

November
2022

NCRCC Flyer

Next: 2022 MEETING:

- NCRCC November club meeting -indoors at the Somers Public Library at 7:00pm.
- First 2022 Indoor meeting
- Nominations from the floor
- Show and Tell
- Continued good judgment and health

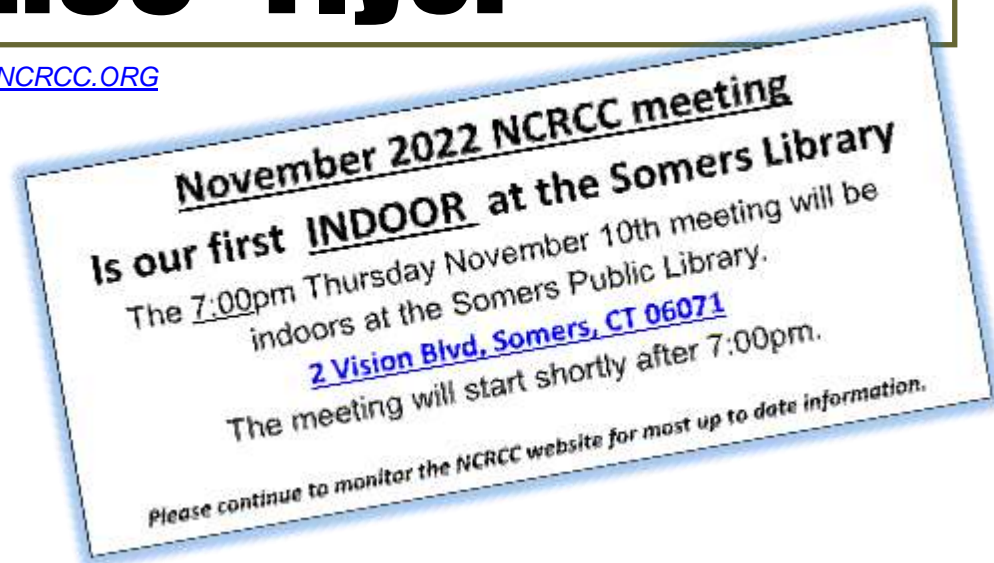
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NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:57 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington, CT.

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

Bob noted that tonight's meeting will have some agenda items covered differently than our normal sequence.

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the membership.

Bob announced the passing of long-time member Stanley B-. The service honoring Stanley will be 10/15/22. Bob showed a photo of Stanley and lamented that he will be missed. Multiple members offered their regrets and shared stories commemorating Stanley.

Bob reminded all members that the



Stan Kulesa
NCRCC Secretary

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survey response to the club's three-year plan is due on or before 10/15/22.

Vice President's Report:

No report.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 193 members. There were 24 members and 3 guests attending tonight's meeting. Guests included Gino Palumbo, Stacey Niezabitowski, and Alene Lang.

Stan reported that three members have not renewed their AMA membership and, because an active AMA membership is required for flying privileges at the flying field in Ellington that these members have been notified that they no longer have flying privileges pending proof of active AMA membership. The three members who do not have flying privileges include John P-, Paul R-, and Sarah N-.

Stan gave a report regarding the club website. In September, there were 1,142 views (and 409 visitors). He encouraged members to periodically check the website's main page for important club news. Stan reminded the members that the password to access the 'Members Only' section is the

same as the gate combination.

Stan announced that the November meeting will be held at the Somers Public Library in Somers and that it will begin at 7:00 PM. He noted that there is an earlier meeting at the library immediately preceding ours so help will be needed in setting up tables and chairs for our meeting once the prior meeting attendees vacate the room. Stan noted that Bob S- will likely offer coffee and donuts. Members should monitor the club website for updates.

Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of September with the members. He noted that to date we had used ~69.1% of the 2022 operating budget.

Len reported that the club purchased two signs; one to replace the sign at the beginning of Green Rd. and the other to be posted at the entrance to the flying field. He showed the members the two signs.

Len announced that the 2023 membership renewal drive will begin on or about 11/1/22.

Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani 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. He also highlighted a number of other important stories featured in the latest edition of the newsletter. Members can access prior editions of the newsletter by going to the 'Newsletters' tab on the club website.

Peter reported that the recent Warbirds over Ellington event and the Tailgate Swap Meet event were great successes. In the absence of John Blossick (Contest Director - Warbirds), Peter spoke about highlights from the event. Peter asked Len Marchese (co-Contest Director – Swap Meet) to provide summary comments on that event and Len obliged. Peter noted that John has recently gotten sanction dates through the AMA for the 2023 Warbirds event.

Peter thanked Irv T- for taking photos and memorializing all club events and meetings. Along with appearing in the newsletter, Irv's photos can be found on the club website in the 'Photo Gallery' section. The members offered a round of applause to thank Irv.

Peter thanked Dave A- for hosting a season of successful float fly events at Crystal Lake.

Peter announced that the

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indoor flying season at the dome in East Windsor will begin on 11/11/22. He noted that these weekly opportunities to fly occur typically between 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Peter suggested members contact Irv T- or Bob S- for more details.

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:

No report.

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 noted that he's gotten feedback concerning the gate and the lock on the gate. He reported that the gate has slipped from the ground mount while in the open position and that, to fix this problem, members should loosely tie the nylon strap around the top of the ground mount pole. Art also noted that the lock on the gate wasn't in the locked position on several occasions and asked the members to make certain that the tumbler is spun to ensure the lock is fully secured.

Art spoke about the signage at the beginning of Green Rd and at the entrance to the flying field.

The signage identifies NCRCC and, for the signage at the beginning of Green Rd, it indicates that the flying field is one mile down the road. Both new signs will be posted in the Spring of 2023.

Art pleaded with members not to fly alone. He strongly recommended always having at least two adults present while flying. Because of the remoteness of the flying field, the safety risk is mitigated when there is more than one person present and able to react to emergency situations. As a reminder, Art introduced a new slogan, "Fly with a friend".

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 berm by the pilot stations.

New Members:

Gino Palumbo was introduced as a prospective new member. He is an experienced pilot and has applied for Family Membership and will teach his 8-year old son to fly.

Old Business:

Tom M- gave the Nominating Committee report. He spoke about the function of the Nominating Committee, its neutral approach, its communication plan, and about

the nominating process along with key milestone dates. Tom asked for any members with an interest in serving on either the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors to see him or Stan Kulesa. He noted that a properly submitted nomination must include the nominated person's name and the desired position.

Bob LaFlamme gave an overview of the work being done behind the scenes in support of the proposed three-year action plan for NCRCC. He noted that a limited percentage of members have responded to the survey thus far but have until midnight on 10/15/22 to complete and return the survey. Once the member polling is completed, an analysis of the results will begin.

Bob LaFlamme raised the issue of volunteerism among members for the good of the club and reviewed a list of ideas that have been proposed over the recent past. A robust discussion over the listed ideas, some new ideas, and a debate over the pros and cons of the ideas presented began. Bob noted that clubs with a committed membership function better and survive the test of time. He asked all in attendance to continue to think things through so that subsequent discussions at later meetings will help us come to the best solution to enhancing volunteerism.

John P- asked about steps that can be taken following the recent

occurrences during which some equipment was stripped from models retrieved following a crash. Much discussion ensued. No final decisions were made and the topic will continue to be analyzed.

New Business:

No new business.

Announcements:

No announcements.

Show & Tell:

No show & tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.



Len Marchese

NCRCC Treasurer

Well, here we are in November and only a couple of months until the New Year. There is plenty going on between now and then....2022 final invoicing from our vendors, closing the books for 2022, developing the 2023 operating budget, hosting the annual December holiday party, and electing the club's Executive Committee (EC) and the Board of Directors (Board) members.

From the Treasurer:

I would like to mention a few issues about the upcoming elections. First of all, I'm pleased that members would consider "stepping up" to volunteer for these positions ***for the good of NCRCC.*** These EC and Board positions are a lot of work, but they are also very rewarding and especially satisfying when things work out. I would hate for anyone to take on one of these critical jobs with the misunderstanding that the volunteers who take these roles don't do much.

All EC and Board members are accountable for their specific responsibilities and duties. Check out what each position does by reviewing the club by-laws and by speaking to the incumbents. Without their full commitment, nothing with NCRCC could or would be accomplished. Please read that last sentence one more time and take in its full

meaning. Bottom line – if you want to pursue an EC or Board position, please do it because you are willing to do the work.

Some examples of the work includes attending and actively participating in multiple levels of meetings, providing guidance, rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty on assorted projects, responding to members' needs the best you can, coming up with creative solutions to our problems, reporting your results to the members, working well with the other members of the EC and the Board, biting your tongue when unkind statements or gossip bubbles up, etc.

That's it for now and see you at the November meeting. For me it is by way of Zoom.

Have a Great Thanksgiving!

Len Marchese, NCRCC
Treasurer

Liaison Officers Report - November 2022 :



incredibly successful and I hope everyone who attended found something beneficial for their new project list. Or perhaps sold something, acquiring funds, contributing to a new project for the upcoming winter!

While speaking of new things, the club swag store has been moved to the Redbubble platform. There are over 12 NCRCC designs available that

can be applied to many more items than the previous platform. Mouse and desk pads, shower curtains, and notebooks are just a few of the new items for purchase. Variations of the Warbirds Over Ellington design are also available in all garment sizes for those who needed a smaller size than what was available at the event. All proceeds from the store go directly to the club for its support. The link is now live on the club home page so

John Blossick

NCRCC Liaison Officer

Greetings Everyone!

Wait! What? November?
Yes, it's November.
Incredible.

This year has certainly whizzed by for me. How about you? No worries though, we'll press on.

The clubs recent swap meet was



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NCRCC – 11/10/2022 General Membership Meeting

Agenda

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| • Call to order | • Liaison Officer's Report | • New Business |
| • October 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 | | |

Liaison Officers Report -*Continued* - November 2022

check it out!

That about raps it up for November. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

"Thanksgiving is a very important holiday."

Ours was the first country in the world to make a national holiday to give thanks."

- Linus from Peanuts



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

<https://ncrcc.org/>

Also:

<https://www.redbubble.com/people/NCRCCSWAG/shop>



NCRCC November 2022 Newsletter, FAA Input**John Watkins**

I thought there would not be any new developments for the newsletter this month, but at the end of October, the FAA released the Advisory Circular AC 91-57C, Exception for Limited Recreational Operations of Unmanned Aircraft that is needed for the AMA to apply to be recognized as a Community Based Organization (CBO); and the Advisory Circular AC 89-3, FAA-Recognized Identification Areas (FRIA) that defines and provides guidance for clubs to apply for a FRIA. The AMA has already submitted their CBO application. Once the AMA is approved as a CBO and the FRIA application process is set up, we can apply for the NCRCC field to be designated as a FRIA through the AMA. More information can be found in the link to the AMA government blog below:

https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/?_ga=2.28523260.17598897.1667174149-794911576.1636907540

Following is the link to the YouTube AMA roundtable discussion about CBO and FRIA on 25 October:

[AMA Discussion on FAA Advisory Circular 91-57C & Advisory Circular 89-3 - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuwTLQZ2FdI>

My main takeaways from the information and discussions the last several weeks:

- The AMA stressed that FRIA applications will be submitted through the AMA; once AMA is recognized as a CBO, and the FRIA application process has been set up.
- The application must include the boundaries for the proposed FRIA. The location of the boundaries of the proposed FRIA can be provided by specifying a geometric shape from latitude/longitude of defining points as well as other required information.
- FRIAs do not have to be in place until mid-September 2023. AMA cautioned that it may take months for the FAA to approve all the FRIAs. To be at the front of the line, we need to be ready to apply as soon as the AMA can accept our FRIA application. If a FRIA is not in place at our field by mid-September 2023, models over 250 grams flown at our field will need to be equipped with Remote ID devices until the FRIA is established.
- The AMA and Andy Argenio stressed that until mid-September 2023, Remote ID is not required, and we should continue to fly as we have.

I recommend we decide on the boundaries for the proposed FRIA as soon as possible. How we go about doing that should be a topic of discussion at the next club meeting (I will not be there). It would appear most, if not all, of our flying will be within our property lines, and if so, we might consider the FRIA boundaries to be the latitude/longitude of points defining our property lines. If we go that way, we need to be certain the latitude/longitude of the points defining our property lines are correct. I'm not sure if or how we will request a FRIA altitude greater than 400-ft AGL, but pending further guidance, I recommend 1,200-ft AGL. The floor of Bradley airspace over our field is approximately 1,800-ft AGL, so if we request 1,200-ft AGL, this results in a 600-ft buffer, which would seem sufficient.

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 – November 2022



Art Usher

**NCRCC Field
Supervisor**

On Saturday 10/22/2022 all batteries were removed from the equipment and put on charge. The field was in good shape and many people were taking advantage of the nice weather.

I will go up one day this week and replace the batteries in the lights that shine on the black trailer at night, should anyone

be in that area they will come on. These are the same lights we found left after a night of partying by some kids.

See you all at the November meeting.

Art

Did - Ya Know?

- For safety sake: It is always best to:
"Fly with a friend".

Activities Director's Report – November 2022



Peter Tani
NCRCC
Activities Director

Hello all

For 2022 we currently find ourselves in the month of October. As such only one more scheduled ncrcc event namely our traditional December social gathering is presently scheduled for the Somers Public Library in December.

Think a year in review may be in order.

2022 NCRCC Events in Review

NCRCC BUILDING CONTEST

On Thursday, May 12, 2022 we had a club-only event at our ncrcc flying field in Ellington. It was our NCRCC BUILDING CONTEST in two categories; Scratch/Kit built and ARF/Foamie

built. Thank you Ed Post for running the event. Thank you Irv Thurrott for producing the photographic awards. Congratulations to all the winners.

PRACTICE RACE

On Sunday, June 12, 2022 we conducted a non AMA-sanctioned PRACTICE RACE in Ellington. Those looking to try out racing were provided an opportunity to receive expert help while flying a three-pole pylon course. Thanks to all organizers and special thanks to those volunteer members capable of providing expert help.

DAWN PATROL WWI SCALE FLY-IN

On Sunday, July 7, 2022 we welcomed our long-standing and all "Pioneer", "WW I" and "Golden Age" of flight model event and for all aircraft sizes. Thank you Joel Lang for contest directing our event.

NCRCC/NEPRO Q-500 2-DAY RACE

On Saturday, August 6, 2022 ncrcc hosted nepro's AMA 424 and AMA 426 Q500 pylon events. Another traditionally first weekend in August event was a great success and also a lot of fun. This long standing

and traditional race and after race picnic was hosted by ncrcc contest director Joel Lang, was conducted by both ncrcc member, board director, and nepro president Lloyd Burnham and with the great help from our traditional after race picnic coordinator and ncrcc member Kevin Cyr and his very dear wife Marsha. Thank you all.

2022 WARBIRDS OVER ELLINGTON

Our recent and Saturday, September 17, 2022 Warbirds event welcomes all types and sizes of in-theater/ war-livery aircraft. Thank you John Blossick for applying for, receiving, and then running with this event as ncrcc contest director. Special thanks ncrcc club secretary Stan Kulesa for both your effort and talent as announcer.

NCRCC TAILGATE SWAP MEET

Our Saturday, October 8, 2022 SWAP Meet was both successful and enjoyable. Thank you Mike Maznicki and Len Marchese for organizing and running this most entertaining and worthwhile event.

AREA FLOAT FLYS

Thank you Yankee Fliers of Connecticut for conducting three float flies at West Thompson Lake from June through September of 2022. Special thanks to all organizers, chase-boat operators,

and day-of organizers. Thank you too to ncrcc board director David Arzt for planning four float fly's from June to September of 2022 in close coordination for timing and selected day of the week. Fun, fun, fun.

Looking forward to 2023. It is never too early to plan for

future events. Thank you executive committee member, current ncrcc liaison officer and contest director John Blossick for your forward thinking while securing our 2023 Warbirds sanction date a scant three-days after our former 2022 event. In a word "Wow". Here is an event

link:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/war-birds-over-ellington-0>

Lastly: Both myself and David Arzt were requested to speak at long-standing ncrcc member Stanley Barnes's life celebration on Saturday,



SEPTEMBER 16 - 17

WAR BIRDS OVER ELLINGTON ▶
CLASS A

Contact: JOHN BLOSSICK
Location: 190 Green Rd Ellington CT 06029
[View Website](#)

2023 !

Please mark next year's calendars



War Birds Over Ellington

September 16, 2023 - September 17, 2023

Event Sponsor:	Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club
Event Category:	Warbird
Event Class:	Class A
Description:	09/17/2022 -09/18/2022, Ellington Connecticut- (A) WARBIRDS OVER ELLINGTON. Site located at 190 Green Road, Mr. John W. Blossick CD/EM. Email: jblossick@aol.com . Visit www.ncrcc.org Sponsor: Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club.
Event Website:	www.ncrcc.org
Event Code:	13831
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Site Detail:	190 Green Rd, Ellington, CT, 06029 (41.934876, -72.493281) Get Directions

October 15, 2022, in Tolland. Thank you Irv Thurrott for producing a collage and several photos based on photos taken throughout the years. Thank you Tom Munsell for your well-timed and posted words and thoughts at our tailgate swap meet. Thank you Sal Raia for your extraordinary and quick action helping to coordinate with Stan's relatives, ncrcc membership and members

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of additional groups within which Stan also held membership. I know Stan's remaining kin were greatly appreciative of all efforts. Thank you all in return. We will miss you Stanley Barnes.

---Peter



East Windsor Dome (Sports World)

2022 – 2023 Indoor Flight Notice:

Starting Friday, November 11, 2022 at 1:00pm indoor flight activities will resume at the East Windsor dome (Sports World) for the 2022-2023 season. Please see Bob Spooner, Art Usher, or Irv Thurrott for greater detail. Our facility is located at:

SPORTSWORLD
226 Main Street
East Windsor, CT 06088

Here is a link to our schedule:

https://sports-world.ezleagues.ezfacility.com/schedule.aspx?facility_id=16



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