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NCRCC FLYER

Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club

WINTER FLYING IN FULL SWING

This has been a great winter for those pilots wanting to try out skis and floats on the snow. The frozen finger fun fly was pretty rough weather but there have been many weekends with much nicer conditions. As I write this, Saturday is predicted to hit 50° !

It may be another week until the parking lot is plowed again, but there should be plenty of weekends before all this snow melts, so get some skis or floats and give it a try.

If it wasn't for the snow you would think this was a busy summer Saturday morning.

Ralph and others cleared the parking lot enough for winter flying even after the big snow.

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NEXT MEETING
March 12th, 6:30pm
Somers Public Library

Please send any newsletter contributions to
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OFFICER REPORTS

Mike Maznicki
President

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Mike Maznicki began the meeting by asking if anyone had cramps, muscle cramps and to see Irv for advice.

Irv Thurrott spoke of his experience of drinking tonic water with quinine to relieve leg cramps. Mike thanked the Garrett family for providing refreshments including brownies and cocktail franks during our meeting break. Mike thanked Wayne Gustafson our newsletter editor. Mike then asked if members were aware of the process NCRCC has in place to contact the town of Ellington explaining that Len our treasurer, has been the town contact with Ellington department of public works for the last 9-10 years. Members can contact the executive committee, and Len will contact the town as needed, our field marshal Bob Viering is our secondary or backup contact with the town, this avoids many people making repetitive requests. Infinity badges, do not discard your badge. As much fun as it was to collect a new badge each year it was costly and time consuming to produce each year. Badges are printed for new members and replacements if needed.

Bill Cranford
Secretary

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The AMA flying site improvement grant application was submitted February 1st requesting the maximum amount of $3000 for our new mower. Grant awards will be announced in May. Our AMA leader club status was renewed for silver. In 2024 NCRCC received gold status before additional requirements were added. To reach gold we must host a charity event as our Try-N-Fly event is not on the schedule for this year. Also a leader member is required. Rick Bell in attendance announced he is a Leader member. Of the 123 clubs in District One only 8 have a leader status of gold or silver. Tom Munsell with assistant Dave Arzt have received the club financial books from Len to perform the yearly audit and will report their findings at a later meeting.

Our next meeting is Thursday March 12th at 6:30pm at the Somers Public Library, 2 Vision Blvd Somers CT.

Buddy Beaudoin
Vice President

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Buddy Beaudoin announced the town had plowed Green Rd and he had plowed the parking lot.

Michael McCaffrey and Adelin Paris submitted applications to join our club, Wyatt Cartabiano and Chris Sonsini attended their second meeting and were voted in as new members, welcome.

Wayne's Sig Fazer rescued from the snow by Shaun's tow truck after the fuel tank departed mid flight

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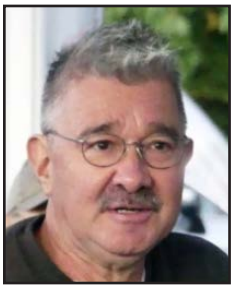

Peter Tani
Activity Director

Activities Director

Hello all

Our 2026 activities calendar is starting to gel.

Specifically:

Our Spring Swap Meet will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 9am. With a rain date of Sunday, May 3, 2026. Start time is 9am. I understand that the wheeling and dealing, even some "horse-trading" starts a bit earlier for all sellers looking to join our event and early-bird buyers that are looking for a good deal. Safety-minded sport flying is permitted.

Our Dawn Patrol Over Green Road Sector will again take place over two days, partly in deference to those that are required to travel long distances to make it to our regional and now long-standing event. A next day morning flight or three is always enjoyable. The dates are Saturday, July 11, 2026 and Sunday, July 12, 2026. Start time is 8am. History has shown that our field has re-opened to sport flying at the very earliest opportunity. In past, sport fliers, including myself, have helped to restore our field configuration to its pre-event condition. For instance to assist in: the return of flight stands to our pits, fueling station removal, Town of Ellington event road-sign retrieval come Sunday afternoon.

Our Warbirds Over Ellington will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2026. With a rain date of Sunday, September 13, 2026. With a start time of 8am. All types and sizes of warbirds are welcome. Please attend to have fun and support our group. Also mark your calendars so you might not miss.

Lastly, fellow members of our NCRCC executive committee have reminded me that we have "zero" events scheduled in more than one month come the very height of our 2026 flying season. This is not the worst thing.

Of greater note, however: Is that current NCRCC vice-president and club contest director Bud Beaudoin, and active NCRCC general membership member "LT" (Bob) Hughes, expressed a great desire and enthusiasm to conduct and host a month of August, thinking: "pot-luck pick nick", get-together with LT himself as its NCRCC activity coordinator. The intent of the event is to promote camaraderie, good will, and the spirit of cooperation within our group. LT intends to make use of his grilling and barbecue skills/ plant and material. This might be similar in character to past events like our NEPRO re-union, both Louie "D's", and Guy Beaudoin's life celebrations. The intent is that this event be sponsored by its participants by way of home-cooked specialties and donations with NCRCC providing its traditional event day facilities. Momentum is building to conduct a same-day and limited Randy Hickton Fun Fly with organizers and leaders presently sought.

Could be fun.

That's it for now

---Peter

EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

DATE	EVENT	CD	EMAIL / PHONE
5/2 RD 5/3	NCRCC Spring Swap Meet	RON VERNIER	RVernier3@gmail.com
7/11 - 7/12	NCRCC Dawn Patrol over Green Road	RON VERNIER	RVernier3@gmail.com
9/12 RD 9/13	NCRCC Warbirds Over Ellington	JOHN BLOSSICK	jblossick@aol.com

OFFICER REPORTS

Len Marchese
Treasurer

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Well, as I'm writing my NCRCC article for the newsletter, the snow has finally ended. Unfortunately, I was in Connecticut for a few days, and one of those days happened to be Blizzard Calvin. Yes, I was here for a few days. Hopefully, by the time the newsletter appears on the website, I will be back in Florida.

Not much is happening in the Treasurer department for the month of February. All necessary invoices from January and February have been paid.

Hopefully, this huge amount of snow will be gone before the flying season starts.

Be safe in this weather. Also, if you decide to journey up to the field on Green Road, make sure you bring a snow shovel.

Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer

Bob Viering
Field Supervisor

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Bob Viering spoke of equipment servicing, the zero turn will get an oil change and greased by himself and Tom Munsell. Glen Schlude is to service our tractor. Plans for spring cleanup include cleaning and painting our containers, staining plane stations, and basic property clean up. Chris Garrett offered to assist in attaching our club owned brush hog to our tractor. Quoting prices for paint and stain was a bit of a shock at $1375 for 20 gallons of grey rustoleum and 4 gallons of stain. A discussion of past container maintenance began with Bob LaFlamme stating the containers have not been painted in over 20 years. Top Coat, a type of rubberized paint was recommended for use on the roof. Funding this project will be discussed as it exceeds the current field budget, funding may need to be approved and sourced from the capital (field) fund. Safety rules were read aloud, stay safe at the field, please fly with a friend.

Ray Murphy
Liaison Officer

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Ray Murphy presented the raffle prize, a Top Flite P-47 with a huge honking O.S. on the nose. This model was donated by member Mark Henrie who stuffed a 1.60 two stroke in a .90 - 1.20 size airframe. One of our newest members, Chris Sonsini was the lucky winner, though I'm not sure luck was much of a factor. He bought a lot of tickets! Thank you Chris, enjoy and hang on tight!

Ray mentioned NCRCC stickers can be purchased from him. Club merchandise is available through our website under the "club apparel merchandise" page, also a link is included in the meeting reminder email you receive.

Rick Bell talks about his new pattern plane

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

2/12/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:33 pm.
38 members and 1 guest were in attendance.
The January meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

(Officer reports on previous pages)

Treasurers Report
Len Marchese by way of Zoom presented the January expense report with roughly 20% of our yearly budget spent. Once per year expenses such as AMA charter, Zoom renewal, and Allied Lawn Service were paid. State of CT business filing was paid for also, with another filing due later in the year for Green Road Aero Society (GRAS). Len asked if there were any questions. Rick Bell asked what the state fee was, Len responded it was for the business filing for NCRCC with the state of CT. Dennis Thibodeau asked how often we use Zoom, Len responded mostly when he is away and unable to attend in person, we have discussed allowing members to listen in on meetings through Zoom if unable to attend.

Activity Director Report
Peter Tani spoke of club channels of communication highlighting the importance of NCRCC relationships with the town of Ellington who Len is the main contact with giving an example of if the Somers library is to be contacted that would be done through our Secretary Bill Cranford who schedules our meeting dates with the library. The East Windsor indoor flight season continues Fridays 1-3pm organized by Bob Spooner and Irv Thurrott this typically ends in early or late April, weather depending. Peter shared an AMA email received asking to "share your story" urging members to write in if they have a good story to tell of their RC experiences. Glastonbury Modelers fly free flight indoors at the high school during winter months if you're looking for something fun and exciting to check out, you'll see some fascinating rubber powered models and free flight gliders, no radio control allowed.

Ron Vernier and Buddy Beaudoin have set a date for the Spring Swap Meet scheduled for May 2nd, with a seller's fee of $10. Ron added setup starts at 7am, sales begin early. Dawn Patrol is scheduled for 2 days for the second year in a row now, July 11 & 12 with a landing fee of $15 per day or $25 for both providing a discount for the two-day commitment. Contest Director Ron Vernier mentioned event food would need to be organized by the club and if food is to be sold, he would like to include this on the event poster. Warbirds over Ellington is sanctioned for September 12th. A discussion then began with membership of a potluck club picnic in August similar to last year's NEPRO sponsored picnic. LT (Bob) Hughes mentioned cooking ¼ chickens with some side dishes. Mike suggested volunteers get together and organize this as a club only event.

New/Old Business
Rick Bell presented a show and tell of a 70's style pattern ship he is building from a balsa kit. The model was nearly ready for covering with plans of powering with new technology including an electric motor from Innov8tive designs with a 6s lipo battery.

Buddy Beaudoin announced RC Madness is willing to order nitro fuel. After the closing of Hog Heaven Hobbies finding nitro fuel locally is not easy. A minimum order of 8 cases would need to be prepaid. This would be 32 one-gallon jugs, this amount avoids hazardous shipping fees. Contact Buddy with your nitro fuel needs.

Ed Post spoke of the building contest planned for our May membership meeting providing an outline of the categories and different builder skill levels when entering a model in this fun contest.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm
Bill Cranford, Secretary

NCRCC Meeting

Somers Public Library
Somers, CT
Feb. 12, 2026
6:30 PM

Recent,and New, NCRCC Members

FEBRUARY 14, 2026, NCRCC FIELD, 3:20PM

photos by Irv Thurrott