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NCRCC Meeting Minutes February 14, 2019

NEXT (April)

MEETING:

April 11, 2019

- NCRCC April club meeting - Indoors at the Somers Library
The meeting will start at about 7:00pm –
- Regular indoor Meeting
- Pilot Projects
- Free food

Good Times

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CALL TO ORDER:

Club President Bob Laflamme called the Thursday, February 14, 2019 meeting to order at the Somers Library, Blake Auditorium at 7:15 p.m. There were 35 members present and one new applicant.

PRESIDENT'S

REPORT: Bob LaFlamme welcomed all in attendance noting and apologizing for the 15-minute late start while members took the opportunity to continue socializing and catching up on things. Bob noted the great weather that we are experiencing and spoke of the temperatures in other areas related to his work responsibilities and recent travel. Bob

stated that he did not have much to report and passed the floor over to vice-president Mike Maznicki.

VICE PRESIDENT'S

REPORT: Club vice-president Mike Maznicki also stated that he did not have too much to report. Mike spoke of the first event of our 2019 season namely the "NCRCC Tailgate Swapmeet" scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 that both he and treasurer Len Marchese will conduct. Mike spoke of the event flier

that is available and contains additional information regarding times and related cost. (Please click the link: http://www.ncrcc.org/images/stories/Event_Docs/Events_2019/2019_SwapMeet.pdf to see a copy on our website). Mike noted that as usual spectators and buyers may attend for free and that flying is available for all those with current AMA membership requesting only that they fly with the assistance of

April NCRCC meeting

Is **INDOORS** at the Somers Library.

The Thursday April 11th meeting will be indoors at the Somers Library.

[2 Vision Blvd, Somers, CT 06071](http://www.ncrcc.org)

The meeting will start at about 7:00pm.

Free soft drinks/ coffee / Pilot Projects.

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**THE THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2018 MEETING TO BE HELD AT
THE SOMERS LIBRARY**

**The April 11th 2018 meeting will be held indoors on Thursday evening
at the Somers Library [2 Vision Blvd, Somers, CT 06071](http://www.ncrcc.org)**

Activities Director's Report - March, 2019



Irv Thurrott
Activities Director

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 11, 2019** at the **Somers Library** at **7 PM**.

The FAA now requires that any Small Unmanned Aerial System that is flown outdoors, and weighs more than 0.55 pounds, **must have your FAA Registration Number displayed externally on the model**. Neither AMA nor NCRCC will police this requirement, but it is a Federal Law.

The FAA also now provides a smartphone application named "**B4UFLY**", which is available free through the "App Store" and "Google Play Store". Its' primary function is to let you know if there are limitations to flying at the location where the app is active. We'll discuss

this further at the April Club Meeting, but you can read the **FAA Q&A information** about this app at:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/where_can_i_fly/b4ufly/

The FAA also provides directions for "How to Label Your Drone", "Registering Your Drone", and the basic "Rules". It's all fairly obvious, but it's still a good idea for you to check the FAA website.

As mentioned at the March meeting, I'll be the CD for "The Pete Reed Q-500 Classic" pylon race on August 3rd and 4th. This event will return to the format used before last year's "Pete Reed Barefoot Showdown" – Trophies (no cash prizes) and probably fewer contestants from across the US. The Entry Fee (\$25/Event) will not include lunch. Lunch which will be provided for purchase by NCRCC. It will also be two separate days of racing for each event. This year 426 will not be Saturday and Sunday combined event.

Please consider helping with this race – Helpers will be well taken care of (including Porta-Potty breaks ;-). Also – the free BBQ on Saturday afternoon/evening is available for all contestants and NCRCC Members/Family/Friends. It's always a lot of fun and gastronomically satisfying.

John P. reported that the road has been graded by the Town of Ellington, and he has rolled the runway. Excellent work John, now all that's left is to get the wind to calm down.

Indoor flying sessions at East Windsor Dome (Fridays, 1-3PM) and Tolland Dome (Wednesdays, 1-3PM) are going well with quite a few attendees.

Hope to see you at the Library on Thursday, April 11th.

Activities Director, Irv

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a spotter. Food will be available at the field. Mike spoke of the advertising that is available on the various RC forum/ websites noting one with over 40 "hits" to date.

Mike informed our group that 2019 membership cards that had not been picked up in person or delivered by others were sent out Friday, March 8, 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Len Marchese was not able to attend.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Adam Gorman was not able to attend.

FIELD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Club field supervisor Art Usher said that the road is bad. He strongly advised against making an attempt to access our field by passage car having visited with a large four-wheel-drive truck possessing high ground clearance. Art spoke of his spring vacation plans noting his arrangements made with our remaining field volunteers for the return of batteries and other details should the field require rolling in his absence. In response to an individual members call for the town to grade green road; Art recommended patience as the town of Ellington has several miles of road to grade this spring and he and the remaining board would see about getting this done as soon as is possible.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Bob Spooner called Gershon "Gersh" Tucker to

the head table. While there Bob and activities director Irv Thurrott presented Gersh with a 2019 first of the year solo certificate with Bob Spooner his qualifying instructor. Congratulations Gersh; job well done! Gersh thanked Bob Spooner, Irv Thurrott, Peter Tani and several others for the help that he received along the way. Thank you Gersh for joining our group and glad that you have found us helpful while learning and developing your piloting skills.

Irv went through our 2019 event schedule re-confirming the dates and detail for each event. He gave a description for each event allowing contest directors in attendance to give a brief account and update for their individual event.

Irv T, Buddy B. and Peter T. gave an account of the August 3rd and 4th 2019 2-day race. Irv noting that he would be the contest director. Buddy noting that there is an after race and traditional Saturday picnic that is available to volunteers, members and their families with this year no different for tradition. Peter T. noting that volunteering might be interesting if one is new to our club and/ or if one has never seen a race before. Irv made a call for volunteers and eight members in attendance volunteered. Thank you. Peter T. also reminded all that contest director Joel Lang's Sunday, May 19, 2019 NCRCC/ NEPRO race will pre-date our August race and asked all potential volunteers to please keep this in mind.

Irv described the 2019 Nutmeg State

Electric Fly-In that was recently scheduled for Saturday August 17, 2019 which is also Model Aviation Day. Irv described the event with a WW I mass launch/ group fly, an RC combat contest and others. Irv described that there would be open flying to all participants and NCRCC membership with night flying available Friday August, 16 and continued time available on Sunday August 18, 2019 for those still in attendance and should weather become an issue. Irv spoke of the \$20 landing fee and described that \$7 of this would go to a vender for lunch.

Bud spoke of his Thursday, June 6, 2019 "Building Contest" that will be held before the regularly scheduled outdoor June monthly meeting.

Irv noted that he had recently updated the NCRCC instructor list thanking both Ralph Rinaldi, a person previously always available for help, and Alan Crawford a member new to our group. You do not need to be an instructor to help another member learn to fly.

Irv described several "Non-NCRCC" events as they also appear on our website. These include various local Float Flies, a Jet Rally, and a Warbird fly-in.

Irv offered a few paper copies of our event schedule for those wishing one.

PUBLIC LIAISON'S OFFICER'S REPORT: Club public liaison officer John Staudt described the

March Raffle prizes namely Eflite's "fastest prop driven plane to date" the "V900" and \$30 gift certificate to Hog Heaven Hobbies that were part of the 2019 March Raffle; asking everyone with interest to buy raffle tickets. John informed all in attendance that Balsa USA had donated a 1/6th scale Fokker D VIII to his NCRCC Scale Build/Fly event. John described details around which this prize would be worked into the competition.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: While reviewing the upcoming 2019 NCRCC events, a lengthy discussion ensued regarding food sales. Many of the attendees were very appreciative of the money that is earned by this activity, which is then used for field

capital improvements, and stated that NCRCC selling food should be done at all our events. It was explained that there have been some past NCRCC events at which the club did not sell food, but received compensation from the Entry Fees, or money from the Sponsor.

The overall majority (35 attendees, one member did not participate in the vote) felt that even under those circumstances, the club should still sell food/drinks for spectators and those who are not actually flying at the event. The Executive Committee has called a special "follow-up" meeting to decide on Club Rule modifications regarding food at NCRCC events. Any changes will be brought up at the April meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS: Two new NCRCC

applicants were in attendance. Firstly was, Neal Caplan of Manchester CT flying almost exclusively electrics. Secondly, Mike Knuerr hailing from Wilbraham MA a long time RC'er, he was in attendance with his wife Holly. Welcome.

NEW MEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Bob LaFlamme adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Peter Tani

NCRCC Newsletter Editor

for:

Adam Gorman,

NCRCC Secretary

From the Treasurer :



Len Marchese

Treasurer

Well.... everyone should have received their 2019

NCRCC membership badge. The badges were mailed the first week of March. If you have not received your membership badge, please contact anyone on the Executive Board.

We are also at the end of the first quarter of 2019 and financially we are in excellent shape. Our expenses for the 1st quarter is just under 6% of the total budget. The month of April should be the start of the flying season, but that also depends on the condition of Green Road. We are targeting mid-April or

sooner to have the sanitation container delivered to the field. Check NCRCC website for the status of Green Road and the field for flying.

That's it for now.

See you at the April member meeting.

Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer

NCRCC TAILGATE SWAP MEET

\$10.00 Seller Fee

Ellington, CT

Saturday May 18 2019

9:00 AM Start (field opens at 7:00am)

Wonder if
the seller
would take
\$10.00?

What a
deal. I'll
TAKE it!

Come on
over and see
my planes, I
have such
great deals!

Don't wait till
the last minute.
Someone will
make an offer
we can't refuse.



Buyers and Spectators admission is free!

Food available at the field.

Try before you buy it. Flying available, must have current AMA card and a spotter!

Directions to NCRCC field available on NCRCC website: www.ncrcc.org

For tailgate Information contact Mike Maznicki at MIKMAZ@ATT.NET

Event Contact: Mike Maznicki MIKMAZ@att.com

Public Liaison Officer Report:



John Staudt
Public Liaison Officer

Hello Guys,

I will have the Horizon Pitts S-1S BNF, a Robart Super Stand, and a \$30.00 Hog Heaven gift card for the raffle.

The Scale Build & Fly contest will be held on Saturday, July 27th with a \$10.00 entry fee. Sunday, July 28 will be reserved as a "rain-date" should it be required.

You may build a Scale kit or Scratch build from plans. Contestants do the Judging.

There will be 5 categories judged in Static Display Scores and 5 Flying maneuvers to complete. The winner takes home the cash entry fees.

Note: the contestant must be the builder of the airplane, but you may have a pilot fly your airplane for you if you're



Horizon Pitts S-1S

"A powerful and capable Pitts that's a pleasure to fly."

not comfortable.

As a reminder, I am running the raffle as same way as in the past, the member who spends the most money on tickets throughout the year will win a \$100.00 Hog Heaven Gift Card at the last meeting of the year held in November, made possible by the generosity of John Glennon at Hog Heaven. So let's show Hog Heaven how much we appreciate all they do for us and do some shopping at Hog Heaven , 494 Main Street , Sturbridge , Massachusetts 01518 . (508) 347-9350

I also will have hats for sale at \$15.00 each.

Thank You,
John



Robart Super Stand



Hog Heaven

\$30
Gift Card

**7th ANNUAL
Warbirds Over Ellington
Northern CT R/C Club
HAPPY CONTROLLED MODEL AIRSHOW**

**5 AM TO 4 PM
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2019**
SUN DATE SUNDAY SEPT 29th

**NCRCC CLUB FIELD
200 GREEN ROAD, ELLINGTON, CT 06029**
NOTE: THIS IS NOT FIELD AT ELLINGTON AIRPORT

SPECTATORS: FREE ADMISSION
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND ENJOY A RELAXING FUN DAY WITH US

PILOTS: \$15 LANDING FEE PER PILOT!
OPEN TO ALL WARBIRDS, WWI-MODERN AIRCRAFT
EXPERIENCED ARE WELCOME, #1000 OF PILOTS SUBSCRIPTION

AWARDS FOR BEST WWI, WWI-CURRENT AND BEST OF SHOW!
20' X 150' PAVED RUNWAY, 75' X 400' GRASS RUNWAY

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT #8327
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT THE FIELD!

**MERCHANDISE / SERVICES RAFFLE TO BENEFIT
CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER
***** HARTFORD, CT *******
DRAWING AT 2:30PM - WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.NCRCC.ORG
CONTEST DIRECTOR, DENNIS THIBODEAU 860-749-8885
EMAIL: BudVreth@COK.NET





DIRECTIONS AND LODGING INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE





**The Pete Reed
Q-500 Classic**

August 3-4 R/C Pylon Racing

NCRCC Field - 190 Green Road, Ellington, CT
41.934304 / -72.493175

See www.nccrc.org for Directions to Field

CD: Irv Thurrott, lrvtth584@gmail.com
Cell Phone: 860-930-4484

- Free BBQ Saturday Night (for all attendees, guests, spectators)
- Camping allowed at field, but no bookings are available
- Lunch available for purchase

Area Hotels:
Cushman Inn - East Windsor, 141 Prospect St East Windsor, CT 06008, 860 244-5383
Cushman Inn - Vernon, 435 Hartford Tpk, 48600, Vernon Rockville, CT, 860 871-2452

Two Separate Days of Racing **Events Start at 9:00 AM**

424 & 426 on Saturday, 424 & 426 on Sunday

426 -> Entry Fee - \$25 each day, ISA combined
Prizes 1st-3rd
3-person Teams only allowed if more than 12 Entries

424 -> Entry Fee - \$25 each day, ISA combined
Prizes - 1st-3rd
NEPRO Engine Rules - Evolution .46 and Thundertiger .40,
Standard Class flies 9 laps (intermixed with Experts who fly 10 laps)

DAWN PATROL 2019

**July 14th
Starts at 8 AM**

*Spectators Free!
Food available!*



**NCRCC Flying Field
Green Road
Ellington, CT**

Any R/C Scale WWI Aircraft
Must be in Military Colors

Pilots Landing Fee \$15

Follow Rt. 140 in Ellington onto
Muddy Branch Road, then
quick left turn onto Green Rd.
[Follow NCRCC Sign]

CD: Joel Lane, 413-204-4404
irlane40@comcast.net

See: www.nccrc.org for Directions

**Please mark your
calendars.**

**Click this box for a
link to our 2018
NCRCC events
calendar.**



Art Usher
NCRCC Field Supervisor

April 2019 Field Supervisors Report:

On Sunday, March 17th I went to the field to re-install the 4 batteries that are in our equipment. I would not go up the road without 4-wheel drive and good ground clearance. There are some ruts more than a foot deep.

The field seems in good condition. There is still

some snow on the left side of the parking lot due to the trees blocking the sun most of the day.

I will not be at April's meeting. I'll be on vacation in Florida.

See you all when I get back.

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