



# FLYER

Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**June 12th, 6pm**  
**NCRCC Field**  
**5pm Cookout**

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 newsletter contributions to  
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## BUILDING CONTEST

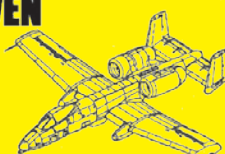
Our 2025 building contest, held before our general membership meeting, was an equally successful and enjoyable event. We had four classes; ARF, constructed novice, advance, and masters. Great thanks to contest director Ed Post. Special thanks to Bob Laflamme and Kevin Cyr for timely scoring and to Irv Thurrott for producing awards. Thanks to all the judges for your expertise and efforts. Awards will be presented at our Thursday, June 12, 2025 general membership meeting. ◀



photo by Irv Thurrott

**Activities Directory Peter Tani with his two entires.**  
 See page 7 for more photos of the contest.

**HOG HEAVEN  
 HOBBIES**



## SAD NEWS

**HOG HEAVEN IS CLOSING**  
**SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 8**  
**FOR THE CLOSING SALE**

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# OFFICER REPORTS

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**Mike Maznicki**  
*President*

## President

President Mike Maznicki began the meeting by thanking John Messenger and Rob Herbert, our volunteer cooks, for grilling and providing cold drinks for those in attendance. Mike handed out new NCRCC business cards, scanning the QR code will bring you to our website home page. Mike presented our newly purchased AED (automated external defibrillator) showing how simple it would be to use in an emergency, club training and mounting of the device was discussed. ◀



**Buddy Beaudoin**  
*Vice President*

## Vice President

Buddy Beaudoin reported on last weekend's swap meet thanking fellow CD Ron Vernier. 18 sellers bought spaces, raising 180 dollars for the club with no expenses for the event. It was a fun day; flying was not interrupted. New applicants during this meeting introduced themselves. Brian Kellie and Mark Mundie provided applications to join. ◀



**Bill Cranford**  
*Secretary*

## Secretary

39 members and 2 guests were in attendance. The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday June 12th at our flying field. A cookout is set to begin at 5pm with the meeting starting at 6pm. ◀



**Len Marchese**  
*Treasurer*

## Treasurer

Here we are in the month of June, and expenses are now starting to come into play. Lawn cutting, field and equipment maintenance, replacing the existing portable potty with a handicap unit along with a new concrete base and monthly service, fuel purchases both gas and diesel, burgers and hot dogs for the summer monthly meetings, trash removal, and just around the corner... Ellington property taxes. I am sure there will be other expenses as the flying season progresses.

Financially, we are in good shape. Operations expense for May are climbing as we are into the heavy flying season, along with welcoming new members to NCRCC.

Well.... that's it for now.

**If you have any concerns or questions regarding NCRCC, please attend the June member meetings.**

See you at the flying field, Thursday June 12th, 2025

Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer ◀



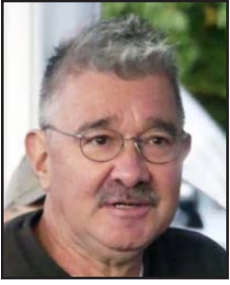
**Ray Murphy**  
*Liaison Officer*

## Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy presented the raffle, a pusher prop delta wing electric plane, the striker. Congratulations to the winner. The second place raffle winner won a 2024 warbirds event T-shirt which looked a little small for Ola but most seem to think Leo can squeeze into it. Ray mentioned a few hats and T-shirts are still available and NCRCC stickers can be purchased from him, \$1 for small \$2 for larger size. ◀



# OFFICER REPORTS



**Peter Tani**  
*Activities Director*

## Activities Director

NCRCC members Lloyd Burnham, Kevin Cyr, Ralph Rinaldi and Peter Tani mentored the Western New England University aviation engineering course “fundamentals of flight” for their consecutive and now

third year. We as a group attended 25 classes bridging engineering and modeling.

The class was divided into four teams of approximately seven undergraduate students each. Each team was required to demonstrate the minimum flight requirements. Points were awarded for the timeliness, and quality of several milestones. Thereafter was a competition for maximum speed.

The requirements this year were to fly at 23 mph with an additional one pound weight, and to demonstrate five continuous minutes of straight and level/ electric-powered flight. Thereafter to fly at the highest speed possible in both level flight and in level flight after a dive. Qualifying flights were completed in late April 2025. The winning team achieved 151 mph.

I found volunteering while mentoring students and working with industry experts turned professor extremely rewarding and thinking a “feather” in NCRCC’s collective cap.

---Peter ◀



**Bob Vierung**  
*Field Supervisor*

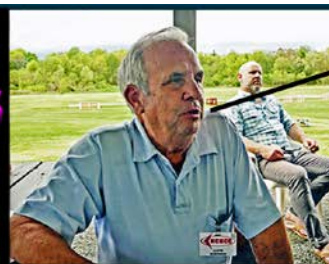
## Field Supervisor

Bob Vierung reported that Neal Caplan was first to test and approve the new handicap accessible portable toilet. We are thankful for Neal, Mike, Carl, and Phil, our volunteer mowing crew. Please check the website

front page as mowing schedule is posted days in advance. Conduit has been run underground containers to pavilion, a plan for electrical is in the works. Eight yards of crushed stone will soon be spread near portable toilet / dumpster area to allow service trucks to perform their tasks in wet conditions. Safety rules were read aloud as a reminder to stay safe at the field, please fly with a friend. A report of a mid-air collision recently should be avoided by following the pattern and calling out intentions when multiple models are in the air. Lastly, please use the gate open stand as the gate is beginning to sink because the stand is not being used regularly. ◀



**NEW MEMBERS**



“WNEU” and “UCONN” have both been very successful with their Projects.

**Club's new AED**



photo by Irv Thurrot



# MARCH MEETING MINUTES

## 5/8/25 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began early at 5:50pm due to bad weather moving in. The April meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

(Officer reports on previous pages)

### Treasurers Report

Len Marchese presented the April financial report sharing roughly 28% of our yearly expense budget has been spent. Len asked if there were any questions, no questions were raised.

### Activity Director Report

Peter Tani reported on WNEU students having success at the field, NCRCC has been working with the college for 3 years now assisting in class with the building process with students focusing on the engineering side of modeling. UCONN students enjoy use of our field with Padraigh Fitzgerald who is both a member and student. Ron Vernier's dawn patrol event in its 30th year is scheduled for 2 days with general flying after 4pm. Warbirds over Ellington will take place in September. Event details can be found on our website.

Ed Post's building contest brought some great looking models to the meeting. A team

of members crunched the numbers, winners in each category were announced and will be presented with an award during our next meeting.

### New/old Business

John Watkins announced an AMA government relations update. John explained NCRCC's field with its FRIA (FAA-recognized identification area) status has been granted a new 700' ceiling. Previously we were limited to 400' AGL (above ground level).

Meeting adjourned 6:42pm ◀



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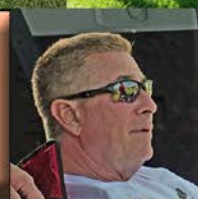
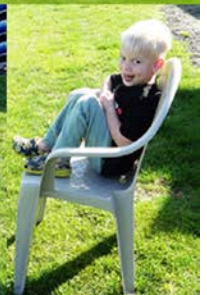
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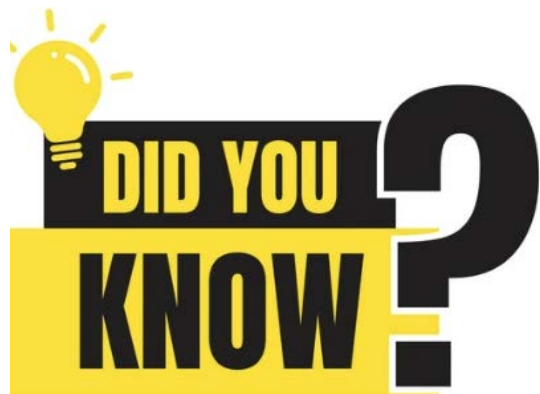
# SPRING SWAP MEET

Our Saturday, May 3, 2025 Spring swap meet was a great success. We had 18 individual seller stations that were occupied surprisingly early on in the day. Sport flying remained unaffected and the event concluded in the early afternoon. I enjoyed the fanfare and comradery that this event brought to our field. Thank you contest director Ron Vernier III and assistant contest director Bud Beaudoin for your efforts. ◀

## Saturday May 3rd 2025 NCRCC Spring Swap-meet







Did you know that after opening our field entrance swing gate there is a rest that our gate is intended to sit upon while it is open. This was constructed to relieve unnecessary stress on its moorings and while at rest.





May  
2025

# Building Contest and Club Meeting

## May 2025 NCRCC Meeting Plan

### 4 PM - Building Contest

- 1) Set up Building Contest Judging Area.
- 2) Begin Entry evaluations.

### 5 PM - Dinner

- 3) Cook/serve Burgers and Hotdogs
- 4) Complete Building Contest evaluations

### 6 PM - NCRCC Meeting Begins

- 5) Short Meeting - Rain expected at 7PM

### 6:45 PM - Complete Building Contest

- 6) Photograph Building Contest Winners (for Awards to be given at next meeting)

### 7 PM - Rain started as expected

- 7) Everything completed successfully



**4 PM**



**"Regular Flying"**

**Building Contest Judges**



## Building Contest "Entrants and Planes"



**Dinner  
was  
cooked  
at  
5  
PM**



# HOG HEAVEN HOBBIES CLOSING

Hog Heaven will close its brick-and-mortar store permanently on 17 July 2025. We will hold a Retirement / Store Closing sale between 24 May 2025 – 17 July 2025. The Internet store will remain viable.

The sale will include only in-stock items. Obviously the earlier you shop, the better the selection will be.

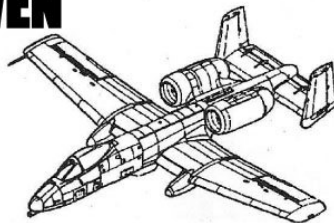
I will accept last-minute special orders as long as they will arrive at the store before 15 July 2025. These orders will be accepted if paid in advance and will sell at normal retail prices. Other than special-orders I will not replace or acquire any new merchandise.

Hog Heaven will be closed Memorial Day 26 May and Independence Day 4 July.

Thank you.

Jean and John ◀

**HOG HEAVEN  
HOBBIES**



## EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

DATE	EVENT	CD	EMAIL / PHONE
6/8	West Thompson Lake Float Fly	YANKEE FLYERS OF CT	dblack8605@sbcglobal.net
6/14 (RD 6/15)	RC Propbusters Memorial Fun Fly	STEVE PICKERING	pickersa@gmail.com
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
7/19 (RD 7/20)	RC Propbusters Electric Fun Fly & Swap	STEVE PICKERING	pickersa@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