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## 9/12/24 Member Meeting Minutes

Meeting began 6:08pm, there were 45 attendees, 42 members, 3 guests

Mike Maznicki thanked our cooks John and Rob, also thanked those who brought side dishes and desserts. The Aug meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Mike Maznicki presented Chris Garrett with his solo certificate, way to go Chris.

### New/Old Business

#### Trailer Vandalism

Bob V explained the trailer door side damage was first noticed Labor Day morning. He installed the wheels on the trailer and towed to his house to clean fire extinguisher contents that had been released inside. All cleanable items have been power washed and or scrubbed with baking soda, grill and utensils, tables chairs etc. He was able to repair the door latch and reinforce the mounting area

with steel plate. Thanked helpers Buddy B, Tom M, Bill C, and Bill G.

Len M explained that the trailer contents is now up and running thanking helpers and mentioned emergency funds were used to replace items. A cabinet was destroyed, microphones and generator stolen, paper goods and coffee pot replaced. Len provided a complete list of items purchased noting \$1998.32 has been spent and this remains open as additional items not yet noticed missing may be needed. The generator has been replaced with a 3500w unit with 3 year warranty

The Executive Committee Reports were given, see individual reports in the section for each Committee Member.

Ola N presented the idea of a nitro, glow only event which he would CD many raised hands with interest.

Ola brought in his now 20-year-old F-4 Phantom



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purchased at our VCMS  
auction.

Ola stated that ultimately,  
his purchase of this aircraft  
had a major influence on his  
decision to re-enter our  
hobby.

The meeting was adjourned  
at 6:50pm

Minutes taken by Bill  
Cranford, edited by Kevin Cyr

## **President Report:**

### **Sept Meeting Report:**

In regards to the trailer vandalism, Mike explained fortification of our property is more important than costly security system solutions we may wish to jump to because of the feeling of being violated, however most times video is of no use in identification. The Executive Committee will discuss this further.

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Mike Maznicki, NCRCC President

## **Vice President Report:**

### **Sept Meeting Report:**

At the Sept meeting, Buddy B announced the field looks great and it is nice to see everyone.

Buddy B announced two young guests submitted applications tonight, Wyatt Cartabiano and Andrew Doering.

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Hello Club Members!

We've started out the fall with some great flying and some amazing events! One highlight of this past month was our Warbirds event, which had beautiful weather and a great turnout. I want to thank John for all his hard work putting that together and getting it up and running.

An exciting event we have to look forward to is our swap meet on October 5th. Make sure to stop by and see me— I promise to be making some real good deals!

As always, I'm happy to be seeing new members up at the field these days and am looking forward to spending time with members both old and new this month!

Happy Flying,



Bud Beaudoin, NCRCC Vice President

## **Secretary Report:**

### **Sept Meeting Report:**

Kevin Cyr was not present because he was attending the NEAT Fair in Downsville, NY.

Thanks to Bill Cranford for filling in and taking the meeting notes.

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Kevin Cyr, NCRCC Secretary

## **Treasurer's Report:**

### Sept Meeting Report:

At the Sept meeting, Len Marchese provided the financial report noting we have spent 65% of the budget for 2024. Pointing to our new NCRCC flag flying below the stars and bars, Len explained we now own the digital images of our logo for future use.

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As many of our members may or may not know, our field food trailer has been vandalized. I have been a member of NCRCC for over 30 years and I have never seen our field victimized from such childish behavior. I have seen parts of the field damaged by dirt bikes, dumped porta-potty or a junk car fire, but never "breaking and entering". Whether they were teens or drunk adults this type of behavior is uncalled for. The latest damage turned into breaking and entering the food trailer. These irresponsible individual or individuals forced open the side door and explored the inside. They stole the

following: generator, microphones, extension cords, and other items. They tossed many items onto the floor and then damaged the inside using a fire extinguisher and sprayed the entire inside of the trailer. Everything was sprayed and damaged.

I want to thank the entire team that extended their assistance in tossing out items that were not salvageable. They spent their time power washing and sanitizing the entire inside of the trailer, along with the grill, tables, coolers and chairs. This team and others moved the trailer offsite on Monday Labor Day and it was back on property the following Saturday. Just in time for our September meeting and Saturday's Warbird's Over Ellington that Saturday. Thank you!

Financially, we are in good shape. The replacement of stolen items and replacement for upcoming events, was funded from our financial line item: "**Emergency Fund**". This line item was established many

years ago for such issues that we just experienced.

Again, thank you all for your support and to all members that volunteered their time to get the food trailer back to 100% functioning.

Just one more thought!

Membership renewals are just around the corner.

Starting in November you will be receiving your 2025 renewal notice and application. The sooner you renew your membership the sooner we can plan a 2025 workable budget. **If anyone has any concerns or questions about NCRCC, please attend the monthly meeting. Talk to any one of the Executive Committee members or bring any issue up during the meeting. We are here for you and everyone in NCRCC.** See you at the field,



Len Marchese, NCRCC  
Treasurer

## **Liaison Officer's Report:**

### **Sept Meeting Report:**

Bill Cranford announced last chance to purchase tickets, raffling a new in box FMS SuperEZ with floats. Winning ticket pulled at meetings end. Dawn patrol T shirts and club hats are available.

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Congratulations to John Messenger, the winner of our September club meeting raffle. Thank you to all those who purchased tickets. John brought home a new in box FMS model. The Super EZ which is somewhat of a classic now being sold as version four.



October's raffle will be a return to donated items. A bind and fly UMX Habu S DF180. Powered by a 28mm electric ducted fan with safe and as3x for stable flight. A 200-250mah 2s 25c lipo

battery is required to get this 14.6" wide 17.5" long little jet flying under the FAA's radar with a flying weight of well under 150 grams!



Bill Cranford, NCRCC Liaison Officer

## **Activities Director Report:**

September Meeting Report: At the Sept meeting, Peter Tani modeled the 2024 Warbirds Over Ellington T-shirt worn backwards (an advertising trick?) to be sold at the Warbirds event on 9/14/24.

Next event is a float fly at Crystal Lake on 9/23 then Swap Meet on 10/5 at the

field. Swap meet begins at 9am (setup 7am)

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Peter Tani, NCRCC Activities Director

## **Field Marshal Report:**

### **September Meeting Report:**

Bob Viering thanked the mowing crew volunteers Mike Duran, Neal Caplan, Carl Alleman and Phil Prior. Bob reminded all of us of being safe at the field, explaining the need to restrain planes when tuning or adjusting engines/ radios, don't taxi back to the pits. An incident had occurred where an unnamed person had a gas plane run away towards persons in pit area.



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Thankfully no injuries took place.

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Hello all,  
The field is looking great as always the mow team is doing a great job, thank you so much for all your hard work. As I'm sure most of you have heard, the food trailer was broken into over labor weekend. What a pain in the neck, many things were stolen and a lot of things destroyed by them setting off one of the fire extinguishers. As of that Monday when we noticed it, I received a lot of help from many members as I was off to get tools to put tires on it. Carl, Bill Glode, Len and Art usher all got things ready. Getting tires ready and prepping trailer for transport, thank you guys for all the help. Once I got it to my house, I received several texts from Buddy, Tom Munsell and Bill Cranford all of which showed up Tuesday afternoon where we took everything out of the trailer, power washed and scrubbing everything, tables, grill, chairs propane tanks, pots, pans, coffee machine and the whole inside of the trailer. Ceiling walls and floor thank you guys for all your help. That Thursday was our executive meeting which I

was hosting so it worked out well, we all put everything back into trailer. Thank you all for that help, every little bit helped that Saturday. I took the trailer to my place of employment and spent a good 4 hours working on fixing the side door which was destroyed. I straightened out as much as I could and bent some steel plating to reinforce the door and lock. I would like to thank Len, he did a lot of traveling that week replacing everything that was stolen or destroyed. I would like to thank Bob LaFlamme for meeting me at the field and testing the sound system due to it was thrown on the floor and damaged. We were lucky on that one, we only needed new microphone system which Bob changed and made sure it was working, so a huge thank you to all that helped though this nightmare. With all that being said, I have received 3 reports that the gate is not being closed and locked at night. Please if you are the last person leaving the field morning noon or night close and lock the #!%\*\$# gate thank you. Onto some safety items, there is no taxing towards the pits. Taxi your plane no more than 5 feet past the flight stations and kill your engines motors.

If you wish to tune your plane after flight, please turn it away from pit area so that if something goes awry the plane will head to the field and not the pit area. I am saying this because it was reported to me that this has happened recently, luckily the plane hit one of the stands in the pits and not any of the three members that were up there, thank god no one was hurt. Onto our regular safety topics: fly with a friend it is recommended always having at least 2 adults present when flying. All flying from pilot stations need to fly forward of the berm. Need to follow the traffic pattern, loudly call landings take offs and low Fly Bys flight direction announcing when you step out onto the runway and when it is clear thank you and happy flying.



Robert VIERING, NCRCC Field Marshall



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