

June  
2022

# NCRCC Flyer

## NEXT (June)

### MEETING:

- NCRCC June club meeting -outdoors at the NCRCC flying field The meeting will start at 6:00pm.
- Grill at 5:30pm
- Show and Tell
- Continued good judgment and health
- Bring a chair just in case

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## NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington, CT.

Bob asked for any corrections to the April meeting minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. There were no corrections offered and a motion was made, seconded, and a vote approved the April 2022 meeting minutes.

### President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the membership and thanked the members participating in and administering the building contest event taking place. Bob especially thanked Ed P- for running the event.

Bob reviewed with the membership the goals he laid out for 2022.

### Vice President's Report:

Mike Maznicki reviewed the list of instructors and made updates. He then spoke about



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

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several members and prospective members that need an instructor.

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

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 192 members. There were 42 members and 5 guests attending tonight's meeting. Guests included Gene Paulson, Joan Liska, Darrell Vliegenthardt, John Messenger, and Ailene Lang.

Stan reported that member Gregg P- now has an active AMA membership and, as such, his flying privileges at the NCRCC field have been restored.

Stan gave a report on the club website. In April, there were 768 views (and 233 visitors).

Stan told the membership of a very generous donation of assorted R/C items from Mike D-. These items were then given to John Blossick for a potential meeting raffle prize or any other club use he determines. Proceeds will benefit the club. The membership gave Mike a round of applause in appreciation of his gift to the club. In addition to Mike's donation, Stan noted that two 40-sized trainers were recently donated to NCRCC through our website's 'Contact

Us' feature.

Stan announced that our June meeting will be held at the flying field in Ellington and begin at 6:00 PM. Members should monitor the club website for updates.

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

Len Marchese reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of April with the members. He noted that to date we had used 14.9% of the 2022 operating budget.

Len explained to the members the three budgetary components – the operating budget, the reserve budget, and the capital budget. Each of these are funded for unique purposes and these budgets are not intermingled. The operating budget is intended to cover day-to-day club expenses; it is funded by membership dues. The reserve budget is intended to cover sizable unknown future expenses that may occur over a given period such as repairing significant storm damage or replacing a lawn tractor that cannot be repaired; it functions in a manner similar to a "rainy day fund". The capital budget is intended to cover planned

major project work to improve the flying field such as the building of the pavilion or laying of the paved runway.

Len reported that the Audit Committee conducted a review of the 2021 books and concluded that our finances were in order. The Audit Committee consisted of Irv T-, Lloyd B-, and Dave A-. A written report from the committee attesting to the club's checking and savings accounts being proper and accounted for has been provided to the Secretary in accordance with our by-laws.

### **Activities Director Report:**

Peter Tani noted that the building contest underway tonight was the first event of 2022. He extended his appreciation to Ed P- for running the event and to those who assisted and judged. Peter also thanked the members who brought models for the event.

Peter noted that the next club event will be the work day to prepare our flying field for 2022. He deferred to Art Usher for more detailed information when Art gives his report.

In his capacity as

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Newsletter Editor, Peter thanked those who have provided contributions for the club newsletter. Joan Liska (AMA District 1 AVP) who attended the meeting as a guest commented on the fine quality and content of NCRCC's newsletter.

Peter gave a short summary of his attendance at a recent AMA District 1 Zoom meeting run by Andy Argenio (AMA District 1 VP) and Darren Hudson (AMA District 1 AVP). A number of topics were covered. Joan Liska noted that the AMA is trying real hard to improve communication with its members and the Zoom meeting is just one example.

Ed P- gave the membership a report of the winners from tonight's building contest event. He started by thanking the judges and those members bringing models for display. Ed announced the following winners:

### **RTF/ ARF-Advanced:**

- Jim Knox 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bob Owens 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **RTF/ ARF-Master:**

- Mike Doran 1<sup>st</sup>
- John Palica 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Constructed-Advanced:**

- Dennis Thibodeau 1<sup>st</sup>

- Peter Tani 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Wayne Galbraith 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Constructed -Master:**

- Ron Liska 1<sup>st</sup>
- John Palica 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Lloyd Burnham 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Liaison Officer Report:**

John Blossick reported that he has an electric J-3 Cub available as a raffle prize.

John asked for members to step forward and make reasonable offers on the donated items displayed. All proceeds will go to NCRCC.

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

Art Usher announced that a work party will take place on 5/14/22 (with a rain date of 5/15/22) and asked all members to be there to help. He reviewed the long list of maintenance and repair tasks that are needed. Art also reviewed the list of tools/items he's asking members to bring along for the work party. Art noted that he's looking into the scope of repair work needed to the ramp over the brook.

Art reported that a number of complaints have been made to the Executive Committee associated with difficulty experienced with closing the main gate. He has looked at the gate and, because a repair would be beyond our level of

expertise, Art has invited a contractor to provide an estimate for either repairing or replacing the gate. Len Marchese noted that if a decision is made to repair or replace the gate, this expense will be made under the reserve budget because it would be categorized as a sizable unknown future expense. More to come on this topic once the estimate is provided.

Art noted that Eversource has a project underway to update some structures but that those updates ought not impact our flying field based on his discussion with the Eversource contact. Art asked this contact if brightly colored warning balls could be mounted to the high power lines bordering our property but that request was declined.

Art spoke about 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 contractor he hired repaired two large cracks on our paved runway. A decision was made not to coat

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the runway with sealant because there is no structural benefit – only cosmetic.

### **New Members:**

Gene Paulson, Darrell Vliegenthardt, and John Messenger introduced themselves as prospective members.

### **Old Business:**

Bob LaFlamme asked that the ad hoc committee charged with recommending a 3-year plan provide an update. Joel L- advised that the ad hoc committee recently called a meeting during which Joel was identified as chairman. Based

upon the meeting (and informal conversations held with select members prior to the meeting), a list of potential ideas was prepared and given to the Executive Committee for review. Joel asked for any other ideas and, hearing none, reported that his committee has completed its work and will cease to exist.

### **New Business:**

Bob LaFlamme spoke about the possible creation of a

hospitality committee. This committee would be responsible for food served at club meetings. More specifically, the hospitality committee would purchase food/supplies, refrigerate/store the food until the meeting, bring the food/supplies to the flying field, move the grill and supplies from storage, prepare and cook the food, serve it to members and guests, return the grill and unused supplies to storage, and clean up following the meal. Bob asked for volunteers to staff the committee. Thus far, one

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**Len Marchese**

### **NCRCC Treasurer**

As I am writing my contribution to the newsletter, today is the first day of June. It just seemed like yesterday that I was gathering my thoughts for the May newsletter. Where does the time go?

## **From the Treasurer**

I have been at the field a few times after the club field cleanup and the property is in great shape. My hat is off to Art, who coordinated this function and to the members who donated their time and effort into the field. Great job!

On the financial side, we are in good shape. Expenses are being paid; however, we still need to watch our expenses for the year, especially, fuel for all our equipment and propane for the club grill. As for propane, we will have food for the June outdoor meeting. Our normal hot dogs and burgers will be served. If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert, please do

so.

Also, we need volunteers to help set up and breakdown everything that needs to go back into the club trailer. We don't want to delay the start of the club meeting if nothing is cleaned and placed back into the trailer.

June starts our official events with the practice race on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, everyone will take advantage of this time to hone into their racing skills. It should be fun!

That's it for now.

See you at the June meeting, (I will be cooking).

Len Marchese NCRCC  
Treasurer



member stepped forward to volunteer.

Stan Kulesa gave a high-level overview of an idea Bob M- had offered concerning a Try-N-Fly event during which youth interested in aviation would be invited to our flying field and be provided with flight school basics, access to flight simulators, buddy-box assisted stick time for an in-flight experience, food, etc. There was a lot of robust conversation regarding the pros/cons on the topic. Stan noted that if there is a general interest in hosting such an event, that Bob M- would lead that discussion at a future meeting. By a show of hands, there was a

general interest among the membership.

### Announcements:

Irv T- announced that there are a lot of ticks and that members retrieving models from areas with bushes, tall grass, trees, etc. should thoroughly check themselves.

Stan Kulesa reminded those present that Norm D- is in need of an instructor.

### Show & Tell:

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.

### 2022 Area float Flys

#### 2022 Yankee Flyers of Connecticut (At West Thompson Lake)

- Sunday, June 5, 2022
- Sunday, August 7, 2022
- Sunday, September 25, 2022

Place: West Thompson Lake next to the boat launch maintained by the US Army Corp of Engineers. 401 Reardon Rd. North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Near: [400 Campground Dr, North Grosvenor Dale, CT 06255](#)

Approximate time: 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Approximate landing fee: \$10

Open to all RC model flyers with a current AMA card. Each flyer is requested to use a spotter.  
This is a fun fly meet so if you fly or just watch come on down and enjoy the day!

### 2022 David Arzt Float Flys

- Tuesday, June 28, 2022
- Monday, July 18, 2022
- Wednesday, August 31, 2022
- Monday September 12, 2022

All times 10am -3pm

Hot dog lunch provided.

To: Distribution Date: June 1, 2022  
From: Peter Tani Time: 9:27am  
Subject: [REMINDER] Sunday, June 12, 2022, afternoon Open NEPRO practice at NCRCC field, Ellington, CT

### Formal Practice Reminder

Sunday afternoon, June 12, 2022.

Open NEPRO practice at the NCRCC field, Ellington, CT. Poles up and help available.

Peter Tani for Lloyd Burnham  
[cjblwc@gmail.com](mailto:cjblwc@gmail.com)

## **NCRCC – 6/9/2022 General Membership Meeting**

### *Agenda*

- Call to order
- May 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

**NCRCC Inter Office Mail: FAA, AMA, CBO and FRIA Status**  
**June 2022 NCRCC Newsletter**      **John Watkins**

To:	Peter Tani ; Stan Kulesa	Date:	May 31, 2022
From:	John Watkins	Time:	1:02pm
Subject:	FAA, AMA CBO, and FRIA Status input for May 2022 NCRCC Newsletter:		

There is no new information to report on publishing of the final FAA Advisory Circular AC 91-57C, Exception for Limited Recreational Operations of Unmanned Aircraft, or status of AMA application to become a CBO.

The only new information on FRIA application is from the AMA Government Blog, which says: "Currently, the process to apply for FRIA status is not set to begin until September 2022 at the earliest."

This seems to indicate there will be a delay in applying for FRIA status.

John Watkins

**Tru Turn Spinners - Precision Model Products**

To:	Peter Tani ; Stan Kulesa	Date:	May 23, 2022
From:	Dennis Thibodeau	Time:	3:54pm
Subject:	Tru Turn spinners		

Hi guys

I hope you can get this into the next newsletter or as info on the web  
As a service to our membership, and anyone else interested in precision Scale  
Prop-hubs for their scale R/C aircraft

Dennis Thibodeau

[<https://www.truturn.com/>]

**NOTICE!**

TruTurn Spinners has announced that it will cease production of R/C Spinners  
For consumer sales. They will still offer product for sale from existing stock  
Until June 30, 2022. If you need precision spinners for your scale aircraft  
It is suggested that you contact TruTurn Spinners before the deadline.  
Phone number is 281-479-9600



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**50/50  
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 **September 17, 2022** 

 **8am-4pm 200 GREEN ROAD  
ELLINGTON, CT** 

WEATHER DATE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

OPEN TO ALL WARBIRDS, WWI, WWII, AND CURRENT MODERN AIRCRAFT

**TURBINES WELCOME**  
LANDING FEE \$15.00 PER PILOT  
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**75' X 600' GRASS RUNWAY**



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
Because of weather the event may be canceled  
Check the NCRCC website for any updates or changes

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CD John W. Blossick jlblossick@aol.com

AMA SANCTION # 9194  
Current AMA Card Required

## **Liaison Officers Report - June 2022 :**



**John Blossick**

**NCRCC Liaison Officer**

Greetings Everyone!

The club has recently been the recipient of numerous donations of R/C equipment.

The largest being from Mr. Al Thresher's estate. In brief, the donated equipment consists of complete airframes, radio systems, engines, flight gear, and associated aircraft hardware. Peter Tani and I



**2022 NCRCC Club Merchandise**

Thank you John.

the items and their condition, some may be raffled off at a club meeting and remaining gear will be offered on a make an offer basis.

There are some very good, and useful items in this lot, particularly for those who like to build.

Thanks to all who attended the field clean-up, the field looks great! Consider yourself fortunate if you don't get poison ivy like I did!

Until Next!

John

will be doing an inventory of sorts in the near future. Depending on



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<https://ncrcc.org/>

See "NCRCC Swag"

You  
pick

Tee Shirts !  
And how could you not?



**Art Usher****NCRCC Field Supervisor**

The only way our 5/14/22 flying field clean-up day could have been better is if more members came to help. 25 members – plus one applicant – gave their time and energy to prepare our flying field for the 2022 season. Be sure to thank the following 26 people when you see them: Blake Alexander, Pat Attenello, John Blossick, Bob Boulais, Lloyd Burnham, Neal Caplan, Bill Cranford, Jay Goldstein, Robert Hebert, Mark Henrie, John Hunter, James Knox, Corky LaDuke, Robert LaFlamme, Len Marchese, Mike Maznicki, Tom Munsell, Ray Perra, Sal Raia, Ralph Rinaldi, Paul Rottenberg, Peter Tani, Irv Thurrott, Bob Triggs Jr., Art Usher, and last, but not least, John Messenger (who, by the way, applied for membership to our club

## Field Supervisors Report – May 2022

two days earlier and has not even been voted in yet). John has got my vote! We need members like him who are willing to do their part to help NCRCC.

These 26 (out of 192) were at our beautiful flying field participating in the 2022 field clean-up day. They worked their butts off to make this the best field in 200 miles. We removed all of the brush down at the brook, trimmed about 100 feet of sumac trees along the road at the north end of the field, a bunch of airplane stands were repaired with new wheels, others were painted, some of the assembly tables were painted, brush was cleared along the back of our parking lot along the road, and trees alongside both trailers were cut down and others that were already down were cut up.

A good time was had by all.

We rented a skid steer and a brush-hog attachment from Lots & More on Sullivan Ave. in South Windsor. It took them two tries to get us the correct equipment. The next day, when we went to use it, the machine had a flat tire and it took two hours for Lots & More to get it fixed. When they came the next day to pick it up, I asked the driver

who I should talk to back at their shop to get some money off because we lost two hours of operator time. I then went to Lots & More and asked for Bill (the owner). His customer service skills were on par with the equipment they rented us. I won't be patronizing Lots & More again.

Most importantly, I just want to personally thank all who showed up on the 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a joy to work alongside this dedicated group of 26 and I really appreciate their hard work. All members should go out of their way to thank each one of them.

Thank you. Art



## Activities Director's Report – May 2022



**Peter Tani**  
**NCRCC**  
**Activities Director**

Hello all

Outside of last year and our 2021 Somers Public Library “social gathering” our most recent NCRCC event; is our May “building contest”. This is the first truly competitive event scheduled under my leadership as ncrcc activities director. And happy.

As with most all things I had very great help, from many others. Thank you all. Our first outdoor and most current “building contest” is no different and by my measure it was a great success.

Great thanks to present event manager, past ncrcc officer, and current senior statesman Ed Post for your service and volunteerism for running our very first 2022 club event. Thank you Ed Post.

Great thanks also to Bob Owens, John Palica and Lloyd Burnham for volunteering and serving as our contest judges.

Not an easy job.

Event results are published elsewhere in this publication.

Congratulations to Dennis Thibodeau for your first ever and current “first place Advanced class finish”. I apologize for any confusion that may have been caused. Was in the throes of our general membership meeting and while learning of our ad hoc committee findings, I mistakenly handed Dennis one card of many that said he won 1st place in, but and alas, was for Advanced Class “RTF/ARF”. Ugh.

Thank you Dennis for quickly pointing out that your contest entry was obviously a hand-built quarter-scale Fairchild PT-19A. Further clarifying that it was produced from a “full-fledged stick and plank model kit”.

Thank you Dennis for your understanding and action and while our actual awards are being produced.

In the end Dennis thanked me for his “Advanced” class first place win that facilitated his entry to our “Masters” class category. Congratulations Dennis Thibodeau.

Dennis further noted that he had never once placed higher than 2<sup>nd</sup> place-“Masters”, thinking that his ¼ scale PT-19 might “place well”.

Dennis later explained how his PT-19 fit only inches from his dashboard and less than an inch from his tailgate for his most recent and purposed-purchased vehicle. Dennis later researched and custom-built a two-piece wing.

Our next scheduled event is our formal pylon practice. Details are also available elsewhere in this publication.

That’s all for now.

---Peter

07/10/2022 - Ellington, CT  
(C) DAWN PATROL OVER  
ELLINGTON SECTOR. Site: 190  
Green Rd. Mr Joel R Lang CD/  
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Northern Connecticut Radio  
Control Club.

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/event/s/dawn-patrol-over-ellington-sector>

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

## 2022 NCRCC Building Contest - Final Results

Name	Class	Event	Name of Model	Card #	Place
Ron Liska	Master	Constructed	P-51 "Miss Joan"	7	1
John Palica	Master	Constructed	Facet w/Turbine Enca(?)	2	2
Lloyd Burnham	Master	Constructed	Q40 Midget Mustang	3	3
Mike Doran	Master	ARF/RTF	Motion RC AL-37	9	1
John Palica	Master	ARF/RTF	Seawind (painted)	4	2
Dennis Thibodeau	Advanced	Constructed	Fairchild PT-19A	8	1
Peter Tani	Advanced	Constructed	Trainer .40 Float Plane	1	2
Robert Galbraith	Advanced	Constructed	F16 EPF	6	3
Jim Knox	Advanced	ARF/RTF	Waco	10	1
Bob Owens	Advanced	ARF/RTF	Aero Scout	5	2

JULY  
10DAWN PATROL OVER ELLINGTON  
SECTOR ▶

CLASS C

Contact: JOEL LANG

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

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6 - 7NCRCC ANNUAL TWO DAY PYLON  
RACE ▶

CLASS AA

Contact: JOEL LANG

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

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17 - 18

## WAR BIRDS OVER ELLINGTON ▶

CLASS A

Contact: JOHN BLOSSICK

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

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