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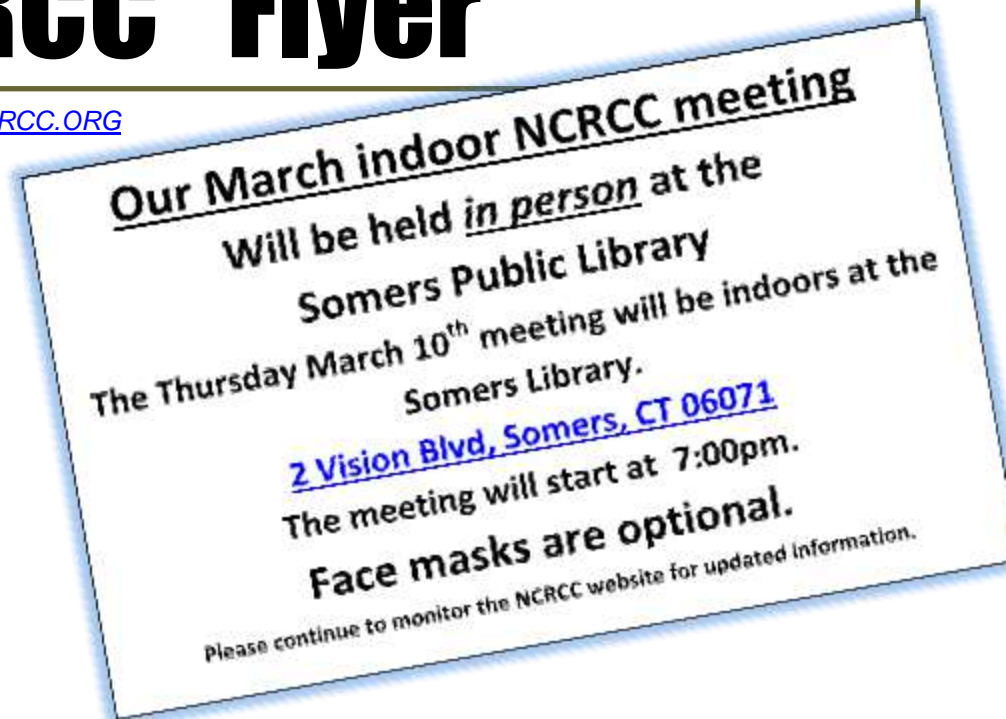
- NCRCC's March club meeting is live and in person at the Somers Public Library
- Coffee / Donuts
- Face Masks are optional
- Show and Tell
- Continued good judgment and health

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NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Bob asked for any corrections to the January meeting minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. There were no corrections offered and a motion was made, seconded, and a vote approved the January meeting minutes.

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the membership and spoke about how COVID conditions in our area continue to bedevil us but he's optimistic that we will

get past it.

Bob briefly spoke about the goals he would like for NCRCC to reach in 2022.



Stan Kulesa
NCRCC Secretary

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Vice President's Report:

Mike Maznicki advised that he received a very recent inquiry from a former member about re-joining NCRCC. Mike noted that he has approximately five other membership applications that he's been holding for a few months noting that these applicants are pending satisfaction of the two-meeting requirement and vote by the membership.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 189 members. There were 31 members and no guests attending tonight's meeting.

Stan noted that NCRCC members who engage in flying need to have an active AMA membership along with their NCRCC membership. He reported that Don S- has not yet renewed his AMA membership and that he has been notified that he does not have flying privileges at the club field in Ellington until his AMA membership is current.

Stan gave a report on the club website. In December there were 650 views (and 185 visitors).

Stan noted that he received two fliers promoting events. One was from the Wingbusters Model Airplane Club in Brockton, MA speaking about their swap meet on 4/2/22. The other was from the National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics speaking about a range of pattern events they will be hosting throughout the northeastern states in 2022. Both fliers are posted on the NCRCC website under the "AMA Event Finder Weblink".

Stan advised that he expects to receive the club's renewed AMA charter shortly.

Stan noted that the COVID positivity rate in Connecticut has markedly dropped and that it is possible that our March meeting will be held in-person at the Somers Public Library. The Executive Committee will monitor this closely and then a decision on the meeting location will be communicated in the newsletter and on the club website. Members should watch these sources for

updates.

Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese advised that membership badges were recently mailed to all members. He asked for a show of hands by those present for confirmation of receipt. All members present confirmed receipt. Len thanked those responsible for the production and mailing of the badges.

Len reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of January with the members. He noted that to date we had used 4.35% of the 2022 operating budget.

Mark N- questioned the need for potentially raising dues in 2023 as reported last meeting. He pointed to the cash the club has in its capital fund as a means of offsetting the operating fund's projected deficit. This generated some robust discussion. Bob LaFlamme explained that NCRCC uses two funds for budgeting. The capital fund is set aside for major club expenses that generally lead to field improvements such as

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the pavilion, the paved runway, the lawn tractor, etc. This fund typically receives money from club events and other sources. Conversely, the operating fund is set aside for day-to-day expenses such as event sanctions, food, postage, technology, etc. This fund receives money from membership dues and, with expenses rising, the projected income from dues is currently less than the allocated budget. There are options available to the membership on how to deal with this and these will be discussed over time. Bob noted that according to the by-laws, the membership must be given at least a three month advanced notice for any dues increase.

Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani thanked multiple people for their early contributions to the newsletter which enables him to lay out the issue most effectively. Peter gave a special shout-out to John W- for his excellent series of articles regarding the FAA decision impacting on our hobby and to Joel L- for his constant effort at mailing hard-copy newsletters to those without email connectivity.

Peter announced that Hazel Sig will be honored for her 100th birthday on 3/6/22.

Hazel's legendary contributions to our hobby are well known.

Peter wished a speedy recovery to George H-.

Peter announced the dates for all known club events throughout 2022. Members are encouraged to review the "NCRCC Events" tab on the club website for additional information.

Liaison Officer Report:

John Blossick noted he didn't have much to report.

Bob LaFlamme gave John a major shout-out for designing the 2022 membership badge noting that the background picture is an excellent choice and that it was laid out so that no wording is obstructed.

Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:

Art Usher spoke to the shared responsibility for practicing safety at our flying field. He asked all members and guests to follow all club and AMA rules with a focus on all flying from the pilot stations, loudly calling landings/take-offs/low fly-bys/flight direction, following the established traffic pattern, and doing all flying

in front of the pilot stations.

Art reported that the condition of Green Rd. is passable but warned all that it will get very muddy as the snow/ice melts and to be cautious when driving on it. He recommended that those willing to brave the snow/ice/mud use a four-wheeler.

New Members:

No report.

Old Business:

Bob LaFlamme noted that we will need an update report from the two ad hoc committees soon. One is charged with recommending to the Executive Committee a 3-year plan for capital investment and the other is responsible for presenting design ideas to memorialize deceased members.

John W- gave a short update regarding the interface between the FAA and our hobby. John referred the members to an article he recently wrote for the February issue of the club newsletter.

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New Business:

Mark N- raised some concerns with the sun's position during late afternoon flying as it relates to the pilot stations and to the safety rules precluding flying behind said pilot stations. He pointed out that it's challenging. Mark proposed that we give consideration to altering the flight line by 30-degrees to address this situation. Much discussion ensued. Some members brought up our historical approach to

safely flying during a setting sun and others suggested he meet with the ad hoc committee preparing the 3-year financial plan recommendation. Bob LaFlamme asked Mark to prepare and submit a sketch with his design idea.

Mark N- announced that the Wintonbury Flying Club in Bloomfield will be operational for another year and that modelers are welcome to

apply for membership.

Announcements:

No report.

Show & Tell:

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.



Len Marchese

NCRCC Treasurer

Here we are now entering the month of March and 2022 is close to the end of the 1st quarter. I bet many of our members are just waiting for that first great

From the Treasurer

day of sunshine and warmth and getting that first flight of 2022. I know a few members that already had that opportunity, but there was snow on grounds. Hopefully Green Road was in somewhat good shape, or your vehicle was an all-wheel drive.

Financially for the month of February it was somewhat quiet, but it will not be too long before we start expenditures to maintain the flying field.

I would like to make the

monthly financial report somewhat clearer. Some members are a little confused on the reporting, and I would like to make it as clear as (mud) possible. The club maintains two accounts with our support bank. A checking account along with a savings account. The funds between both accounts are an aggregate total of 3 categories: Operating Expenses, Reserve and Capital Funding.

Operating Funds: contains the funds from paid

More From the Treasurer

dollar amount into the Capital Fund.

So, with that said, I hope I made the funding much clearer, or it is thick as mud. LOL

See you at the March meeting,

Len Marchese NCRCC
Treasurer

membership renewals. It will also contain the rental payment from our tenant. The Operating Funds support all operating expenses occurred by the club. Examples, fuel for all major and small engine equipment, town taxes, USPS club mailbox, AMA yearly club charter, all club mailings, field maintenance, minor equipment repair, dumpster, sanitation unit, etc., etc., etc...

Reserve Funding: A percentage or fixed dollar amount maintained exclusively for emergencies. Such items could be legal assistance, extreme field damage either by mother nature or outside source, equipment damage or major mechanical issues beyond repair and is inoperable.

Capital Funding: This category contains the remaining balances of Operating Fund and fixed Reserve Funding. Capital Funding is used primarily for major field improvements, major equipment repair or new purchase. Capital Funding is not used for normal Operating expenses.

Formula used to determine Capital Funding: Total dollar amount between the checking and savings accounts at month-end. From this amount I subtract the Operating Funds, then subtract the fixed Reserve fund. Thus leaving the remaining

NCRCC Meeting Notice

The March general membership meeting will take place on Thursday (3/10/22) and will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be in-person and held at the Somers Public Library. Face masks are optional. Coffee and donuts will be available. Please continue to monitor the NCRCC website for updated information.

NCRCC – 3/10/2022 General Membership Meeting

Agenda

- Call to order
- February meeting minutes
- 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
- Show & Tell
- Adjournment

Dennis Thibodeau Writes of his Modeling Experience with Hazel Sig upon her 100th Birthday -- "Happy birthday Hazel."

From Dennis Thibodeau

I met Hazel Sig long ago when NCRCC ran the pylon races for the 1983 and 1985 Nats that were held at Westover AFB in Chicopee, Mass.

We were camping at "Partridge Hollow Campground" with Guy Beaudoin SR. and family and as it happened to be that Hazel Sig was also camping there. After the day's races in 1985 we were all back at the campground and we were at her camper sharing cocktails and model stories. She made a comment and said *"If I can ever help a modeler, I will go out of my way to help them"* That comment was stuck in my mind !!

When we held our R/C Auctions in February of 1988, I managed to snag a Sig Kit of the Fairchild PT-19A.

It was missing the cowling, so I called Sig's hotline and inquired if I could possibly get a cowl made for the kit.

I gave the person taking the call the Kit number of the plane and he said he would be right back. Well, about 5-8 minutes later, he came back on the phone and asked me to verify the kit number again. Then he said, I cannot get a cowl for you, we have not made that kit since 1963. I thanked him and we hung up!

So remembering the comment that Hazel had said, I wrote a letter directly to her and reminded her of her comment. I asked if somewhere in the archives of SIG, does the mold still exist and would it be possible to make a cowl for me.

Two weeks later, I received a box from Sig Manufacturing with a note from Hazel that said, *"Glad to have helped you Dennis."* Inside the box were two cowls, NO CHARGE! Thank you Hazel!!! She is a wonderful woman!! I did write this story and sent it to Model Aviation magazine and it was published in the magazine.

I had back surgery in 1990 and after I got out of the Hospital and could move around, I decided to build the PT-19. NOW 32 years later, that plane is my pride and joy and is Still flying

Happy Birthday Hazel

Dennis Thibodeau

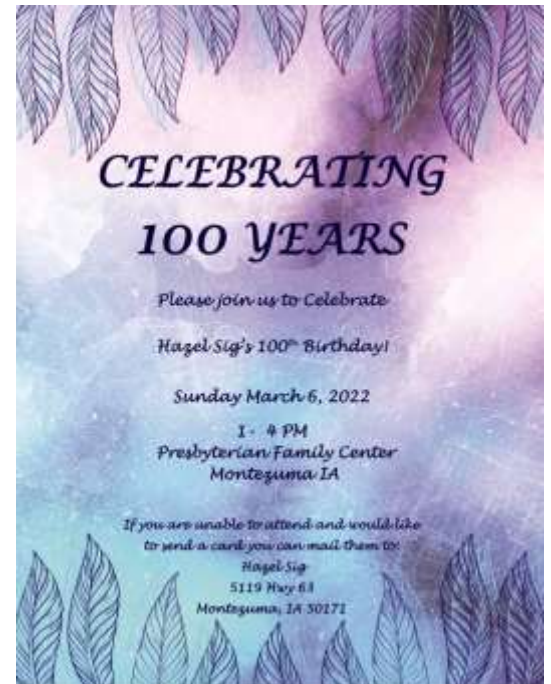




Fairchild PT-19A

Dennis notes:

("Note the GI Joe dolls are exactly 1/6 scale as is the plane!")



"Happy Birthday Hazel"

FAA Update, March 2022, John Watkins

To: Stan K- and Peter T-
From: John W-

Date: 02/24/2022
Time: 3:34 PM

Subject: FAA Update – Not

Stan, Peter,

I have no FAA update for the newsletter this month.

John Watkins

To: John W- and Stan K-
From: Peter T-

Date: 02/25/2022
Time: 12:21 PM

Subject: Tx / Re:FAA Update – Not

Thanks John

Stay warm and dry.

---Peter

Liaison Officers Report - March 2022 :



John Blossick

NCRCC Liaison Officer



2022 NCRCC Club Merchandise

Thank you John.

the weather permits at the flying field.

Until Next,

John



**29th Anniversary Sale
March 11 – 19 2022**

Lately it seems like every time I write for the club newsletter there's fresh snow on the ground.

I hope everyone's winter projects are nearing completion.

For those who may need a few items to finally finish up, Hog Heaven will be having their 29th anniversary sale

March 11-19.

John will be taking 5 to 20% off of select items.

Some new NCRCC designs are also in the works for the web store as is the new design for the upcoming "Warbirds Over Ellington" event later this year.

Club raffles will also be gearing up again as soon as

There is a link to our NCRCC store on our splash page:

<https://ncrcc.org/>

See "NCRCC Swag"



Coasters/
and Lol

You
pick



Tee Shirts !

And how could you not?



Art Usher

NCRCC Field Supervisor

As I write this it is 69 degrees outside, I can only imagine how bad the road to the field is.

We are going to have a work

Field Supervisors Report – March 2022

party this spring, possibly late April or early May. I have a list of things I would like to get done this spring, trim sumac at north end of field, use the brush hog on tractor down at the brook, maybe even use on the hill where the windsock is, fix the airplane stands from the Westfield club, do some painting on tables and maybe the airplane stands, clear brush from around outhouse and then trailers, cut up the remainder of

trees we had taken down next to trailers, oil the locks on the trailers and the gate, install plastic rain deflectors over trailer locks to keep the rain out of the locks, install thin plywood on back door of food trailer to cover the gaps when door is down.

That's all the list I have for now. If we get a good turnout we may get all of my list done, if not we will do what we can with the amount of people we have.

See you at the library

Art

Activities Director's Report – March 2022

Hello all

Unlike usual it is currently 55 degrees F outside and bright sun and distinct shadows. I look forward to this type of milder weather in the hopefully very near future. I welcome a better 2022 for all things. Of course since this day I have also removed snow on two occasions and also recall my vehicle thermometer reading once in the single digits and once just under 70F. Go figure,

life in New England for weather.

I was contacted by long time ncrcc member Ed Post on Thursday, February 10, 2022. I got back to him yesterday Friday, February 11, 2022. Ed had some thoughts and concerns regarding our building contest and had some ideas himself for improvement.

I explained that recent building contests were



Peter Tani
NCRCC

Activities Director

simpler and more streamlined then in years past and that if he wanted to build it back up a little, that he had my complete and total support. In fact I noted that past adherence to the

“builder of the model” rule and a more proper acknowledgement of the contest finalists could use improvement, by my measure.

Yesterday Ed attended the Friday East Windsor Dome indoor flying. Ed knew most of the other long-time ncrcc membership including some past and current racers Irv T-, Wayne G-, Buddy B-, and several others in attendance.

In the end and with executive committee support Ed Post and I determined that Ed would run our 2022 building contest. While at the dome Irv T-, Ed and I made plans to exchange some files that had worked successfully in the past. Event metric, entry forms, building contest “day-of” paperwork for help in tracking, awarding, etc. Ed noted that with myself and Irv T-, he too was ncrcc Activities Director and appreciated the help, and is glad himself to help with this future event.

Most importantly Ed initiated a discussion regarding the importance of increasing fun and enjoyment of our hobby.

Ed’s contact information and some initial building contest information can be found on our events page for our NCRCC website. Our “Building Contest” is scheduled for Thursday, May

Proposed Building Contest Metric					
CONSTRUCTED MODEL					
Contestant Name					
PLANE #					
BEGINNER	ADVANCED	MASTER			
BUILDER OF MODEL	YES	NO			
BUILT FROM	KIT	PLANS	SCRATCH		
CONSTRUCTED MODEL					
PLANE #					
BEGINNER	ADVANCED	MASTER			
BUILT FROM	KIT	PLANS	SCRATCH		
APPEARANCE	1	2	3	4	5
FINISH	1	2	3	4	5
IRON ON	1	2	3	4	5
PAINT	2	3	4	5	6
COMPLEXITY	1	2	3	4	5
ADDED FEATURES	1	2	3	4	5

12, 2022. Thank you Stan K- for making the update to our club website:

<https://ncrcc.org/ncrcc-event-calender/>

Entries will be judged by appearance, finish, complexity and any added features. Addition qualities; “kit” built, “plans” built and “scratch” built and the level of expertise “Beginner”, “Advanced” and “Masters” will be taken

into account. An “in-progress” metric appears elsewhere in this publication. Please consider entering.

Thank you Ed Post for your volunteerism and support of our group.

On February 22, 2022 I was contacted by ncrcc contest director Joel Lang who will run both our June formal practice and also contest direct our first weekend in August race.

Joel alerted me that formal application for our August race sanction is in progress with the AMA. Joel also noted that the prior date for our formal practice of Saturday, June 11, 2022 had been changed to the following day, namely, Sunday, June 12, 2022. The formal practice event will start at 12 noon.

All interested in racing should make every attempt to attend. It is possible and even likely that the help and

assistance of three current ncrcc members that were past AMA overall national pylon racing champions will be available.

As before: Our AMA sanctioned "Dawn Patrol over Ellington Sector" is set for Sunday, July 10, 2022. Thank you contest director Joel Lang.

And: Our AMA sanctioned "Warbirds over Ellington" is set for Saturday, September 17, 2022. Thank you contest director John Blossick.

Our "Tailgate Swap Meet" set

for Saturday, October 15, 2022. Thank you event coordinators Mike Maznicki and Len Marchese

We hope for a Heli-Fest projected for October.

Please all mark your calendars.

---Peter



DAWN PATROL OVER ELLINGTON SECTOR ▶

CLASS C

Contact: JOEL LANG

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

Visit Website 

Here is a link: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/dawn-patrol-over-ellington-sector>



WAR BIRDS OVER ELLINGTON ▶

CLASS A

Contact: JOHN BLOSSICK

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

Visit Website 

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