

October
2022

NCRCC Flyer

Next: 2022 MEETING:

- NCRCC October club meeting -outdoors at the NCRCC flying field The meeting will start at 5:30pm.
- No food planned
- Please plan accordingly
- Show and Tell
- Continued good judgment and health
- Bring a chair if you like

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NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington, CT.

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

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the membership and thanked those that set up the pizza meal and cleaned up afterwards.

Bob reviewed with the membership the goals he laid out for 2022. One of those goals is

to enhance comradery among members. Bob gave a shout-out to Buddy B- for his fine work in coordinating Lewie D- Day festivities as a great example of enhancing comradery.

Bob noted that club elections will take place soon and reported that successor plans have been



Stan Kulesa
NCRCC Secretary

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developed for each role on the Executive Committee. These plans provide a summary of each role and also provide a very detailed functional listing of the role. Bob encouraged those interested in serving as a club officer to speak with the incumbents.

Vice President's Report:

Mike Maznicki reported that he has two membership applications pending.

Mike spoke about two recent occurrences during which some equipment was stripped from models retrieved following a crash. He shared a story to help impart the lesson that models retrieved following a crash need to be returned to their rightful owner intact and that any equipment previously stripped should be left on the transmitter impound so it can be returned. He urged all members to honor his request. Mike noted that he has not needed to convene a Grievance Committee during his tenure and would prefer not to do so.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 194 members. There were 33 members and 2 guests attending tonight's meeting. Guests included Stacey Niezabitowski and Alene Lang.

Stan gave a report on the club website. In August, there were 991 views (and 325 visitors).

Stan announced that our October meeting will be held at the flying field in Ellington and begin at 5:30 PM. He called attention to the earlier start time. No food will be served so members were asked to plan accordingly. Members should monitor the club website for updates.

Stan reported two complications concerning our upcoming indoor meetings at the Somers Library. He noted that the 11/10/22 meeting is planned to begin at 7:00 PM but cautioned that the library had another event in the meeting room ending at 7:00 PM so help will be needed to set up the room for our club meeting once the prior group vacates. He then noted that the April meeting cannot be held on the second Thursday of the month because the library has the room reserved for other use. The membership was agreeable to having our April general membership meeting on 4/6/23, instead.

Stan thanked Joel L- for the contribution to NCRCC of a fully built F-117 model. All proceeds from the sale of this

model will benefit NCRCC.

Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of August with the members. He noted that to date we had used ~60% of the 2022 operating budget.

Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani announced that upcoming club events include Warbirds over Ellington on 9/17/22 (rain date 9/18/22) and the Swap Meet on 10/8/22. Peter invited John Blossick (Contest Director) to speak about the Warbirds event. John covered a number of topics and showed a poster he created and placed on multiple sites. He asked for volunteers to assist with the event. Len Marchese (co-Contest Director) spoke about the Swap Meet and also solicited volunteers to assist.

In Ed P-'s absence, Peter gave the final award from the club's building contest to Ron L- for his giant scale Mustang.

Peter acknowledged the festivities around Lewie D- Day and thanked Buddy B- for officiating. Most importantly, over 50 members, family, and friends of Lewie got a chance to thank him for his contributions to the hobby. Lewie was given a lifetime achievement award. Buddy thanked multiple members for their assistance

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and remarked how the event gave Lewie D- a well-deserved great day.

Peter noted that Bill G- of NCRCC was the overall winner from the club's recent pylon racing event.

Peter thanked John W- for his excellent series of articles concerning in-roads by the FAA into our hobby and strongly recommended that John's articles be read.

Dave A- reminded all that the next float fly at Crystal Lake will take place between 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM on 9/12/22.

Peter advised that he is beginning the club's event planning process for 2023 and invited those with event ideas and/or an interest in serving as Contest Director to see him.

Liaison Officer Report:

John Blossick announced the raffle prize for the night (electric R/C foamie kit and a TopFlite balancing tool).

Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:

Art Usher thanked the volunteer mowing team for the excellent job they are performing for the benefit of all members and guests.

Art reported that he will build and weld a canopy on the zero-turn mower to provide sun protection for the driver. This project will likely be done over the next few months.

Art spoke about adding signage at the beginning of Green Rd and at the entrance to the flying field. The signage would identify NCRCC and, for the signage at the beginning of Green Rd, it would indicate that the flying field is one mile down the road

on the left. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the club to spend up to \$200.00 for both signs. The motion passed.

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.

New Members:

No report.

Old Business:

Stan Kulesa spoke about the Nominating Committee and its purpose. He explained the nominating process along with key milestone dates. Stan asked for volunteers to work with him on the Nominating Committee. Tom M- volunteered. Stan asked for any members with an interest in serving on either the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors to see him or Tom.

Bob LaFlamme gave a brief overview of the work being done in support of the proposed three-year action plan. He noted that effort is currently underway to develop the polling capability which would enable members to rank the remaining nine ideas in order of urgency. The poll would also have the members rate key attributes involved in evaluating each of the nine ideas.

New Business:

Bob S- told how when he attended the recent Dawn Patrol event he saw Len Marchese's grandchildren helping to serve lunch. Bob passionately stated

that with nearly 200 members we ought to have enough members to internally fulfill volunteer needs. He felt members must ask themselves what they can do to support the club and its events. Discussion ensued over an array of actions to encourage volunteerism.

Bob LaFlamme spoke about the need to form a Hospitality Committee.

Bob LaFlamme asked for volunteers to create an ad hoc committee to plan and host a Neighbor Appreciation Day event at our field in 2023.

Announcements:

Larry C- asked if the birdhouses mounted to the pavilion could be moved to a more wooded area. He also asked if additional openings could be created in the fencing between the parking area and the flying field. Bob LaFlamme told him those ideas would be taken into consideration.

Grant L- spoke about the caution members need to take while retrieving crashed models when they are alone. Grant feared that due to the height and thickness of the weeds, a fallen member might be difficult to locate.

John W- advised that he recently presented in Vermont before a group of youth about aeromodelling.

Show & Tell:

John W- gave a brief overview of his electric model.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

From the Treasurer



Len Marchese

NCRCC Treasurer

October 1st is here and the sky is gray and there is a chill in the air. So, with that in mind, the R/C flying season is slowly coming to a halt. There are members that do fly in the winter.

I want to congratulate John Blossick, the CD for this past September Warbirds event. He and the volunteers did a tremendous job, and the event was a huge success. All 2022 NCRCC events were a big plus for the NCRCC club, members, and all attendees. Thank you to all. We as a club are looking forward to 2023.

Financially we are in excellent shape. The

season expenses are ending and there are a few lingering expenses that flow toward year end. However, we are in excellent shape.

You should notice that the handicap unit has been

removed from the field, the standard unit will be winterized, and the dumpster emptied for the winter season.

See you at the field,

Len Marchese NCRCC
Treasurer

Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club



Gear up for winter projects or sell for new ones!

R/C

SWAP MEET

Buy ★ Sell ★ Trade



Saturday October 8th
Field Opens at 7:00am

Rain Date: Sunday October 9th

Try before you buy it! Flying available!

Must have active AMA membership and spotter



SELLERS
\$10.00
PER CAR

Everyone
Welcome!

LOCATION

NCRCC Flying Field
190 Green Road
Ellington, CT 06029
For Directions Visit
www.ncrcc.org

Food and beverages will be available throughout the day

For more information contact Mike Maznicki MIKMAZ@ATT.NET or Len Marchese at Lpmarchese@YAHOO.COM

Liaison Officers Report - October 2022 :



John Blossick

NCRCC Liaison Officer

Greetings Everyone!

October has arrived! Like it or not, this particular month is King of anything-pumpkin-and-spice that is baked, flavored, or served hot in a heavy ceramic mug! Putting the flavors of fall aside and looking back at last month, I want to mention the incredibly successful

Warbirds Over Ellington event the club hosted September 17th.

As the event Contest Director, I would like to personally thank each and everyone who attended and helped during the event. Without your participation and support, presenting fine aircraft from various eras for display, and remarkable flying skills of the pilots, the event would not have been a success.

Additionally, I would like to extend an extra special thanks and appreciation to those who worked diligently throughout the day as Warbird staff making the NCRCC field the place to be on September. 17th. Joel, Pete, Art, Stan, John, Karen, and Ralph were all hands-on and kept things running smoothly in a professional manner. Thanks

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Past 2022 Area float Flys

Thank you both:
Y.F.O.C and David Arzt
for hosting ! Fun

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

NCRCC – 10/13/2022 General Membership Meeting

Agenda

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| • Call to order | • Liaison Officer's Report | • New Business |
| • September meeting minutes | • Field Marshall/ Safety Officer's Report | • Announcements |
| • President's Report | • New Members | • Show & Tell |
| • Vice President's Report | • Old Business | • Adjournment |
| • Secretary's Report | | |
| • Treasurer's Report | | |
| • Activities Director's Report | | |

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also to Len who provided all the clubs financial and permit requirements we needed to hold the event.

There are still a few remaining event Tee shirts available for purchase. Pick one up if you didn't get one at the event. The club store also has the front or back design available on various apparel and swag for a limited time. This month's meeting we'll have a raffle for some interesting items!

Until Next,

John

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

<https://ncrcc.org/>



NCRCC October 2022 FAA Newsletter Input**John Watkins**

Some news to report this month:

It appears action on FRIA applications is imminent. AMA put out the following information on 9 September:

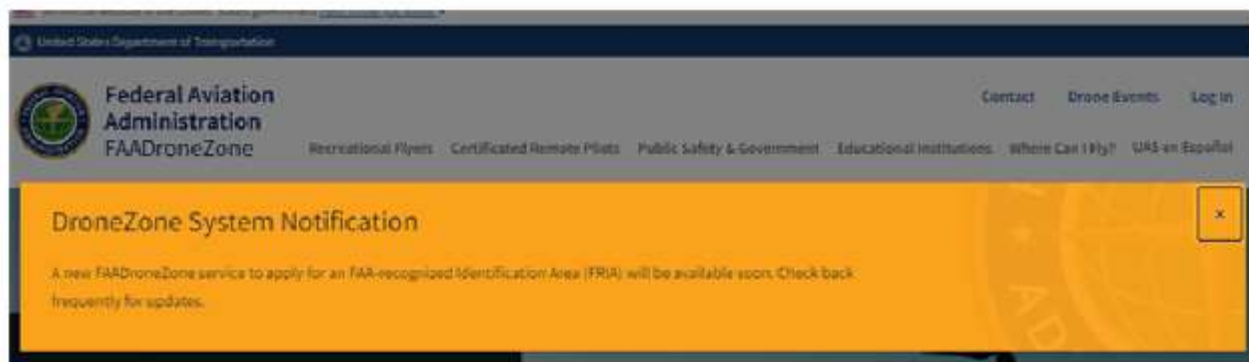
"AMA is expecting the FAA to release Advisory Circular (AC) 91-57C and open an online portal to apply for FRIA (FAA-recognized identification area) status very soon. AMA is asking all of our clubs to standby while we review the AC and FRIA process and wait for instructions on next steps. Our hope is to apply for FRIA status on behalf of each of our clubs that are interested in having this designation. It is likely that AMA and FAA will have to take care of some administrative processes before AMA clubs can request FRIA status. Rest assured, AMA will assist all interested clubs in applying for FRIA status. Remember, the deadline for operators to comply with Remote ID requirements is not until September 16, 2023."

[AC 91-57C and FRIA Application Process - AMA IN ACTION Advocating for Members \(modelaircraft.org\)](https://modelaircraft.org/AMA-IN-ACTION-Advocating-for-Members)

[And also available at the following link:]

<https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2022/09/09/ac-91-57c-and-fria-application-process/>

The following pop-up is on the FAADroneZone site:



[Reads: "A new FAADroneZone service to apply for an FAA-recognized Identification Area (FRIA) will be available soon. Check back frequently for updates. "]

[FAADroneZone Access - Home](https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/)

[And also available at the following link:]

<https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/>

We will wait for further instructions and guidance from AMA, but in the meantime, we can check the coordinates for our field and discuss coordinates of desired boundaries for the NCRCC FRIA.

Nominations for the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors

Nominations for the NCRCC Executive Committee and the NCRCC Board of Directors are open. You can initiate a nomination by contacting a member of the Nominating Committee:

- Stan Kulesa
- Tom Munsell

You can also initiate a nomination by speaking at a meeting or by sending an email or letter to the NCRCC Secretary with your name and indicating the desired position. The email address is: sec@ncrcc.org. The mailing address is: NCRCC Secretary, P. O. Box 443, Ellington, CT 06029.

You can learn about the duties for each of the club officer roles by reading Article V of the NCRCC By-Laws. The NCRCC By-Laws can be found on our website under the "Members Only" pull-down menu. You can also speak with members of the Nominating Committee to obtain additional information.

Nominations can be made no later than during the November general membership club meeting.

Field Supervisors Report – October 2022



Art Usher

**NCRCC Field
Supervisor**

The last time I was at the field was for the Warbirds Event. The field was in the best shape I have ever seen it.

While I was selling raffle tickets we, (NCRCC) received many compliments on our field and the events that we hold. I want to thank John Blossick for running a great event.

Also on the list of people to be

thanked is John's other half Karen. She did an outstanding job with the foodservice. We had a good number of volunteers helping Karen with the refreshments.

The number of pilots and planes was great. A good time was had by all. See you all at the next club meeting.

Art

Activities Director's Report – October 2022



Peter Tani
NCRCC
Activities Director

Hello all

Thinking ncrcc ended on a high note for our August pylon race. Why not continue the trend?

Our most recent Saturday, September 17, 2022 Warbirds event was both very enjoyable and also successful.

Congratulations to contest director John Blossick and Karen for taking responsible charge while heading up efforts for our 2022 Warbirds Event. Thank you Stan K- for running event-day registration and being event "masters of ceremony". I enjoyed your both well-timed and valuable interviews from within event participants and also your event-day great taste in music which

included Edith Piaf and many other well-tailored and also theater-correct others. Thank you Art U- for a great many other things including running both our general and 50/50 raffle. Thank you Joel L- for running our tee-shirt concession. Thank you John, Karen, John M-and Peter T- for heading up lunch time efforts. Thanks Len for lending your financial and permitting expertise and experience to the effort. Thanks to the many others I may have forgotten that provided a helping hand. Many hands make light work.



"Lewie Dighello Day" at ncrcc
Saturday, August 27, 2022



"Crystal Lake Float Fly"

**Monday,
September
12,
2022**

Thankfully weather conditions were close to ideal and that we had 31 participants. Happy

Several in attendance noted the pristine condition of our collective facilities, thank you to

our mowing crew for your continued and sustained effort and throughout our 2022 flying season.

Both former racers Wayne G- and Dennis T- participated in our warbirds event. Dennis with his



“NCRCC Club Meeting”

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Sig PT-19 and Wayne with his electric and also scratch-built ducted-fan jet. I believe a good measure of any organization or group is by how those facing the greatest challenge fair for both participation and happiness. With others in membership it, was my great pleasure to help (by invitation) these two long standing members with their flight activities and this time during our most recent club event.

Special thanks to Ralph R- for what I can only explain by observation for being our event “resident” and expert pilot. There is zero doubt in my mind that those that you assisted throughout the day were also greatly

appreciative of your assistance both in the air and on the ground. If I have it right with a father and son team, you were one of three pilots that flew P-47’s and in the mid-afternoon. Was a real treat to see this in person and will be a continued and memorable sight and sound for me at all times. Think, along with the flight honoring those that we have lost, this demonstration of coordinated flight managed to capture the spirit of the day and for our long standing and now over-decade-old annual warbirds event. Bravo.

Congratulations honorary/ assistant contest director Karen also for winning our event general raffle; This year a very nice and large-scale “Breitling” Cap 231 ARF. Our raffle drawing “lead”, Art U-, having recognized me as an event-day raffle non-participant, asked me to make the actual drawing. At the time there was a short but pregnant pause when some in attendance may have realized the only hands involved were event organizers, including those reasonable for event-prize



More:

“Crystal Lake Float Fly”

Monday, September 12.

acquisition, contest directorship, ticket sales and in the end prize disbursement. Thankfully 2021 Randy Hickton ncrcc fun-fly winner Mark H- won our 50/50 raffle and was also picked by my hand. Congratulations to all the winners. It helps to be good and lucky.

Our next event is our RC Swap Meet scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2022. News of this event has appeared in this publication for several months and has also recently appeared in the traditional back-pages of "Model Aviation" in the "Non-flying" section and for our state of Connecticut. This month is no different. Please find greater swap meet event detail elsewhere in this publication and/or have a look at our website.

Hope all that are able might attend. Please spread the word.

That's it for now.

---Peter



Stan Barnes passed peacefully on Sunday, October 2, 2022

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10/8/2022 - Ellington, CT
(E) RC SWAP MEET. Site: 190
Green Rd. Mr Mike P Maznicki
CD/EM PH: 860-978-4469.
Email: mikmaz@att.net. Visit:
ncrcc.org. Sponsor: Northern
Connecticut Radio Control Club.



RC SWAP MEET ►

CLASS E - NON-FLYING

Contact: MIKE MAZNICKI

Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029

[View Website](#)

Here is a link: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/rc-swap-meet-1>

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