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**Ed Case, Newsletter Editor**

## **State of the Club – 2023 Report**

During the 1/11/24 general membership meeting, President Mike Maznicki gave the annual State of the Club report. These are the **highlights** of what NCRCC accomplished in 2023:

- NCRCC was designated a **Gold Leader Club** by the AMA. NCRCC is one of only 10 clubs out of 140 in District 1 to receive this designation.
- In November, NCRCC was selected as the **AMA Club of the Month**. There are ~2,400 clubs throughout the U.S. and we are very proud to have been selected for this honor.
- We started 2023 with **175** members. The vast majority of our members renewed.
- By December 2023, we had **198** members.
- The NCRCC flying site in Ellington received approval as a **FRIA** site (FAA-Recognized Identification Area). Special thanks to **John Watkins** for his work on this endeavor.
- We hosted **multiple events**, some of which were AMA-sanctioned:
  - **Building Contest** in May (Thanks, Ed Post!)
  - **Spring Tailgate Swap Meet** in May (Thanks, Buddy Beaudoin!)
  - **Dawn Patrol** in July (Thanks, Bob Boulais!)
  - **Try-N-Fly** event in August (Thanks, Bob Martin!)
  - **Warbirds over Ellington** in September (Thanks, John Blossick!)
  - **Fall Tailgate Swap Meet** in October (Thanks, Len Marchese and Mike Maznicki!)
  - **Heli Harvest** in November (Thanks, Mike Lewandowski!)
  - Throughout the year, several **float flies** occurred (Thanks, Dave Arzt!)
  - **Holiday Party** in December (Thanks, Irv Thurrott and Peter Tani!)
- NCRCC thrives when its members step up and volunteer. Thanks to all those who took it upon themselves throughout 2023 to make NCRCC a great club. I'd like to give special shout-outs to the following members who just went far "above and beyond" for the good of NCRCC:
  - Our **VOLUNTEER mowing team** did an awesome job of maintaining our flying site all season. Special thanks to **Mike Doran, Neal Caplan, John Palica, and Carl Alleman**.

- **Rob Hebert, John Messenger, and Mike Yezak** for teaming up to host our pre-meeting **barbeques** and the barbeques at several events.
- **Bob Viering, Buddy Beaudoin, and John Palica** for spearheading major projects to apply **grub control** and **re-seeding** our flying field.
- **Bob Spooner** for coordinating our ability to **fly indoors** at the East Windsor Dome during the cold weather months.
- **Bob Spooner** also arranges for us to have **coffee and donuts** during our cold weather meetings at the library.
- **Ed Case** for taking over as Newsletter Editor in June and producing our monthly newsletter, the **NCRCC Flyer**.
- **Lloyd Burnham, Irv Thurrott, Ralph Rinaldi, and Peter Tani** for forming an aeromodelling partnership with three teams of students enrolled in an aviation-themed engineering course at Western New England University.
- **Leo Nordell** was selected as a member of Team USA representing us in the **World Championship F3D FAI pylon racing** and winning first place. Leo also earned a second-place silver medal for the Junior class. We are VERY proud of Leo.
- We had several changes to the **Executive Committee** in 2023.
  - Very, very special thanks to **Bob LaFlamme** for giving NCRCC many years of leadership as its President during a period of great growth of our club.
  - **Art Usher** stepped out of the Field Marshal/Safety Officer role and I thank him for his significant contributions.
  - **Bob Viering** stepped in as our new Field Marshal/Safety Officer.
  - **Dave Arzt** stepped in as our new Vice President.
  - **John Blossick** stepped out as our Liaison Officer at the end of his term. Thank you, John, for your contributions to making NCRCC work.
  - I'd like to take this opportunity to DEEPLY thank the **Executive Committee** for their collective leadership in helping NCRCC drive a successful 2023. The club owes the members of the Executive Committee a HUGE thank you for their EXTREME level of volunteerism and dedication. NCRCC would not have accomplished what it did without the hard work by the Executive Committee.
  - I'd also like to thank the **Board of Directors** for the wisdom and counsel they provided the Executive Committee and NCRCC this past year.
- The NCRCC website continues to effectively keep our membership informed, provides important updates and information, and offers our community insight into aeromodelling. Each month, it receives roughly a thousand views and hundreds of visitors.
- People continue to reach out to NCRCC using the 'Contact Us' feature on the club website and, among various inquiries/communications, make donations of models and equipment. The sale of these donated items led to cash that was added to our ability to improve the flying field and club.
- We announced an increase in our dues effective 2024 – *the first increase in many years* – to cover growing expenses. NCRCC operated with a budget deficit in 2023.

- In coordination with National Model Aviation Day in August, NCRCC hosted its first **Try-N-Fly event** to introduce the hobby to youth and anyone else interested. This was a huge success.
- An ad hoc committee composed of Buddy Beaudoin, Art Usher, and Gino Palumbo worked on a project to cut down trees but the membership ended up not approving the project. Special thanks to the committee for their hard work.
- We experienced unusually harsh vandalism to our flying field facility in May. I'm pleased to report that we have not had a repeat to the acts of vandalism since.
- Following the vandalism in May, Bob Viering installed a new information board and a metal cabinet on the pavilion.
- Work continues with the IRS towards the restoration of NCRCC's tax exempt status.
- We needed to cancel our April meeting but held all other regularly-scheduled monthly meetings throughout 2023.
- At each meeting, Bob Viering continues to report on and stress the importance of safety at the flying field.
- NCRCC had a contested election for Vice President. We utilized electronic voting for the administration of this election. There were no challenges to any of the other nominations for the 2024 Executive Committee.
- NCRCC kicked off a "speakers' series" for its cold weather meetings at the library during which someone makes a special presentation on a key topic impacting our hobby.

In summary, I think you'll agree that NCRCC has had a very good 2023. You can clearly see the reason NCRCC was designated as a Gold Leader Club. We are all VERY fortunate to belong to a robust and thriving club.

At the beginning of 2023, we unveiled goals for the year. Here's a quick status on those goals:

- Restoring NCRCC's tax-exempt status (**IN PROGRESS**)
- Obtaining approval for our FRIA zone through the AMA and FAA (**ACCOMPLISHED**)
- Completing appropriate projects from our 3-year plan (**IN PROGRESS**)
- Improving comradery among our members (**IN PROGRESS**)

We have a lot to do in 2024 and I look forward to another good year.



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## January Meeting Raffle Prize

The raffle prize awarded during the January club meeting was a Hobbico Avistar 40 with a wingspan of 60", floats included, nitro fuel-powered OS Max 45 FSR ABC 2-stroke engine. Ola Nordell was the winner. Congratulations Ola.

Get to the 2/8/24 meeting early and be sure to check out what will be raffled off during the meeting. Please see **Bill Cranford**, Liaison Officer, to purchase raffle tickets at the meeting.





## **NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – 1/11/2024**



**Stan Kulesa, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Mike Maznicki. The meeting was held at the Somers Public Library in Somers, CT.

Mike welcomed the membership and wished all a Happy New Year.

Mike asked for any corrections to the November meeting minutes as they appeared in the newsletter sent 12/1/23. There were no corrections offered and a motion was made, seconded, and a vote approved the November 2023 meeting minutes.

Mike asked for a motion to approve the election of the following non-contested 2024 club officer nominees:

- Mike Maznicki – President
- Stan Kulesa – Secretary
- Len Marchese – Treasurer
- Peter Tani – Activities Director
- Bob Viering – Field Marshal/Safety Officer
- Bill Cranford – Liaison Officer

A motion was made, seconded, and a vote to approve the election of these club officers passed without opposition.

Two members were nominated for the Vice President position resulting in a contested election. Members were invited to vote using an electronic ballot in early December. An ad hoc committee consisting of Tom Munsell, Bob LaFlamme, and Stan Kulesa was called upon to tally and report on the election results in accordance with the by-laws. Tom Munsell reported that 109 ballots were cast in the election; 34 cast their ballot for Dave Arzt and 75 cast their ballot for Buddy Beaudoin. Buddy Beaudoin

was declared the winner of the election for Vice President.

### President's Report:

Mike Maznicki gave the membership the annual State of the Club presentation during which he identified NCRCC's accomplishments over 2023, provided key performance statistics, and recognized many for individual and team efforts that made NCRCC the club it is.

Mike announced that, in accordance with the by-laws, an Auditing Committee has been identified to review our financial books and to provide the Secretary with a report no later than the March meeting. Lloyd Burnham (Chairman), Irv Thurrott, and Tom Munsell are serving on the committee.

### Vice President's Report:

Buddy Beaudoin thanked those members who voted for him. He said he's happy to be in the position.

### Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 198 members. Stan noted that since we are still in the process of finalizing the 2024



membership renewal campaign, the total number of members to be reported next month will significantly change based on those who opt to renew. There were 33 members and 6 guests attending tonight's meeting. Guests included Ray Murphy, Michael Booth, Robert Metzler, Zach Etschman, Steve Teerlink, and Alene Lang.

Stan announced that the following members have not renewed their AMA membership and, as such, have been informed that they do not have flying privileges at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington: Kenneth Drapeau, Raymond Fisk, Scott Norris, Colton Palumbo, and Paul Rottenberg.

Stan gave a report regarding the club website. In December, there were 821 views (and 270 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. He announced that we would like to periodically change the

photo on the club website's main page and invited members with a good high-quality photo to submit it for consideration.

Stan announced that the February meeting will be held at the Somers Public Library in Somers on 2/8/24 and that it will begin at 7:00 PM. Stan reported that the April 2024 meeting will not be on the typical second Thursday of the month because the Somers Public Library conference room will not be available. Instead, our meeting will be held on 4/4/24.

Stan reported that NCRCC's application to restore its tax-exempt status with the IRS remains pending. When we submitted our application in March 2023, the estimated processing time was targeted to be 4 – 6 months.

Stan reported that Mike Doran had donated \$500.00 to NCRCC following his liquidation of former member Ken Burke's estate. Mike took the lead on organizing Ken's items, planning and hosting a tag sale, and publicizing it.

Stan reported that another university (UConn) has

reached out to NCRCC to request aeromodelling resource support for a team of undergraduate engineering students. Stan reminded the membership of the work a team from NCRCC previously performed in support of engineering students from Western New England University. Lloyd Burnham has agreed to take lead on this opportunity with UConn.

Stan gave a shout-out to Ed Case for volunteering to serve as Newsletter Editor and to Bob Spooner for volunteering to run tonight's coffee break.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of December 2023 with the members. He noted that we had used ~108.75% of the 2023 operating budget; we incurred a deficit for the year.

Len prepared a proposed 2024 operating budget. He reviewed each line item with the membership. Multiple questions were raised and addressed. A hand-count vote was taken and the 2024 operating budget proposal was approved unanimously.



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Len announced that the 2024 membership renewal campaign would be coming to an end on 1/12/24. He asked all members who have not already renewed to do so as quickly as possible lest they pay the \$50.00 initiation fee for payments made beyond that date.

### Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani announced 2024 events:

- 1/1/24 – Frozen Finger Fun Fly
- 5/9/24 – Building Contest
- 5/18/24 – Try-N-Fly
- 6/8/24 – Biplane Bash
- 7/13/24 – Dawn Patrol
- 9/14/24 – Warbirds over Ellington
- TBD – 4 float flies, tailgate swap meet, heli event

Peter gave an overview of the Heli Harvest that took place this past November. He offered praise to Mike Lewandowski for hosting an excellent event.

Peter reported that the Holiday Party held on 12/14/23 was attended by 71 members and guests. It was a terrific evening. The auction was a huge success.

Ola Nordell provided a report on our first Frozen Finger Fun Fly. He began by stating that Green Rd. was in great shape. The event had 28 pilots registered. The field was not muddy so it was not damaged by the attendees. No crashes occurred. The registration fee covered coffee/donuts and a pizza luncheon. Ola did note that snow was missing from the event.

Ola gave a presentation on the topic of winter flying. He offered a number of tips including wearing gloves that have the fingers cut off, keeping batteries in your pocket to keep them warm, and many other tips. Ola explained unique equipment needs for winter flying and information about skis. It was a most enjoyable presentation.

Bob LaFlamme spoke about the NCRCC R/C static display that was set up at the library in Ellington. Multiple models ranging from indoor electrics to gas-powered giant scale to gliders to a turbine-powered jet have been hung from the ceiling. Each model has a number attached so that visitors to our website can find photos and descriptions on our website. Bob has

arranged to host two seminars at the library on 1/20/24 and 2/17/24 during which we will provide ground school, flight simulators, and Leo Nordell will give a presentation.

Peter Tani announced that Adam Gorman would be invited to deliver the next presentation of the “speakers’ series” for the February 2024 meeting held at the Somers Public Library.

### Liaison Officer Report:

Bill Cranford presented a 40-sized seaplane he’s offering as the raffle prize tonight. Bill noted that he replaced the engine.

### Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:

Bob Viering announced that Eversource will be pruning trees and shrubs near the power lines and that members must avoid flying over or near the work crews.

Bob 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

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emergency situations. Bob repeated the slogan, “Fly with a friend”.

Bob 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, doing all flying in front of the berm by the pilot stations, and loudly announcing when walking onto the runway area.

#### New Members:

Robert Metzler and Zach Etschman presented themselves as prospective members.

Ray Murphy and Michael Booth were presented for Open Membership. Both applications for membership were voted on and approved.

#### Old Business:

There was no old business.

#### New Business:

John Palica asked about having a fire pit at the flying field. Mike Maznicki explained that regulations from the Town of Ellington

Fire Marshall present significant obstacles to making this possible.

#### Announcements:

Ed Post announced that a new judging score sheet has been prepared for the building contest scheduled for 5/9/24. He brought copies and made them available for members to take.

Dave Arzt noted that four float flies will be scheduled for 2024. He is waiting for the club in Thompson, CT to finalize their dates before Dave schedules the dates at Crystal Lake in Ellington. Dave noted that a remote identification device (RID) will be needed to fly at Crystal Lake.

Ken Gorton noted that the most recent issue of *Model Aviation* magazine has information about a special Medicare Advantage plan which, as one of its many attributes, will cover the cost of membership in the AMA.

#### Show & Tell:

No show & tells were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM. These minutes

are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.

## **Liaison Officer Report**



**Bill Cranford, Liaison Officer**

Thank you for accepting me as your new Liaison Officer. I’m excited to be on the Executive Committee of our AMA Gold Leader Club. Has everyone received their pins? This pin would look great on your new NCRCC hat, available for \$15 in red or khaki.

Our January raffle was a success. A model left sitting too long will soon be back in the air. Congratulations to Ola Nordell winning an Avistar with floats, nearly ready for Crystal Lake. Floats also work on snow, especially the powder type which I’m hoping we have at our 2<sup>nd</sup>





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annual Frozen Finger Fly. Dave Arzt reminds us to remove the water rudder for snow use. Special thanks to Bobby Triggs III for the donation.

I believe every RC pilot should have a trainer in the hanger. Simple to work on, relaxing to fly, great for touch-and-goes searching for that perfect glide slope. Gas, glow, or lipo, you could tow a glider or buddy box a new pilot. Stretch some rubber bands over the wing "X" the last two and enjoy.

Bill Cranford, Liaison Officer

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## You are Being Asked to Help

Hello NCRCC club!

I am reaching out to you with a special request. Our model airplane club, **Hampshire County Radio Controllers (HCRC)**, is losing our flying field in Hadley, MA effective

12/31/23 after 60+ years in existence at this location. We are fortunate to be able to lease 5 acres of property next door for 2 years with the plans to purchase it. I have started a **Go Fund Me** fundraiser to achieve this goal. I am humbly requesting your financial assistance in donating to our cause. More details of our situation and goals can be obtained on the fundraiser page located at the link below. Hit **CTRL + Click**:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/model-airplane-club-losing-flying-field?utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp%2Bshare-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/model-airplane-club-losing-flying-field?utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_cp%2Bshare-sheet)

Any amount you can donate will help significantly. I want to thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide. THANK YOU!

Michael Shaw,  
HCRC President

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## NCRCC Building Contest Judging Process Update

The annual NCRCC Building Contest has a new look for 2024. We have a fair judging category for every type of airplane so anyone can now enter the Building Contest. Whether you are an experienced builder or you just like to add your personal touch to a foamy, you can now be a part of the building contest. Please look over the judging scoring sheet on the next page that will be used for the upcoming contest. Be a part of this long outstanding tradition of NCRCC.

The NCRCC Building Contest is scheduled for Thursday, 5/9/24. Ed Post is running the event. Please contact Ed for more details.



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NCRCC Building Contest Scoring Rules							
Class ->		RTF Max 145pts	ARF Max 145pts	Novice Max 165pts	Advanced Max 165pts	Master Max 165pts	Grand Max 165pts
<b>0=Yes -25=NO</b>	Builder of Model	na	na	0 or -25	0 or -25	0 or -25	0 or -25
	Appearance Overall	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10
	Added details	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20
<b>Pick One</b>	Finish Paint	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20
	Iron-on	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10
	Craftsmanship	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20
	Added # of Functions	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20
<b>Pick One</b>	Kit	na	na	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10
	Plans	na	na	1-15	1-15	1-15	1-15
	Scratch	na	na	1-20	1-20	1-20	1-20
	Overall Complexity	1-15	1-15	1-15	1-15	1-15	1-15
	Cockpit	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
	Pilot	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
	Cowling	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
	Flaps	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
	Wheelpants	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
	Retracts	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5	1-5
	Other	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10	1-10

**Note: NO RTF's or ARF's in Novice, Advanced, Masters or Grand, they are separate classes**

**Required: You must submit this sheet with model and circle each category that is applicable to your model**

**Write in any other explanations to assist judging.**

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## **Field Marshal and Safety Officer Report**



**Bob Vierung, Field Marshal  
and Safety Officer**

Hello everyone. I hope your new year is going well. It's another short article for me. For all you crazy winter flyers, be safe out there! The "fly with a friend" slogan requests that you always have two adults present when you fly. Just saying. All flying from pilot stations need to fly forward of the berm. Please follow the traffic pattern and loudly call takeoffs, landings, low flybys, and when you are stepping out onto the runway and when you are clear.

Thank you all.

Robert Vierung, Field Marshal  
and Safety Officer

## **Treasurer's Report**



**Len Marchese, Treasurer**

I am happy to announce that the ongoing 2-month 2024 membership renewal campaign has been completed and was successful. The final date for renewals was Friday January 19, 2024, at midnight.

The new badge design is now in the works and all member badges should be available at the next club meeting. If you do not pick up your badge at the meeting, we will mail it to the address on record.

The financial records have been audited by our Auditing

Committee this past month and it was successful.

I want to thank the Auditing Committee for their hard work and dedication to our finances and our members.

Well, that's it for now. Enjoy the upcoming flying season, it is just around the corner.

See you at the field.  
Len Marchese, NCRCC  
Treasurer

## **Activities Director Report**



**Peter Tani, Activities  
Director**

Hello all,

As I write I find myself in the month of January preparing my NCRCC's activities



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director's February newsletter contribution. You might think there is not too much going on during this time of year.

But this is not the case.

Turns out NCRCC is sponsoring a display of model aircraft at the Hall Memorial Library located in Ellington, CT. Our exhibit started with its initial setup on Saturday January 6th with over twenty flying models. They were displayed in the copula on their first and second floors as well as throughout their entrance and main concourse. It is quite a sight and would certainly recommend a first-hand visit before Saturday, February 24, 2024, which will mark the conclusion of our display and this portion of our two-part event; display and two community invites to Hall Library.

Special thanks to event organizer and past NCRCC president Bob Laflamme for his great foresight of mind and present vision while leading this effort. Thanks to those that helped set up in

combination with those that lent their aircraft for display. Here is a link to our NCRCC webpage that shows how our January 6, 2024, display was built.

<https://ncrcc.org/chaos-at-the-library/>

The aircraft themselves have from one to three wings that range from 12 to over 100 inches in length. They hail from many different modeling "venues"; racing, control line, indoor and outdoor electric, scale warbirds, glow sport planes, a turbine jet, and even an ornithopter that flies by flapping its wings. Each aircraft was given an identifying number, and our in-house Hall Library flier contains a "QR" code link to our website with details about each one. Here is the link:

<https://ncrcc.org/2024-ellington-library-display/>

Wait, that is not all. There are two additional events, one that was held on January 20, 2024 and one to be held on Saturday, February 17,

2024. During this February event, NCRCC membership will answer questions about our hobby, aircraft, our club, as we host Hall Memorial Libraries "Model Airplane Program".

In addition, and on the one remaining date, independent of our ongoing aircraft display we will host Hall Libraries "Model Airplane Program Session 2". There are three seminars/ action stations. The first is ground school where control surfaces and basic flight is explained. Second, for folks to try flight simulators with expert help. The third was a presentation by a selected NCRCC member whose life was positively affected by building and flying models. Here is a link to the Hall Memorial Library's events calendar for our future Saturday, February 17, 2024, event.

<https://hallmemoriallibrary.libcal.com/event/11939702>

Our next NCRCC scheduled event is our building contest. At our January meeting its contest organizer Ed Post





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handed out a paper copy of our decision matrix that is intended to help future competitors. A copy may appear in this volume.

#### NCRCC Building Contest

(club-only event): Thursday  
May 9, 2024/ Rain Date: TBD

Try-N-Fly Event: Saturday,  
May 18, 2024/ Rain Date  
Sunday, May 19, 2024

(Both above month of May  
events at:

[https://ncrcc.org/ncrcc-  
event-calender/](https://ncrcc.org/ncrcc-event-calender/)

Biplane Bash: Saturday, June  
8, 2024/ Rain Date: Sunday,  
June 9, 2024

[https://www.modelaircraft.o  
rg/events/biplane-bash-0](https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/biplane-bash-0)

#### Dawn Patrol Over Green

Road Sector: Saturday, July  
13, 2024/ Rain Date: Sunday,  
July 14, 2024

[https://www.modelaircraft.o  
rg/events/dawn-patrol-over-  
green-road-sector](https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/dawn-patrol-over-green-road-sector)

#### War Birds Over Ellington:

Saturday, September 14,  
2024 / Rain Date: Sunday,  
September 15, 2024

[https://www.modelaircraft.o  
rg/events/war-birds-over-](https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/war-birds-over-)

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#### NCRCC Tailgate Swap Meet:

October, 2024

Lastly; I would like to say it  
has been an absolute  
pleasure to work with both  
past vice-president and past  
public liaison officer David  
Arzt and John Blossick  
respectively. I welcome both  
Buddy Beaudoin and Bill  
Cranford, our 2024 vice-  
president and public liaison  
officers. Welcome aboard.

That's it for now.

---Peter Tani, Activities  
Director



Event Coordinator Bob LaFlamme (in the white shirt) speaks about model aircraft to some library patrons on the main floor of the Hall Memorial Library in Ellington, CT. There's a number of large and small models hanging from the ceiling above their heads. Immediately above them is a giant scale WWI dogfight display.



Ola Nordel (with the hat) and Peter Tani (in the upper right) patiently watch over and guide some of the many youngsters who “flew” from one of five flight simulators. Look carefully to the right and you’ll see Leo Nordell’s pylon racer used to win first place as part of Team USA’s international competition in the Netherlands.





Kevin Cyr (standing with his hands on his hips) and Leo Nordell (kneeling second from the right) coached dozens of youngsters and many of their parents on flight simulators. The smiles from all of the participants attested to a great day of experiencing model aviation. A flyer was handed out to all inviting them to come to the NCRCC Try-N-Fly event on 5/18/24 for even more fun.





Stan Kulesa provided ground school for all attendees as they came in. Stan reviewed the flight surfaces and described their functionality and also taught how the transmitter stick movements steered the model. The yellow poster on the table illustrates how to make left and right turns.

Special thanks to Irv Thurrott for capturing the event through his photography. Irv (and many other members of NCRCC) loaned multiple models for static displays on two floors of the library. This awesome group of NCRCC members also spent a Saturday working to hang these models from the ceiling.

The favorable impact this static display and special hands-on program has had on NCRCC's local community involvement is immeasurable.