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Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club

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NEXT MEETING
June 11th, 6pm
(5pm cookout)
NCRCC Field

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 newsletter contributions to
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MAY WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR NCRCC

The NCRCC field saw a lot of activity in May starting with the Annual Spring Swap Meet lead by Ron Vernier. With more than 40 registered sellers, there was a new(to you) plane at great price for everyone. See the photos from Irv on page six.

Next up was our annual field day directed by Bob Viering, our field supervisor. This year Bob did most of the grounds maintenance himself mowing the area around the wind sock and along the corn field. (Thanks Bob for all your hard work we don't always notice !!) This left time for members to take care of some much needed painting of well ... everything. Members painted the startup tables, entry gate, containers, and small pavilion. A special thanks to Vinni and Shawn for braving the paint sprayer to get the containers looking brand new.

Last but not least was our annual building contest lead by Ed Post. The contest was held at our May meeting which was delayed a week by rain. Check the meeting minutes for the results and see more photos from Irv on page five. ◀



Ron Vernier and his son painting tables at NCRCC field day.
 See more photos on page seven.

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Buddy Beaudoin
Vice President

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Buddy Beaudoin announced Mike Maznicki was unable to attend the meeting having an unexpected home repair completed. Thank you cooks Rob Hebert and John Messenger. The Garrett

family provided desserts, and Ray Murphy a pasta salad. Thank you Wayne Gustafson our newsletter editor. Buddy Beaudoin announced new applications to join our club. Justin Hallenbeck races RC cars and has become interested in planes. Sean Donnelly and Stephen Jablonski both have experience and are getting back into the hobby. Chuck Allesio attended the rained out meeting. Buddy explained we have an instructor list on our website. Reporting on the spring swap meet put on by contest directors Ron Vernier and Buddy Beaudoin was a successful day even though it was moved to Sunday due to rain. The event attracted 43 sellers earning \$430 for the club, and many buyers with sold items moving out to the parking lot throughout the day. ◀



Bill Cranford
Secretary

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Bill Cranford explained that the AMA flying site improvement grant awards were announced. NCRCC was not selected for funding to help pay for our new Gravely zero turn mower. 101 clubs applied for this

grant; 51 clubs were chosen for funding. The AMA scores applications giving points in different categories. One of the categories is, has the club received a grant in the past, which we lost points on. NCRCC received a grant of \$1000 for the large pavilion project that we sit under now. We applied for and will receive this year's AMA club starter kit. Last year we received an Aeroscout to use for training. This year focuses on free flight gliders and rubber powered models. We will need to show these in use and provide a short write up to the AMA by November. This is a requirement to be able to apply for next year's kit if offered. Our next meeting is here at the flying field June 11th at 6pm with food at 5pm. ◀



Len Marchese
Treasurer

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Len Marchese presented the April income and expense report with roughly 20% of our yearly budget spent. The club twelve-month flexible CD was set to renewed at 2.2% and instead was invested into a seven-month

fixed CD earning higher interest at 3.25%. Len asked if anyone had any questions, no questions were raised.

Be Safe and Enjoy the flying
Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer ◀



Ray Murphy
Liaison Officer

Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy presented two raffle prizes, a Cherokee ARF and a nitro powered delta wing. Congratulations to the winners. Visit our website for club merchandise and see Ray to purchase NCRCC stickers that he prints

himself. ◀



NCRCC swag available on the website

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Bob Viering
Field Supervisor

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Bob Viering spoke of the spring cleanup last weekend. Many volunteers came out to help, thank you to all that work to maintain and improve our field. Mike Yezak and Bob Hughes brushed, and power washed the containers the previous weekend getting them ready for paint. Bob H also dug out and resecured the gate rest that is now working properly. NCRCC provided lunch cooked by volunteer Rob Hebert for the volunteers after painting our gate, small pavilion, and shipping containers, staining plane stations, and basic property clean up. The Sherwin Williams East Hartford location donated 50% of the materials in exchange for promoting Sherwin Williams Paints. A triaxle load of millings was delivered and Bob Viering spread the millings at the field entrance, by the porta potty and dumpster location.

There will be no change to the long-standing rule of no planes under the large pavilion for safety reasons. This topic was discussed at our most recent executive committee meeting that was held with two of our available board of directors. The large pavilion is meant to be used as a meeting and socializing place. The smaller pavilion may be used to assemble and prepare models.

The club AED is with Bob at meetings and when at the field, Bob asked members if we want to continue this way or leave the \$1800 device at the field in a secret accessible location? John Palica asked if we could have a presentation on using the AED. Mike Maznicki did give a presentation on using the AED explaining the screen walks the user through the steps, and will only function if needed after analyzing.

Please visit the front page of our website to check the mowing schedule, be kind to our volunteers, no flying while mowing is taking place. Safety rules were read aloud.

Communicate intentions on the flight line, work together for safety. Be considerate of other members who may be waiting to fly. Also, we have a few control line pilots, and at times the control line pad will need to be made available. ◀



Peter Tani
Activities Director

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Peter Tani announced a successful flight exam day with WNEU. Students of fundamentals of flight measured both slow and high-speed flights with their purpose-built models flown by test pilot Ralph Rinaldi.

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 12. The August 8 potluck picnic will begin about 1pm but come early and fly. LT Bob Hughes is excited to grill. Corn on the cob will be donated by Lloyd Burnham. Peter recommended bringing a dish to share, this will be a member only event promoting camaraderie with food, flying and fun.

Float Fly events are around the corner. Sunday June 7 at West Thompson Lake next to the boat launch 401 Reardon Rd. North Grosvenordale, CT. No turbine aircraft. Each flyer must use a spotter. \$20 per pilot, no remote ID required. You can find the dates for both Crystal Lake and Thompson Lake events on our website.

That's it for now. ---Peter ◀



MAY MEETING MINUTES

5/21/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:03 pm.
 40 members and 3 guests were in attendance.
 The April meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.
 (Officer reports on previous pages)

New/old Business

Mike Fiorito announced a club outreach event at Plum Island July 18 asking members to come and fly demonstration flights. No turbine powered models will be allowed that day.

Mike Doran spoke of the recent Massachusetts swap meet. Hog Heaven Hobbies continues to sell RC items on their website that can be shipped or picked up in Sturbridge.
 (www.hogheavenhobbies.com)

Irv Thurrott will present the building contest winners with photos at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:01 pm
 Bill Cranford, Secretary ←

Annual Building Contest results reported by Ed Post

NOVICE

- 1st Bob Hughes

ADVANCED

- 1st Dave Arzt
- 2nd Bill Cranford
- 3rd Mike McCaffrey

MASTER

- 1st Ola Nordell
- 2nd Dennis Thibodeau
- 3rd Neal Caplan

GRAND MASTER

- 1st Mike Fiorito
- 2nd Peter Tani

EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

DATE	EVENT	CD	EMAIL / PHONE
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	NCRCC 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	NCRCC Warbirds Over Ellington	JOHN BLOSSICK	jblossick@aol.com
9/15	Crystal Lake Float Fly - Remote ID Req.	DAVID ARZT	dparzt@gmail.com

NCRCC Meeting 5/21/2026 BUILDING CONTEST

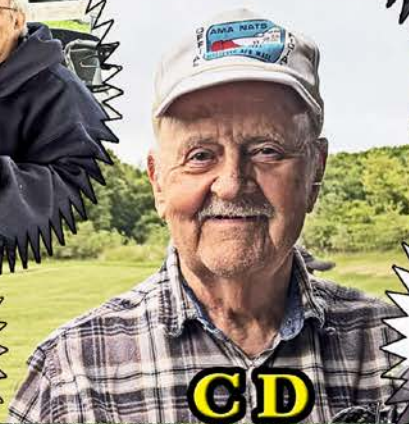
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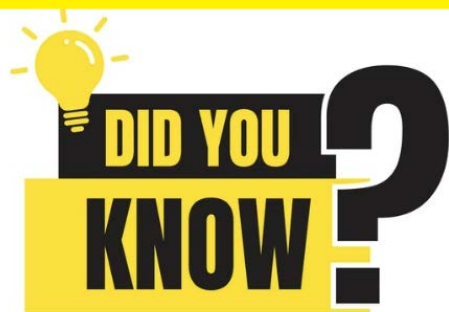
MASTERS



GRAND MASTERS



photo by Jay Thurott



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.

FIELD DAY PAINTING PROJECTS

“If it moves stow it, if it doesn’t move paint it” were the orders from field supervisor Bob Viering. Since Bob had previously done the grounds maintenance, most members were able to get in a few flights during and after painting. ◀





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31st 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

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

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