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NCRCC FLYER

Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club

SHELVES OVERFLOWING AT THE FALL SWAP MEET

It was a buyers market at the NCRCC Fall Swap Meet. Special thanks to CDs Mike Maznicki, Len Marchese and the volunteers that make this event a yearly success. Can't wait to see a brand new fleet in the spring!





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NEXT MEETING
Nov 11th, 6:30pm
Somers Public Library

Please send any newsletter contributions to
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DON'T FORGET
Next club meeting is on a WEDNESDAY - November 11th

OFFICER REPORTS



Mike Maznicki
President

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Mike Maznicki thanked our cooks Rob Hebert and John Messenger; applause came from the meeting attendees. Also thanking other members who brought chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, even a pie. 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.



Buddy Beaudoin
Vice President

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Buddy Beaudoin presented two new applicants to our club, Randall (Scott) Curtis, Keyon Wellington introduced themselves and spoke of their RC experience. Three new members were voted in; Mark Tomkiel, James Germana, Deshion LaFave. Welcome to the club.

A few NCRCC members attended the Balsa Bandits picnic fly in last weekend, featuring great food, a tight flying area, and pond to float fly from.





Bill Cranford
Secretary

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Bill Cranford announced our club membership total is currently 213 with the addition of 3 members tonight. A letter was sent to Skylark Airport with our FRIA coordinates and explaining our 700' ceiling sunrise to sunset only, night flying is restricted to 400'. Also, a NOTAM allowing a 1200' max altitude is requested several times per year during events.

Nominations for both Executive Committee and Board of Directors positions are open. Tom Munsell with help from Bob LaFlamme may be contacted if you wish to run for an office. Tom spoke at the meeting informing members to visit the website to read of officer responsibilities and to contact him at TomNMunsell@gmail.com or email Sec@NCRCC.org to be put in contact with him. Nominations will close during the November meeting. Bill continued, Thank you Tom. Our next meeting is November 11th on a Wednesday! We will return to the Somers public Library on 2 vision blvd for the cold weather months beginning meetings at 6:30pm. The library is no longer open late Thursdays causing our meetings to take place on the second Wednesday of the month, November through April. The upcoming meeting is always posted to front page of website, tell a friend, share the news of this change.



OFFICER REPORTS



Len Marchese
Treasurer

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Hello all NCRCC members:

Well, it's the start of November and we are now into the 2027 membership renewal process. You should have received your renewal package if not give it a day or two.

When you receive the renewal package read it over and then send your 2027 renewal. You should have noticed that the renewal amount has not changed. Keep in mind that your membership renewal is 100% invested in the care and well-being of our flying field and funds various club activities. So, the quicker you renew your membership the faster we can generate a 2027 field budget.

Our last activity for 2026 was the October Swap meet. The weather was perfect and the swap meet was a success. All sellers sold and buyers purchased and sold great items. Looking forward to 2027 October swap meet.

Well, that's it from me. Stay warm and don't forget to rake your leaves.

See you at the November meeting. **Remember that all meetings at Somers Library are now on the second Wednesday and not Thursday.** So, I will see you on Wednesday November 11, 2026.

Enjoy flying and be safe. See you in November via Zoom

Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer



Bob Viering
Field Supervisor

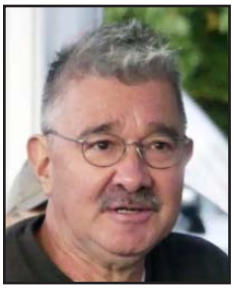
Field Supervisor

Bob Viering began by addressing the Green Rd condition. We are on an unmaintained road, usually twice per year the Ellington DPW will grade the road. No member is to contact the town, instead please contact the Executive Committee. The town is aware that two officers are the club contact, Len and me. Winter flying is available if the field is accessible. The town is not obligated to plow snow. Bob continued thanking the mowing crew, Mike, Neal, Carl, and Phil, also others that assist moving items if at the field. They had a busy season and provided an extra mow for the War Bird event. Safety rules were read aloud. Always fly forward of the berm, communicate intentions on the flight line, work together for safety. Please respect electric accidental start-ups. We had an injury last week when a member acting in a safe manner was cut by a propeller while attempting to calibrate an ESC. In this rare instance even being behind the model was not safe enough. Removing the propeller when performing maintenance will always be the safest practice.

LT Bob Hughes added a special thanks to Mike Doran for dropping the deck lower mowing a grass runway to a shorter length then collecting clippings with the tow behind power rake.

Mike Maznicki added a thank you to all volunteers. This year we saw an increase of volunteers with the field receiving added attention which really shows as the field is in great condition.

OFFICER REPORTS



Peter Tani
Activity Director

Activities Director

Peter Tani announced Our Tailgate swap meet is happening this Saturday on October 10th with a seller's fee of $10. The official start time is 9am but deals have been known to start early. Coffee and donuts will be available with donations accepted. Warbirds over Ellington was a great success. John Blossick the contest director, was very happy with the help from volunteers assisting him. Dave Arzt hosted his last lunch and float fly of the year, earlier events had been postponed a week due to weather but this last event the weather was perfect right on schedule. Indoor flying in the East Windsor sports dome will begin soon. Bob Spooner hosts and will collect the $5 per hour fee, most fliers pay $10 to enjoy flying from 1pm - 3pm. Bob will schedule the first indoor event according to when the cold weather moves in, spectating is free.

December 9th is penciled in for the NCRCC Christmas party held at the Somers Public Library, more on that later.

That's it for now. ---Peter



NCRCC swag available on the website



Ray Murphy
Liaison Officer

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Ray Murphy presented a Falcon 56 and an electric paramotor for raffle. Congratulations to the two raffle winners. 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.





SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

10/8/26 Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 6:01 pm.
41 members and 2 guests were in attendance.
The September meeting minutes were approved with no corrections.

(Officer reports on previous pages)

Treasurers Report

Len Marchese provided the September income and expense report with income from interest, and four new memberships. Contest Director John Blossick's Warbird Event brought in $1704 through landing fees, as well as food, raffle and T-shirt sales. Expenses for the month of September included food, fuel, AED yearly subscription and state of CT business filing. 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.

Len announced the 2027 renewal campaign will begin November 1st. Members will receive notices by mail. The website PayPal link will be available November 1st also if you prefer to renew online. The 2027 operation budget is based on renewal income, the quicker you renew the quicker we can form a budget to include all the amenities we enjoy.

New/old Business

Bob Laflamme raised a question of where the club stands on the farm lease that expires this year? Mike replied that he is in contact with Andy Gale, he has a copy of the new five year lease and wants to meet to negotiate, Andy has until the end of the year. Other parties are interested, as a courtesy and the history of twenty plus years as a tenant Andy has been offered the first right of refusal.

Bob LaFlamme asked a second question seeking information about what happened with trees being cut in the wooded area? Bob Viering responded that a dozen trees were cut and left in an area where a hunter's tree stand was also stolen. DEEP has placed cameras in that area. One of the two hunters we had allowed on our property has been told he no longer has that privilege. Bob Laflamme stated no member of this club is allowed to cut trees on this property.

Mike asked of any other questions, none were raised.

Meeting adjourned 6:46 pm
Bill Cranford, Secretary

AED OUT FOR THE WINTER

Our AED (automated external defibrillator) has been removed for winter because the battery will freeze. It will be restored to the field in the Spring.



NCRCC Club Meeting
October 8, 2026

At our Ellington Field

5:30 Dinner, 6-7:30 Meeting

















New Applicants/Members



Raffle Winners





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