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**Ed Case, NCRCC Newsletter Editor**

**NCRCC General  
Membership Meeting  
Minutes – 6/13/2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by President Mike Maznicki.

The meeting was held at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington, CT.

Mike asked for any corrections to the May meeting minutes as they appeared in the club newsletter sent 6/1/24. There were no corrections offered and a motion was made, seconded, and a vote approved the May 2024 meeting minutes.

President's Report:

Mike Maznicki thanked Rob Hebert and John Messenger for their great work in hosting tonight's barbeque. The membership offered their appreciation with a round of applause.

Mike thanked Ed Case for editing another great issue of the club newsletter.

Mike reminded the membership that we have set aside funds for projects and he asked that if anyone had any ideas to see a member of the Executive Committee.

Vice President's Report:

Buddy Beaudoin welcomed input from members concerning topics they would like to have discussed during an Executive Committee meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 185 members. There were 52 members and 15 guests attending tonight's meeting. Guests included Jim Fitzgerald, Padraigh Fitzgerald, Alan Godin, Jason Stone, George Sweatt, Thomas Tenerowicz, Chris Garrett, Claire Garrett, Emerson Garrett, Kyle Stone, Trevor Stone, Wyatt Cartabiano, Gary Lasneski, Ray Guidone, and Santiago Bustos.

Stan reported that NCRCC member Richard Niezabitowski has not kept his membership with the AMA current and, as a result, has been told that he does not have flying privileges at NCRCC's flying field.

Stan gave a report regarding the club website. In May, there were 1,426 views (and 405 visitors). He encouraged members to periodically check the website's main page for important club news. Stan reminded the members that the password

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to access the 'Members Only' section is the same as the gate combination. Stan 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 July meeting will be held at the NCRCC flying field in Ellington on 7/11/24 and that it will begin at 6:00 PM. A barbeque will take place at 5:00 PM.

Stan reported that NCRCC's application to restore its tax-exempt status with the IRS has been approved and steps were underway for the Treasurer to file a 990-N return.

Stan reminded the membership that he planned to step down as Secretary. He announced that the Kevin Cyr has agreed to serve as Secretary and that the Executive Committee supports this arrangement. In accordance with the club by-laws, Stan made a motion that Kevin Cyr fill the vacancy of the Secretary position until the next election and that this change becomes effective on or before the 7/11/24 meeting. The motion was seconded and

the vote to carry the motion was nearly unanimously approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of May 2024 with the members. He noted that we have used ~22% of the 2024 operating budget.

### Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani announced the schedule of upcoming 2024 events:

- 6/25/24 – float fly
- 7/13/24 – Dawn Patrol
- 7/22/24 – float fly
- 8/27/24 – float fly
- 9/14/24 – Warbirds over Ellington
- 9/23/24 – float fly
- 10/5/24 – Tailgate Swap Meet
- TBD – heli event

He recommended members monitor the club website and club newsletter for event details.

Peter invited Ed Post (Contest Director) to speak about the building contest. Ed thanked the judges for their work and acknowledged the impressive array of models. Ed also thanked the team of volunteers tabulating the scoring sheets. He described

that winners placing first through third would receive a framed certificate with a photo of their model. The winners are:

### ARF:

- 1 Buddy Beaudoin
- 2 Bill Cranford
- 3 Padraigh Fitzgerald

### Novice:

- 1 Bob LaFlamme
- 2 Sal Raia
- 3 Bob Viering

### Advanced:

- 1 Ed Post
- 2 Dennis Thibodeau
- 3 Bob Spooner

### Master:

- 1 John Palica
- 2 John Palica

### Grand Master:

- 1 Walt Wosko
- 2 Ron Beretta
- 3 John Blossick

Ron Vernier (Contest Director) reported on NCRCC's first Biplane Bash which took place on 6/8/24. There were 17 pilots registered and the flying conditions were rather breezy. Nonetheless, it was a good and fun event.

Dave Arzt (Contest Director) spoke about several upcoming float flies. He announced that remote identification devices will be

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needed since Crystal Lake is not an approved FRIA site. A hot dog and beans lunch will be served to attendees. Those interested should contact Dave.

Ron Vernier announced that Dawn Patrol will be taking place on 7/13/24; the event is open to all aircraft from WWI through the Golden Age.

John Blossick announced that Warbirds over Ellington will be taking place on 9/14/24; the event is open to all military aircraft.

Ola Nordell announced that the Nats will be taking place next month in Muncie, IN; several NCRCC members are planning to compete in pylon racing.

Buddy Beaudoin announced that a jet rally in Plum Island, MA will be taking place this coming week.

### Liaison Officer Report:

Bill Cranford presented an electric Cub as the prize he's offering for tonight's raffle and he invited the members present to purchase tickets. Pheonix Guidone won the raffle and then donated the Cub to the Garrett family (new applicants to NCRCC).

### Field Marshal/Safety Officer Report:

Bob Viering reported that both, the field and the access road are in good condition.

Bob thanked Glen Schlude for performing the annual maintenance on the lawn tractor.

Bob pointed to the new flagpole and thanked those that assisted with raising it.

Bob announced that he would be repairing several set-up tables. He found some wood in the storage containers and will be using it.

Bob reported that we had a recent accident that required medical attention when a member cut his forearm on a prop. 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 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:

Thomas Tenerowicz, Chris Garrett, Claire Garrett, Emerson Garrett, Wyatt Cartabiano, and Gary Lasneski presented themselves as prospective members.

Jim Fitzgerald, Padraigh Fitzgerald, Alan Godin, Jason Stone, and George Sweatt presented themselves for Open Membership. Kyle Stone presented himself for Junior Membership. Each of their applications for membership was voted on and approved.

### Old Business:

John Watkins announced that the Congressional vote to reauthorize the FAA has passed. One element of this legislation would enable model aircraft to operate up to 700' or within a defined ceiling based upon the flying field's location in relation to controlled airspace. John is monitoring an anticipated

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announcement on how to obtain a 700' ceiling at the NCRCC flying field. Finally, John spoke about an issue being discussed concerning a RID manufacturer.

Walt Wosko asked about the status of the initiative to cut down trees to expand the flying area. Mike Maznicki explained that the membership voted down that project.

### New Business:

No report.

### Announcements:

No report.

### Show & Tell:

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.



## **Field Marshal's Report**



**Robert Viering, NCRCC Field Marshal**

Hello all,

As always, I would like to thank our volunteer mowing crew. The field looks great! I would like to thank Bob Laflamme, Bill Glode, and Vinni Otsuki for helping install the new sign at the beginning of Green Rd. With all this help, we were able to make short work of the project.

I will be looking for some volunteers with some carpenter skills to help repair some of the pit plane stands. Please contact me at [robertviering@cox.net](mailto:robertviering@cox.net).

Safety topics: FLY WITH A FRIEND! It is recommended

to always having at least two adults present when flying. Safety at the field with the focus on all flying from pilot stations. You need to fly forward of the berm. You need to follow the traffic pattern. Loudly call take-offs, landings, low fly-bys, and flight direction. Be sure to announce when you step out onto the runway and when you are clear. That's all from me this month. Thank you and happy flying.

## **Treasurer's Report**



**Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer**

It is unbelievable that we are now in the month of July. Where does the time go! Before you know it, the leaves will start turning and the temperature will get a little cooler. However, for

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now, enjoy the weather and great flying.

The month of June was a huge success with the first “Biplane Bash”. Thank you, contest director Ron Vernier and crew, for a very successful event. We are looking forward to the event next year.

There is another annual event in July. So, members, family and friends get out to the field on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> for the annual “**Dawn Patrol Over Green Road Sector**” event. This event is one of NCRCC’s oldest ongoing events.

Financially, we are in good shape. We are now in the busiest part of the season with upkeep of the field, property taxes, and daily expenses for the remainder of 2024. From the first of 2024 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, we have spent approximately 35% of the 2024 operations budget. We still have 6 months remaining until the end of the fiscal 2024 year.

Well, that is it for now.

**If anyone has any concerns or questions about NCRCC,**

**please attend the monthly meeting at the field and/or talk to any one of the Executive Committee members and/or bring any issues during the meeting. We are here for you.**

See you at the field.

### **Liaison Officer’s Report**



**Bill Cranford, NCRCC Liaison Officer**

Year to date as the Liaison officer I have enjoyed re-homing donated items and planes. The piggy bank has grown enough to make a trip to Hog Heaven. If you’re not familiar with Hog Heaven Hobbies located at 494 Main St. in Fiskdale MA, I suggest you take a ride. The amount

of items in-stock is impressive: covering, nuts, bolts, props, connectors, tools, decals, clevises, pushrods, tailwheels, batteries, radios, planes, trains, automobiles. In a time of add to cart and it appears at our door often you only find what you’re looking for. At Hog Heaven you’ll find things you didn’t know you needed.

I’m happy to announce a BRAND-NEW plane up for raffle at our July 11th meeting. Bring a ten-dollar bill! This will be simple, \$10 = 1 ticket. The winning ticket holder brings home a BNF (bind-and-fly) Valiant 1.3m with AS3X and SAFE Select.

Hope to see you for hamburgers and hotdogs.

Bill Cranford

#### ***Aircraft Features for 7/11/24 Raffle:***

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Functional flaps installed

Powerful 480-size brushless motor and 30A telemetry capable ESC installed

Spektrum AR631 6-channel AS3X® receiver with SAFE® Select technology installed

Durable aluminum landing gear with wheel pants

Optional float set available (sold separately)

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**FAA, Airspace, FRIA, RID Update**

by John Watkins



There has not been anything terribly newsworthy regarding FAA/Registration/Remote ID/Enforcement over the past month. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) did publish a report that criticizes FAA implementation of Remote ID, namely that the FAA has not done a great job of educating and coordinating with law enforcement agencies. The report also states that a network Remote ID solution is needed to make Remote ID fully effective, which could possibly provide further rationale to implement network Remote ID. However, it is unlikely that the GAO report will have any immediate impact.

Currently, we are awaiting FAA/AMA direction with regards to requesting authorization for NCRCC to

permanently operate up to the floor of controlled airspace which is 700 feet above ground level at the club field.

**Activities Director Report**



**Peter Tani, NCRCC Activities Director**

Hello all

Our 2024 building contest was enjoyable, popular and an unequivocal success. Thank you, Ed Post, for your leadership and vision for one of our last truly competitive NCRCC events. Thank you, Lloyd Burnham, for judging and for refining our contest decision matrix to best reward effort and skill.

Thank you, Kevin Cyr, for first preparing and then operating the calculation spreadsheet that allowed a timely

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determination of our 2024 winners.

Special thanks to Leo Nordell for volunteering as a judge and thereafter supporting Kevin in crunching all of our numbers. Special thanks to modeler Gersh Tucker for your volunteerism and skill in judging. Extra special thanks to Irv Thurrott for all event photography and for preparing the individual pilot/ and plane photo awards.

Thank you all NCRCC members for your event participation. Our 2024 club “building -contest” greatly benefited from our collective and present efforts.

Bravo to all.

Here is a list of our NCRCC 2024 winners:

Congratulations all.

ARF 1<sup>st</sup> Buddy Beaudion

ARF 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cranford

ARF 3<sup>rd</sup> Padraivh Fitzgerald

Constructed Novice 1<sup>st</sup> Bob Laflamme

Constructed Novice 2<sup>nd</sup> Sal Raia

Constructed Novice 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Viering

Constructed Advance 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Post

Constructed Advance 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Thibodeau

Constructed Advance 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Spooner

Masters 1<sup>st</sup> John Palika

Masters 2<sup>nd</sup> John Palika

Grand Masters 1<sup>st</sup> Walt Wosko

Grand Masters 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Bretta

Grand Masters 3<sup>rd</sup> John Blossick

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Moving forward.

At the time of this newsletter report our next event will be our Saturday, July 13, 2024. Please all mark your calendars and please try to attend.

Here is an NCRCC link:

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

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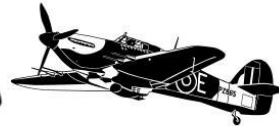
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