

9/10/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:00 pm.

31 members and 6 guests were in attendance.

The August meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

Presidents Report

Mike Maznicki thanked our cooks Rob Hebert and John Messenger; applause came from the meeting attendees. Thank you Wayne Gustafson our newsletter editor. Mike asked the membership if there were any corrections needed to the August meeting minutes, no corrections were raised.

VP/New Members Report

Buddy Beaudoin presented two new applicants to our club, Mark Tomkiel and James Germana introduced themselves and spoke of their RC experience. Four new members were voted in; Krithik Ganapavarapu, Benjamin Chicoine, Thomas Johnson, and Jose Villanueva. Welcome to the club. Ben Chicoine was awarded a solo certificate after flying our club aeroscout during the club picnic, many hours on the real flight simulator paid off.

Secretary Report

Bill Cranford spoke of this year's AMA club starter kit of balsa rubber powered models, Dave Arzt will be distributing these kits to a connection he has with the scouts with plans to fly these models at our October meeting. Tom Munsell handles the tasks of the nominating committee with help from Bob LaFlamme. If interested in running for a club office, please contact Tom tomnmunsell@gmail.com. Our next meeting is here at the flying field on October 8th at 6pm with food at 5pm. Our meeting day of week will change when we return to the Somers Public Library November through April. The library is no longer open late Thursday; our meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month.

Treasurers Report

Len Marchese provided the August income and expense report. July had income from interest, and new memberships. CD Ron Vernier's Dawn Patrol event brought in \$1239 through landing fees, as well as food and T-shirt sales. Expenses for the month of August included food, Pippin Industries and USA hauling. The portable toilet and dumpster services will pause at the end of October then resume in the spring. The portable toilet will be winterized and left onsite for use but will not be serviced.

Activity Director Report

Peter Tani announced Warbirds over Ellington is happening this Saturday September 12th giving the floor to John Blossick the contest director. John spoke of great weather in the forecast with T-shirts and food sales planned along with raffles. A NOTAM was requested to allow flights up to 1200' AGL. Dave Arzt plans to host his Crystal Lake float fly Tuesday September 15th, contact Dave for info. Dave suggested you bring a plane, but others have been known to come just for lunch. Our Tailgate swap meet will be on October 10th with a seller's fee of \$10.

Field Supervisor Report

Bob Viering began by thanking the mowing crew, Mike, Neal, Carl, and Phil, have had a busy season with rain feeding our field. Mike Doran announced the next mowing will be tomorrow Friday from 1-3pm to have the field in great condition for Saturdays War Bird event. Alan Crawford's donation of a solar power station is cancelled due to possible liabilities but has offered to assist in a club funded system if it were to be approved. Bob announced our AED has a hiding spot for security purposes this location is in the password protected

section of the website. From the main page click members only, AED location and enter the 4-digit gate code when prompted. Bob asked what the membership thoughts are on replacing this item if something happened to it. Member input was we will cross that bridge if we come to it. Bob explained the device does have a GPS tracking service. Safety rules were read aloud. Always fly forward of the berm, communicate intentions on the flight line, work together for safety.

Liaison Officer

Ray Murphy presented an electro streak new in box for raffle. Congratulations John Messenger who held the winning 5196 ticket. See Ray to purchase NCRCC stickers that he prints himself. The just plane crazy website is down for an unknown reason; Bill has reached out to them with no response yet. John Blossick has both past and present event T-shirts for sale along with NCRCC apparel that can be ordered through his web store <https://tshdesigns.dashery.com/albums/482458-ncrcc> this link has been added to our NCRCC website.

New/old Business

John Watkins recently visited Skylark airport and was asked questions about activities here at our field on Green Rd. John explained we are authorized to fly unmanned aircraft up to 700' inside our FRIA boundary. RC pilots always avoid and give way to manned aircraft. Letters to Ellington and Wysocki airports were sent out last year as they are within two miles of NCRCC. Skylark will be sent a similar letter this year, though they are just over 4 miles away Skylark is a more active airport. Bob Viering added that NOTAMs several times per year allow flying up to 1200' AGL during events.

Ray Murphy asked for input on the idea of moving the berm and flight station back from the runway to gain more field flying area. This was discussed with pros and cons.

Meeting adjourned 6:43 pm

Bill Cranford, Secretary