Ellington event. Thank you Joel Lang for contest directorship of our Sunday July 11, 2021 WW I Dawn Patrol scale fly-in. My sincerest apologies for getting the month and weekday wrong in our January issue of "NCRCC Flyer". The correct month for our 2021 Dawn Patrol event is July. The correct day of the week is

Sunday. Thank you Joel for your flexibility in scheduling your club event traditionally held in a different month but always on a Sunday. Please all mark your calendars.

Thank you future contest director Buddy Beaudion for applying for your contest directorship with the AMA. Both Joel Lang and Buddy B. will co-"CD" an August 7th and 8th 2021 NCRCC/ NEPRO Q-500 race. Two "one-day" AMA 424 and AMA 426 races. Please save the date.

Please also stay tuned for a related official practice date in May or June likely on a Sunday afternoon.

In addition; Buddy reserved the date and will continue to plan for our traditional NCRCC "Building Contest", a no entry fee, club only event, slated for our first outdoor Thursday general club meeting. Categories will include "Scratch/ Kit Built"/ "ARF/ Foamy".

Buddy has also reserved the date of our traditional last outdoor Saturday

general membership meeting for an after meeting club-only "Randy Hickton" Fun-Fly with greater details to come.

Of course the entirety of all these great plans hinge on requirements related to Covid safety and any related state and federal mandates.

"See" everyone soon.

Peter Tani
NCRCC Activities Director

Liaison Officers Report - February 2021:

With this year moving along at full speed and February already upon us, I would like to wish everyone I may have missed a belated Happy New Year.

To get things rolling for 2021, I'll be making a trip this month to Hog Heaven to see what's new in the shop this year for raffle items.

This season, the hats and polo

shirts for sale pictured on the web site will still be available for sale when we resume meetings at the flying field. Additionally, some new swag items will be in the works for this year.

In the meantime, I hope the winter projects being worked on are going well and they'll be ready for the warmer weather when it gets here!

John Blossick
NCRCC liaison Officer



John Blossick

NCRCC Liaison Officer

Field Supervisors Report - February 2021:



Art Usher

NCRCC Field Supervisor

As I sit here writing this in the midst of the weakest nor'easter in my 71 years on the planet, I have to pause and remember some twenty years ago flying off the snow at our field or at Penny's farm and warming next to a burning barrel. Ah how things change as we get older. Charlie M., Al T., Don N., Bob F., myself and a couple of others that escape me now, would fly with either ski's or floats and have a good time.

Now we fly at the dome in East

Windsor to keep us sharp and warm. Much more fun when you are warm.

All the batteries for the field equipment are in the middle of their second trickle charge. They will get one more before install in early April.

Field is still in great shape. See you at the zoom meeting.

Art

From the Treasurer:



Len Marchese

NCRCC Treasurer

The 2021 renewal campaign has ended, and the final renewal totals have reached a historical milestone. This is the first time that I can remember the renewal returns being over 90%. Thank you to all 2021 NCRCC members.

Along with the renewal success this year, we provided a convenient electronic process with PayPal. Offering PayPal was a huge success with a usage rate of 18%. That represented 35 member renewals with PayPal. Hopefully, more and more members will use PayPal for the 2022 renewal campaign.

There is not much to report during the winter months. We are in the process of renewing the Club's NCRCC AMA Charter renewal and we also finalized a one-year license with Zoom Virtual

Communications. The February member meeting will be our first meeting with Zoom.

Membership badges for 2021 were mailed on Tuesday February 2, 2021. By the time you read the February newsletter, you should have received your membership badge. If you have not received

your badge, please send me an email at:

lpmarchese@yahoo.com

That is it for now.

See you at the Zoom Meeting..... stay safe and healthy,
Len Marchese, NCRCC
Treasurer



You go Gersh T- !!



NCRCC – 2/11/2021 General Membership Meeting Agenda

- Call to order
- Solicit motion to approve January meeting minutes as reported in the newsletter
- President's Report
- Vice President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Activities Director's Report
- Liaison Officer's Report
- Field Marshall/Safety Officer's Report
- New Members
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

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Dawn Patrol

[Click here for AMA link](#)

July 11, 2021 - July 11, 2021

Event Sponsor:	Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club
Event Category:	Fun Fly
Event Class:	Class C
Description:	Annual NCRCC Dawn Patrolover Green Road Sector. Any scale World War I era models or any Golden Era models are welcome. Any size. Fun Fly type of event. No formal judging. Landing fee \$15. Field opens at 8am. CD: Joel Lang. jrlang40@comcast.net
Event Code:	10804
Event Contact:	JOEL LANG
Contact Information:	Phone: (413)204-4404, Email: JRLANG40@COMCAST.NET
Site Detail:	190 Green Rd, Ellington, CT, 06029 (41.934876, -72.493281) Get Directions

2021 Warbirds Over Ellington

June 12, 2021 - June 13, 2021 (Rain date)

[Click here for AMA link](#)

Event Sponsor:	Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club
Event Category:	Warbird
Event Class:	Class A
Description:	2021 Warbirds Over Ellington. Open to all Warbirds No limit or size to the number of aircraft. Landing fee \$15. June 12, 2021. Rain date June 13, 2021. Please Check website for any weather related changes.
Event Website:	WWW.NCRCC.ORG
Event Code:	9194
Event Contact:	DENNIS THIBODEAU
Contact Information:	Phone: (860)749-6985, Email: buffvet@cox.net
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