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Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club

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MEETING MINUTES

STAND BUILD DAY

BUILDING CONTEST

EVENTS CALENDAR

NEXT MEETING
April 1, 6:30pm
Somers Library

Please send any
newsletter contributions to
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AED PURCHASE APPROVED FOR CLUB

President Mike Maznicki asked the membership if they were still in favor of purchasing an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) to be installed at the field. The majority of members were in favor. The various costs were discussed and a motion was made, seconded and passed to make the purchase. The AED will be installed in an accessible, but out of the way place at the field to hopefully prevent vandalism or theft.

Mike announced that the Ellington fire department will come and provide free training once the device is installed. Member Jim Fitzgerald who championed the purchase reminded the membership that the AED can be used by anyone even without prior training.

Once installed I'll be sure to publish the location. Be sure to take a look and make sure you know where to find it in case the need arises. ◀



HEADS UP

The next meeting will be early.
April 1st at the Somers Library.

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Mike Maznicki
President

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President Mike Maznicki began the meeting by asking those members in attendance their opinion of moving April's meeting from the scheduled Thursday the 3rd to Tuesday the 1st. The library asked if

this would be possible to allow Friends of the Library additional setup time for an upcoming book sale. The club has agreed to change our membership meeting to April 1st. Mike explained that this is not an April fools joke. Thanks were given to Chris Garrett and family for providing refreshments and coffee for us to enjoy during the break.

Per our By-laws a yearly audit must be performed of the Treasurer's books. Thanks were given to Tom Munsell and Dave Arzt who volunteered and performed this task. Included below is the letter from Tom to Mike.

Dear Mike,

Len has openly shared the club checking account register and statements plus the Certificate of Deposit data. In addition, he provided Excel based print outs.

I matched the check register to statements.

As usual, everything balances to the penny and the club should thank Len for his good work.

As you know, 2024 was the first year the club decided to "invest" some of its cash. Len invested this in a CD, and the earnings were \$792.10 from May (when this was implemented) through December.

I will be out of town during the February meeting, so I am asking Dave Arzt to review my work and communicate the results. Thanks to Dave who is always ready to help the club.

Regards, Tom



Buddy Beaudoin
Vice President

Vice President

Buddy Beaudoin announced Mike Jaworski with son Sam Jaworski and Vincent Wu submitted applications to join our club. All applicants introduced themselves, including the

excited 8-year-old Sam. Robert Malt, Jason Franceschina, Dean Lampron and Stephania Wysk were voted in as new members – Welcome. ◀



Len Marchese
Treasurer

Treasurer

April 1st? Are you kidding? Club meeting on April 1st and Club newsletters on the same day! April fool's..... only kidding!

Due to scheduling with the Somers Library, we were glad to rearrange our club meeting schedule to accommodate the library and staff.

Financially, we are in good shape. For the month of March, we voted into the club 3 new members. It's also the start of the flying season and field maintenance, so the club purchased fuel and cutting blades for the tractor and zero-turn. Also, yearly business filing with the State of Connecticut for Green Road Aero Society (GRAS), rental payment for club P.O. Box, and software application fee for WordPress.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding NCRCC, please attend out member meetings.

See you at the meeting:

Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer ▶



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Peter Tani
Activities Director

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Peter Tani encouraged our members to visit Hog Heaven Hobbies during their upcoming sale taking place March 15-22nd. Then excitedly announced the upcoming 30th anniversary of our Dawn Patrol event.

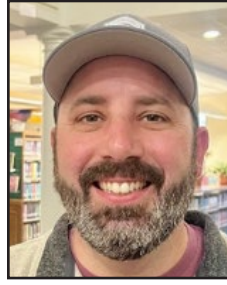
To celebrate this achievement the event will take place over two days with general flying resuming by 4pm. Another big event is War Birds over Ellington happening in September. UCONN students visited our field with member Padraigh Fitzgerald. Peter, Lloyd Burnham, and Kevin Cyr have been working with these students testing clean energy solutions. Ed Post will host a building contest planned before the May meeting, Ed described rules and categories urging members to bring what you have for this fun event. ◀



Bob Vierung
Field Supervisor

Field Supervisor

Bob Vierung announced upcoming workdays. Construction of new start-up tables for the field will take place March 22nd 9am. Later in April a field workday will be scheduled, cleaning and painting the containers is on his list. Our new Porta Potty will require a 7x7 foot concrete pad to be poured and is planned to be completed before its delivery in May. Our tractor and zero turn will go in for maintenance soon, both will be getting new blades with the old ones being saved to be sharpened. John Palica plans to roll the field in the next week or so weather depending. Safety rules were read aloud as a reminder to stay safe at the field. Mike Maznicki added reports have come in of difficulty locking the gate, also noting to remind members to lock the gate if you are leaving and only a few members are remaining at the field. Bob replied all the locks will be inspected and lubricated. ◀



Bill Cranford
Secretary

Secretary

34 members and 3 guests were in attendance. The next membership meeting will be held at the Somers Public Library on Tuesday April 1st at 6:30pm. ◀



Ray Murphy
Liaison Officer

Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy presented the raffle, an E-flite PT-17 Stearman bind and fly (BNF) model. This was donated by Mark Henrie, one of our members that had put a few flights on it, also doing some paint work making

the plane appear more scale. Congratulations to the winner, our very own newsletter editor, Wayne Gustafson. Ray created and donated NCRCC stickers he made himself. All red but some metallic in two sizes. These stickers can be purchased from Ray \$1 for small \$2 for larger size. ◀



Wayne with his new PT-17

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

2/13/25 Membership Meeting Minutes

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The meeting began at 6:43pm

The February meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

(Officer reports on previous pages)

Treasurers Report

Len Marchese presented the February financial report sharing what has been spent year to date and percentage of budget remaining for the rest of the year. Len asked for questions from the members in attendance, no questions were raised.

Mike Maznicki asked for field project ideas from the membership that could be funded from our capitol field fund. No ideas were raised at this time.

New/Old Business

A motion was made by Bob Laflamme to approve spending up to \$2500 for the AED which was discussed at previous meetings.

The motion was seconded, a vote was taken with majority in favor. Bob explained Ellington EMT would be happy to provide training. Jim Fitzgerald provided specifications of the AED to purchase. The AMA will provide reimbursement of up to \$200 through the Al Kanser grant once our application is submitted and approved.

Irv Thurrott offered two balsa planes to anyone interested, one built for indoor, the other a nitro powered pattern style model. Both found new homes quickly.

Robert Glamuzina announced he is looking to sell much of his model aircraft and RC related items handing out his contact information to those interested.

Show and tell

Dennis Thibideau ended our meeting displaying his newly assembled almost ready to fly (ARF) model from MotionRC. He described the modifications he made along the way while building. Powering the aircraft is a new but discontinued OS engines .32 four stroke he sourced from EBay.

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm ◀



Dennis explains the features of his new PA-22 Tri-Pacer

STAND BUILD DAY PRODUCES SIX NEW STARTING STANDS

Field Supervisor Bob Viering organized a build day to construct six new starting stands for the field. Members Bill Cranford, Ralph Baker, Neil Caplin, Mike Yezak, Carl Alleman, Phil Prior, Mike Doran and Wayne Gustafson turned out to make quick work of producing the stands in Bob's warehouse. Bob will also be producing two new tables at a later date. ◀



photo by Wayne Gustafson



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photo by Bill Cranford



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BUILDING CONTEST SET FOR MAY MEETING

Ed Post announced there will be a building contest at the May club meeting which will be held at the field. The scoring grid below explains how the contest will be judged and the categories you may enter. Ed mentioned that any plane you have built may be entered in the contest regardless of age. ◀

NCRCC Building Contest Scoring Rules							
Class ->		RTF Max 145pts	ARF Max 145pts	Novice Max 165pts	Advanced Max 165pts	Master Max 165pts	Grand Max 165pts
0=Yes -25=NO	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
Pick One	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
Pick One	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.

EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

DATE	EVENT	CD	EMAIL / PHONE
4/13	SPRING FLING INDOOR CONTEST	JOHN KOPTONAK	gliderguider@comcast.net
6/8	West Thompson Lake Float Fly	YANKEE FLYERS OF CT	dblack8605@sbcglobal.net
6/28	CCRCC Heli Smackdown	MICHAEL LABRIOLA	m_labriola@yahoo.com
7/12 - 7/13	NCRCC Dawn Patrol - 2 Day Event	RONALD VERNIER	RVernier3@gmail.com
8/10	West Thompson Lake Float Fly	YANKEE FLYERS OF CT	dblack8605@sbcglobal.net
9/7	West Thompson Lake Float Fly	YANKEE FLYERS OF CT	dblack8605@sbcglobal.net
9/13 (RD 9/14)	NCRCC Warbirds over Ellington	JOHN BLOSSICK	jblossick@aol.com