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Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club

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## SAFETY FIRST AND A FEW REMINDERS

Winter is over and the field is getting busier everyday. Please remember not to use the main pavilion for assembly and/or repair of airplanes. There is just too much danger having a propeller start and no one wants to eat food on a table with fuel, grease and spare parts. Many tables are available in the pit area for both starting and assembly. In addition, many of the tables are equipped with wing stops to hold planes securely when starting. If you have a complicated assembly and the sun is blaring, feel free to roll a table or starting stand under the small pavilion.

From my own experience, please be careful about leaving your planes on the stands unattended on windy days. I'm already up to three damaged planes and it's really sad to watch your plane fly off when its just out of your reach.

New member? Please know that our membership is super friendly and helpful. Don't be afraid to ask for help with your plane, a spotter, or that pesky wing bolt you can't find.

Lastly please remember to lock the gate on your way out. If you are the second to last out, please make sure the last member out knows how and is able to close the gate. Gate lock instructions are on page 9. ◀



**NEXT MEETING**  
**April 2nd, 6:30pm**  
**Somers Public**  
**Library**

Please send any newsletter contributions to [waynegustafson@gmail.com](mailto:waynegustafson@gmail.com)



**DON'T FORGET**  
 The club meeting is a week early this month - April 2nd.

# OFFICER REPORTS



**Mike Maznicki**  
*President*

## President

Mike Maznicki began the meeting by thanking the Garrett family for providing refreshments during our meeting break. Mike thanked Wayne Gustafson our newsletter editor. Mike asked members in attendance

if anyone has been to the field recently? Mike Fioritto responded he was there one hour before the meeting and reported that the road is in fair condition with some potholes however the field parking lot has deep ruts in the water-soaked soft soil. After our meeting break Mike asked who had hotdogs? The cocktail franks are a big hit. Mike asked for feedback on the flow of our meetings as over the last year we have made a few changes to our normal routines, speeding things up a bit. Are we happy with the meeting flow? A round of applause followed with comments of approval. ◀



**Buddy Beaudoin**  
*Vice President*

## Vice President

Buddy Beaudoin announced Scott Hasz and John (Skip) Sutcliffe submitted applications to join our club. Scott has experience with RC cars and is interested in RC helicopters seeking an instructor. Skip

enjoys flying indoors at the dome and is looking to return to outdoor flying. Buddy explained we have an instructor list on our website, Bob Viering suggested speaking with Vinnie at RC Madness. Michael McCaffrey and Adelin Paris attended their second meeting and were voted in to the club as new members, welcome. ◀



**Bill Cranford**  
*Secretary*

## Secretary

Bill Cranford explained each year an audit is performed of the club financials. This year Tom Munsell and Bob LaFlamme worked together to audit the treasurer's books. Tom Munsell reported that

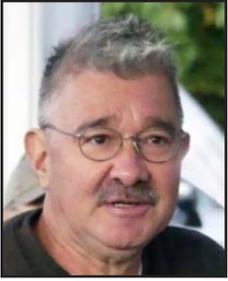
"everything foots to the penny". Below is a copy of Tom's letter to the executive committee after the audit was carried out.

Subject: NCRCC 2025 Financial Audit  
With the help of Bob LaFlamme, the audit of the books is complete.  
The records are accurate and in good order. Thanks to Len, they tie together perfectly.  
We reviewed the actual club checking account ledger and deposit slips. Any event proceeds flow directly into the operations budget. In addition, we have "tied" the monthly Bank of America statements to the checking ledger and reviewed the club Certificate of Deposit. While the audit is confined to the "books" it should be noted that Len is always among the first to help in food logistics for events and the membership appreciates that, and his work with Pippin.  
Respectfully, Tom Munsell

The AMA flying site improvement grant awards will be announced in May. NCRCC applied for the maximum amount of \$3000 for the purchase of our zero turn mower. If awarded we could receive between \$100-\$3000 of course hoping for the \$3000. Our AMA leader club silver award was received. To achieve gold again we must host a charity event such as our Try-N-Fly event we had in the past. We do have volunteers to work event stations, what we are looking for is an event leader, Kevin Cyr is willing to provide a volunteer with event information if someone wants to take this on. Thank you Rick Bell our leader member for satisfying the other requirement needed for gold.

Our next meeting is Thursday April 2nd, 6:30pm at the Somers Public Library, 2 Vision Blvd Somers CT. ◀

# OFFICER REPORTS



**Peter Tani**  
Activity Director

## Activities Director

By my measure there is not too much “new” to report here come April 2026.

Please note; our very next 2026 event is our Saturday, May 2, 2026 Spring Swap Meet. With a rain date of the following day namely, Sunday, May3, 2026. Set-up time is 8am. Official event start time is 9am. Deals likely start to fly come earlier on in the day. Safety minded flying is permitted during the event.

Event information currently appears on our NCRCC “splash-page”. Here is a link:

<https://ncrcc.org>

Greater event detail is available on our events page here:

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

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Of particular note is that unlike “tradition” our April general membership meeting will take place on the first, not the second Thursday. Namely on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

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Area float fly: a) times, b) dates and c) places are available on our website under the “Our Club” heading subheading; “Float Fly’s 2026”. Please have a look if interested.

Here is a link:

<https://ncrcc.org/float-flys-2024>

That’s it for now. ---Peter ←

## EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

DATE	EVENT	CD	EMAIL / PHONE
5/2 RD 5/3	<b>NCRCC</b> Spring Swap Meet	RON VERNIER	RVernier3@gmail.com
6/7	West Thompson Lake Float Fly (\$20)	Yankee Flyers	dblack8605@sbcglobal.net
6/22	Crystal Lake Float Fly - Remote ID Req.	DAVID ARZT	dparzt@gmail.com
7/7	Crystal Lake Float Fly - Remote ID Req.	DAVID ARZT	dparzt@gmail.com
7/11 - 7/12	<b>NCRCC</b> Dawn Patrol over Green Road	RON VERNIER	RVernier3@gmail.com
7/19	West Thompson Lake Float Fly (\$20)	Yankee Flyers	dblack8605@sbcglobal.net
8/10	Crystal Lake Float Fly - Remote ID Req.	DAVID ARZT	dparzt@gmail.com
8/23	West Thompson Lake Float Fly (\$20)	Yankee Flyers	dblack8605@sbcglobal.net
9/12 RD 9/13	<b>NCRCC</b> Warbirds Over Ellington	JOHN BLOSSICK	jblossick@aol.com
9/15	Crystal Lake Float Fly - Remote ID Req.	DAVID ARZT	dparzt@gmail.com

# OFFICER REPORTS



**Len Marchese**  
*Treasurer*

## Treasurer

Well, I'm still in sunny and warm Florida and should be back to Connecticut around the 18th of April.

Spending for the month of March has been the normal expenses for this time of year. The renewal of the club P.O

box, 4 cycle oil for our equipment (field crew are getting ready) and software renewal for our website word press.

This article may be short, but I am sure there will be much more spending as we are approaching the 2026 NCRCC flying season. Yes, I know some of the members have been flying in the snow.

Be Safe and Enjoy the flying

Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer ◀



**Ray Murphy**  
*Liaison Officer*

## Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy presented the raffle prizes, a scroll saw, an electric dragon fly flying boat, also a large balsa model that Ray did not have much information on. With many tickets sold Ray drew three winners with first drawing

getting first pick of the prizes. The scroll saw went first to Adelin Paris. Congratulations to the winners.

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. ◀



**NCRCC swag available on the website**



**Bob Viering**  
*Field Supervisor*

## Field Supervisor

Bob Viering spoke of plans for spring cleanup including cleaning and painting our containers, staining plane stations, and basic property clean up. With a paint and stain quote of nearly \$1500 Bob plans to contact the

Sherwin Williams sales representative asking for a discount price offering advertising in exchange. He will explain we are a non-profit club, we could hang a banner on our containers, post on our webpage or newsletter thanking Sherwin Williams for the paint provided. Bob made a motion to approve spending of up to \$2000 from the capitol field fund to purchase all required supplies to complete the staining and painting project. The motion was seconded and the membership in attendance voted to approve with no members opposed.

Safety rules were read aloud. Bob explained the location of the berm to fly forward of to new members. Follow the pattern of planes that are already in the air. Communicate intentions on the flight line, work together for safety. John Palica mentioned the need to adjust the gate open rest and suggested gate lock instructions be shared with members again. Also remind members models are not allowed under the large pavilion. All agreed the large pavilion is for people to gather and to inform others if you see this behavior at the field. Bob explained he plans to repair the gate and will repair the parking lot ruts by bringing in topsoil or millings if needed. Mike added if you are leaving the field with only a few members remaining, remind and confirm those members are comfortable with the gate lock procedure. Peter added that the procedure is on our website with photos and included in the new member packet of information.

Bob ended by sharing he has many planes from Scott Ballou's collection, if a member is interested in a model to contact him. ◀

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# MARCH MEETING MINUTES

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## 3/12/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

website in two locations, on the events page and the float fly page.

### New/Old Business

Kevin Cyr our most popular instructor, announced he will be unavailable for training during a few summer months. The club Aeroscout trainer will be in Chris Garrett's possession if another instructor wishes to use it. Those looking for training should visit our website and refer to the instructor contact list, also any good weather Saturday morning is a good time for beginners to visit the field if looking for instruction.

Peter Tani mentioned hi group of NCRCC members continue to work with Western New England University

Students. The fundamentals of flight course will occupy a day at our field testing flights of high speed level, high speed dive, and stall speed.

Ola Nordell spoke of his son Leo competing in Florida winning the micro class in the SAE International Aero Design program.

### Show and Tell

Rick Bell returned with his Aerospaz Striker he is building from a balsa kit, now covered with Neucover from value hobby dot com which Rick feels is a good quality covering at low cost.

John Palica showed off his turbine powered model once bought used. With solid gear, no retracts the model handles our grass runway great. Once crashed John purchased a short kit and rebuilt this model reusing only the tail. The painted finish shows the elbow grease used with a variety of sandpaper grit.

Mike McCaffrey presented a Thermic 50 he built from a 1960s kit found on Ebay. The 2 channel glider was built with weight always in mind, with 6 gram servos and rebuilding a second lighter tail section the AUW is 214 grams with 20% of the weight being the tissue covering.

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm  
Bill Cranford, Secretary ◀

The meeting began at 6:37 pm.  
35 members and 2 guests were in attendance.  
The February meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.  
(Officer reports on previous pages)

### Treasurers Report

Len Marchese by way of zoom thanked Tom Munsell and Bob LaFlamme for their work on the 2025 club audit. Len presented the February income and expense report with roughly 20% of our yearly budget spent. There were no expenses in the month of February with an income of \$401.21. Len asked if the membership in attendance had any questions, no questions were raised.

### Activity Director Report

Peter Tani announced the East Windsor indoor flight season continues Fridays 1-3pm. Currently April 3rd is penciled in for the end of the indoor season.

Ron Vernier and Buddy Beaudoin will host the Spring Swap May 2nd, with a seller's fee of \$10. This event begins at 7am, sales begin early, and the field is open for members and guests to fly.

Dawn Patrol is scheduled for 2 days, July 11 & 12 with a landing fee of \$15 per day or \$25 for both providing a discount for the two-day commitment, food will be for sale.

Warbirds over Ellington is sanctioned for September 12th.

An August 8th potluck picnic is in the works. Like last year's NEPRO sponsored picnic, this will be a membership sponsored event promoting camaraderie with food, flying & fun.

Our annual build contest put on by Ed Post is set for the date of our May meeting. For those that enjoy building this is a fun contest to show off your skills.

Lastly, Float Fly dates for 2026 have been announced, no one is expected to memorize all these dates, you can find the dates for both Crystal Lake and Thompson Lake on our



# NCRCC Meeting March 12, 2026

6:30 PM  
Somers Public Library  
Somers, CT



**Groups**



**Execs**



**New Members**

**Presentations**

photos by Irv Thurrott

**Raffle Winners**



**Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# Spring Swap Meet 2026

**9 AM – 1PM**

**Saturday, May 2**  
**Set-up 8 AM, Sales**  
**officially start 9 AM**



~~**\$200**~~ **SOLD**



~~**\$700**~~ **SOLD**



~~**\$100**~~ **SOLD**

**Sellers Fee \$10**

**Spectators free!**

**Field Open to flying for NCRCC Members**  
**NCRCC Flying Field, Green Rd., Ellington, CT**

**Follow Rt. 140 into Ellington, turn onto Muddy Brook Rd,**  
**then a quick left onto Green Rd. (follow NCRCC signs).**

CD: Ron Vernier III,  
RVernier3@gmail.com

Co-CD: Guy Beaudion Jr.

[WWW.NCRCC.ORG](http://WWW.NCRCC.ORG)  
Rain date: Sunday, May 3, 2026



**NCRCC Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club**

# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual DAWN PATROL 2026

## ...Over Green Road Sector

Saturday, July 11 – July 12

AMA Required!

Two-day event!

FRIA Flying site!

Wheels up at 7 AM



Any Scale RC: Pre-WWI, WWI, &  
Golden Age aircraft

(No Cubs or Ugly Sticks)

**Pilots Landing Fee \$15**

**Spectators free!**

Food available for sale!

**NCRCC Flying Field, Green Rd., Ellington, CT**

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then a left onto Green Rd. (follow NCRCC signs).**



# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE

Phoenix model Sonic High Wing with 2 batteries. E-Flite Beaver 25 with 2 batteries. Full equipment with Spektrum receiver both planes. Bind-N-Fly! Metal gear digital micro servos in both planes, and Spektrum AR600 receiver in the Beaver. The Sonic has a Spektrum compatible Orange RX. The motor in the Sonic is a 3542 1250kv outrunner with Skywing 60 amp ESC, with 5-amp 5.5-volt BEC. The motor in the Beaver is a 4250 800Kv outrunner I think...Pretty sure. The ESC is a Turnigy 85 Amp, with 5 amp 6 volt BEC. The Beaver pic shows 5200 mah batteries, but the plane with batteries sells with 2 3700 mah batteries...The plane balances better with them, and they are newer than the 5200's in the picture. The batteries in the Sonic picture are the ones that come with it. \$100 for the sonic, and \$250 for the Beaver. Call Ed Case at 860-328-2102





DID YOU  
KNOW?

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.

GATE LOCK INSTRUCTIONS



**Properly locked**

- 1) Gate Closed
- 2) U-cover on Tang
- 3) Lock is locked, Combination scrambled



**Unlocking and Locking**

- 1) Pull lock outside U-cover
- 2) Set (or scramble) the Combination
- 3) Push Lock up at angle
- 4) Pull down on lock
- 5) Twist lock to remove or insert



**While Flying**

- 1) Swinging Gate is open
- 2) Gate components are as pictured