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In the July issue:

Mike Maznicki became president.

Dave Arzt became vice president.

Bob Viering became field marshal.

Important Message from AMA inside.

Events:

Dawn Patrol:

7/9/23

Crystal Lake Float Fly

7/18/23

Crystal Lake Float Fly:

8/2/23

Warbirds Over Ellington:

9/16/23, rain date 9/17/23

Please check the NCRCC website for additional details.

Edward Case, Editor

NCRCC Flyer



Mike Maznicki, president

Prez Sez:

Wow, that was fast! Just 8 months ago I was in an election to stay in the vice president's position, now no vice! Being vice president for so long and then dropping vice seems strange.

Anyway, I want to say thank you to Bob Laflamme for his long-time service as President. His brain is a huge wealth of knowledge. and we all will be tapping into it from time to time to help keep the club on the straight and narrow.

Hopefully I can maintain your support from 8 months ago as time goes on.

Mike Maznicki, President
NCRCC

NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – 6/8/2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington, CT.

Bob welcomed the membership.

Bob asked for any corrections to the May meeting minutes as they appeared in the 6/1/23 newsletter. There were no corrections offered and a motion was made, seconded, and a vote approved the May 2023 meeting minutes.

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme explained that due to personal issues he is tendering his resignation as President effective immediately. He provided the Secretary with a letter of resignation. Bob thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve the club.

Stan Kulesa explained that, in accordance with our club by-laws and Roberts Rules of Order, Mike Maznicki will now assume the role of President through the remainder of the term.

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Mike Maznicki thanked Bob for his 23 years of club leadership and service to NCRCC; the membership present offered Bob a robust round of applause.

Mike advised that his change from Vice President to President creates a vacancy on the Executive Committee for the Vice President role. He announced that, in accordance with club by-laws, the Executive Committee is presenting Dave Arzt to fill the Vice President vacancy. Mike solicited the membership for a motion to approve Dave Arzt as Vice President for the remainder of the term. Such a motion was made and seconded. A vote unanimously passed the motion. The membership present offered congratulatory applause to Dave.

Mike thanked Rob Hebert for hosting tonight's barbeque. He also gave a shout-out to John Messenger who assisted Rob with the cooking.

Mike noted that Ed Case was not present tonight but thanked him for volunteering to serve as Newsletter Editor

and congratulated him for his first issue circulated on 6/1/23.

Mike addressed the recent vandalism at our flying field which included significant damage to the impound area, the portable toilet, two tables, etc. He thanked several members who helped with the clean-up. Mike noted that the club may be charged for the damage to the portable toilet and that we are considering paying an additional monthly fee for insurance on the unit from this point forward. He noted that while it is upsetting, we have not experienced such a harsh version of vandalism in years and that he is recommending a wait-and-see approach before any additional action is taken.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 184 members. There were 38 members and 5 guests attending tonight's meeting. Guests included Peter Cincotta, Cliff Williams, Mike Hopkins, Jeffrey Messikian, and Santiago Bustos.

Stan gave a report regarding the club website. In May, there were 1,175 views (and 305 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 reported that we continue to await a response from the IRS regarding the restoration of NCRCC's tax-exempt status. At the time we submitted the paperwork in early March, the IRS projected a 4 – 6 month period needed to process it.

Stan announced that the July meeting will be held at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington on 7/13/23 and that it will begin at 6:00 PM. The barbeque will begin at 5:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report:

After many years of hosting the barbeque at club meetings, Len Marchese thanked Rob Hebert for taking over the hosting responsibilities and doing a great job at his first event for the club.



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Len reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of May 2023 with the members. He noted that we had used ~17.2% of the 2023 operating budget to date.

Len reminded all that NCRCC membership dues will be changing to \$85.00/year for an Open Membership or a Social Membership and dues for a Family Membership will be changing to \$125.00/year. There will be no change to dues for a Junior Membership. This increase in dues will become effective during the membership renewal campaign for the 2024 fiscal year which begins on or about November 2023. In accordance with our by-laws, a formal notice has already been sent to the membership on 5/15/23.

Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani reported on upcoming events.

- Float fly at Thompson Lake
- Dawn Patrol (AMA sanctioned event) – 7/9/23

- Try-N-Fly event (in coordination with National Model Aviation Day) – 8/12/23 with a 8/13/23 rain date
- Warbirds over Ellington (AMA sanctioned) – 9/16/23 with a 9/17/23 rain date
- Tailgate Swap Meet (AMA event) – 10/7/23

Peter congratulated and thanked Buddy Beaudoin for the recent Spring Tailgate Swap Meet, noting that proceeds from the event benefited the club. He invited Buddy to give a brief report. Buddy thanked those that volunteered.

Peter thanked Ed Post for serving as Event Coordinator of the building contest and to Kevin Cyr for tallying results. The list of winners were previously announced at the May meeting.

Liaison Officer Report:

John Blossick announced the items he's offering as tonight's raffle prizes. He had a stand, a trainer, and an F-16.

Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:

Art Usher commented on how well the flying field looked and thanked our volunteer mowing crew for an incredible job. The members offered a round of applause to those volunteers.

Art announced that an application of grub control will be applied to the flying field in mid-June. No flying will be allowed while the application is being spread.

Buddy Beaudoin made a proposal to the membership concerning seeding the field's bald spots. He was hoping to get access to an aerator/seed spreader. Buddy also is hoping to purchase grass seed at his employee discount price.

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. At prior meetings, Art called out

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the 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.

Art explained that due to health issues he is tendering his resignation as Field Marshall/Safety Officer effective immediately. Mike Maznicki announced that, in accordance with club by-laws, the Executive Committee is presenting Bob Viering to fill the Field Marshall/Safety Officer vacancy. Mike solicited the membership for a motion to approve Bob Viering as Field Marshall/Safety Officer for the remainder of the term. Such a motion was made and seconded. A vote unanimously passed the motion. The membership present offered applause to Art and Bob.

New Members:

Mike Hopkins and Jeffrey Messikian presented themselves as prospective members.

Cliff Williams and Peter Cincotta were presented for Open Membership. Each of their applications for membership were voted on and approved.

Old Business:

Bob Martin gave a presentation regarding the Try-N-Fly event scheduled for 8/12/23 which coincides with National Model Aviation Day. The event is designed to induce an interest in model aviation with our local community ages 10 and above. It will feature ground school, simulator training, buddy-box training, static display, lecture/Q&A on aviation, and flight demonstrations. Participants will be treated to a free hot dog luncheon. Bob spoke about the need for assorted volunteers to host the event and asked members to step forward with filling various needs. Bob also asked for loans of equipment needed for the event (e.g., laptops that can be loaded with simulator programs, trainer models, sunglasses, etc.) and

asked members willing to loan this equipment to make it known.

Mike Maznicki raised the topic of the club's 3-year plan and announced that we will be taking a survey of the membership regarding the first project (clearing the trees to the left of the pilot's stations). The intent of the survey is to get feedback on the level of funding from NCRCC's Capital Improvements Fund. The survey will provide three options. The survey will be sent on or about 6/16/23 and responses must be received by 6/30/23.

Mike spoke about multiple complaints he's received concerning members bringing models and equipment under the main pavilion. In summary, he noted that club rules clearly prohibit these items from being under the main pavilion and suggested that members either place these items under a pop-up canopy they bring to the field, or on any of the set-up tables throughout the pit area, or under the old (smaller) pavilion. Mike described prior safety problems that had previously occurred

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which prompted the club rule prohibiting models and equipment under the main pavilion. Ola Nordell suggested signs be posted and Mike agreed; arrangements will be made to post this rule.

New Business:

Dave Arzt reported that he and Peter Tani are handling the models and equipment from Charlie Meserve's estate. Charlie's wife has donated those items to NCRCC. Dave invited members to contact him or Peter and make any reasonable offers for the items; all proceeds go to the club.

Announcements:

Dave announced that he recently got the maiden flights on the Canadair he has previously brought for show & tell.

Show & Tell:

There were no show & tells.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.



Stan Kulesa, Secretary

Field Marshal/Safety Officer Report:

Hello

I'd like to start off for the members who were not at the last general meeting. My name is Robert Viering and a few weeks before that meeting I was asked to fill in or take over for this position for the remainder of the term as Art Usher would be stepping down. As you can see, I did say yes and, after a vote at that meeting, here I am. Not much of anything will change from what I've been told there is a great group of guys that volunteer their time to mow and maintain the field. I hope that will not change. At this time, I would like to thank them for all they do for us. I was out to the field on June 24th. The field was still in good shape. I'd like to thank

Buddy and his crew from Allied Tree and Lawn Care who put down the grub control on the 20th and good news for us is that it rained which will help with the application of this product. I would like to thank Art Usher for all he has done for all of us over the years to give us a great place to fly. I have spoken with Art and he is willing to still help wherever he can which I am much looking forward to due to I am certain that I will be calling on him for many things over the next few months until I get the hang of things. Again, thank you. Since the last meeting, I have tried to get out to the field twice a week to meet members. I am happy to say I like what I have been seeing. The guys on the flight line have all been courteous to other pilots and following all safety guidelines. So, to conclude this report, thank you and fly safe out there.



Field Marshal/Safety Officer
Bob Viering

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Liaison Officer

Report:

Greetings Everyone!

Summer has officially begun! That means long days higher temperatures and hopefully some good flying weather. Stay hydrated!

I would like to extend my best wishes to Mike Maznicki in his new position as club President, Dave Artz as our new Vice-President, and Bob Viering as our new Field Marshall/Safety Officer. I have no doubt all will do a stellar job.

Also, a special thanks to Bob Laflamme and Art Usher for their years of excellent and faithful service as club officers through the years.

There will be a good raffle at the next meeting so don't forget to bring a few greenbacks to be a winner!

Until Next,
John Blossick



John Blossick, Liaison Officer

Vice President's

Report:

Eight pilots braved the swirling winds caused by passing thunderstorms at Crystal Lake for the first float fly of the year on June 26, 2023



I hope all is well with everyone and you are all enjoying the flying season.

I would like to thank everyone for their support in my new role as Vice President.

Thank you to the following members for their hard work and many years of service to NCRCC:

Bob LaFlame - President

Mike Maznicki- Vice President

Art Usher - Safety Officer and Field Supervisor

Peter Tani - Newsletter Editor

I know Mike will make a great President and I will do my best to fill the vacancy left by him as V P.

Also, welcome and a big thanks to our new Field Supervisor and Safety Officer, Newsletter Editor and Grill master Crew.

If you are looking for a relaxing flying activity for the summer months, you should consider flying off water. If you have an old plane that has a little excess power taking off of grass, strap on a pair of floats and give it a try. The old trainer sitting in the corner of your basement could be perfect.

There will be 3 more float flys at Crystal Lake and two at Thompson. See the web site for details.

Talk to me or any of the float flyers and we can get you information to properly set up your plane. It is not hard but there are a few basics

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that should be followed.



Dave Arzt, Vice President

Activities Director Report:

Hello all.

We find ourselves in the gladly "soon to be thick" and also middle of our current 2023 flying season.

And now our soon to be held and, very next event, is our traditional dawn patrol ww 1 fly-in.

As such: The first weekend after our country's national and fourth of July weekend celebration will also be our NCRCC dawn patrol.
Here is a link:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/dawn-patrol-over-green-road-sector-wwi-combat-ac-fly>

Our next event after that is our NCRCC traditional war birds event.

Thank you NCRCC contest director John Blossick for heading up this effort. Your wisdom and effort is beyond reason.

Here also is a link:

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

Peter



Peter Tani, Activities Director

John Watkins FAA Report:

**NCRCC July 2023 Newsletter
– FAA UAS Registration,
FRIA, and RID Status Update**
John Watkins

Some club members may have received a UAS Registration Renewal Reminder e-mail from the FAA in the last several weeks. The registration/renewal

process is different than before and somewhat confusing because registration now requires you to enter at least one "device" (model aircraft) in your "inventory" as well as RID broadcast modules. In the simplest terms, when you go to the FAA website to register/renew and work your way to the Add Device screen, you need to enter a "device". It's probably best to enter only one model - something without a serial number, a Homebuilt UAS, for example. Select NO for DOES YOUR DRONE BROADCAST FAA REMOTE ID INFORMATION (unless you are entering a recent DJI or another drone with Standard RID built-in). Check off Serial Number not applicable. Once you have entered a device and it has been accepted, the rest is easy. The following link to the AMA website gives more detailed information and complete guidance for submitting your renewal:

[Update to the FAA
DroneZone and Registration
& Renewal Process - AMA IN
ACTION Advocating for
Members \(modelaircraft.org\)](https://www.modelaircraft.org/AMA/Update-to-the-FAA-DroneZone-and-Registration-&Renewal-Process)

You might also want to watch the YouTube video in the link below. The guide to renewal begins at about the 8-minute point.



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[An Update Drone
Registration and Remote ID -
YouTube](#)

The AMA is strongly encouraging all AMA members to support an amendment advocated by Representatives Yakym (R-IN) and Titus (D-NV) to the House FAA Reauthorization Bill. Everyone should have received an e-mail on this from the AMA as well as AMA District I. This amendment makes critical improvements to the bill by providing additional flexibility for model aircraft hobbyists to operate in uncontrolled airspace and allow them to secure faster approval for the establishment of recognized fixed flying sites for recreational UAS operations from the FAA. Get started here:

[Stand Up for Model Aviation!
- AMA IN ACTION Advocating
for Members
\(modelaircraft.org\)](#)

The AMA has informed clubs that they may submit secondary FRIAs. We are developing an application for Crystal Lake.

The FAA has not yet approved any FRIAs and there are no RID broadcast modules that meet the FAA estimated cost of \$50. There is little more than two

months to the FAA deadline of 16 September to equip with RID or fly in a FRIA. It will be an interesting several months.

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Dear District I AMA Members,

I am writing to you with an urgent request to join me and all the district I members in advocating for better laws in this year's FAA Reauthorization bill. We need everyone's help submitting letters to congressional representatives. It's easy to do by clicking on any of the [TAKE ACTION](#) links in this email which will take you to an AMA form and letter to submit to your congressional representatives. Both the US House of Representatives and the US Senate have officially released their 2023 FAA Reauthorization bills. In these bills, AMA was successful in securing higher altitudes in uncontrolled airspace, clarifying large model airplane operations, and providing additional protections for educational UAS operations. However, our work is not done. We have amendments in both the House and Senate that would allow for higher altitudes for everyone in Class G airspace and would also allow AMA and other community-based organizations to self-declare FAA-Recognized Identification Areas (FRIAs). We encourage you to [TAKE ACTION](#) immediately, it's critical that Congress hears your voice now. With many club meetings right around the corner, now is the perfect time to share this message and get engaged. As your AMA District I Vice President, I would like to thank you all for participating in this [CALL TO ACTION](#). Change cannot happen without you!

After [Taking Action](#), please visit the AMA government affairs blog at <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov> to learn more about FAA reauthorization and see congressional language from both the House and Senate.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting me or any of the AMA District I AVPs.

Take Action Here

Sincerely,

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

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Because of weather the event may be canceled
Check the NCRCC website for updates or changes

www.ncrcc.org



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