

NCRCC Flyer

NEXT (May)

MEETING:

- NCRCC May club meeting -outdoors at the NCRCC flying field The meeting will start at 6:00pm.
- By-Laws Vote
- Continued good judgment and health
- Please bring a chair.
- Good Times !

Individual Highlights:

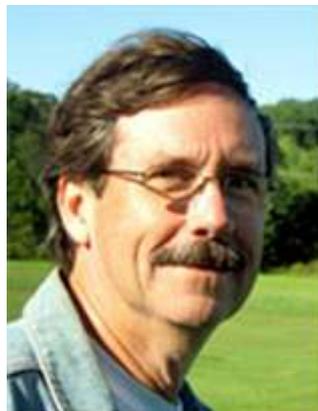
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Prez Sez

It's gratifying to see that more and more people are getting vaccinated. This is going to get us closer to a return to normal and we all want that. Speaking about getting back to normal, Dennis T- is working feverishly to pull together another **Warbirds over Ellington** event in just a few weeks. That will be followed by the work Joel L- is doing to bring us another **Dawn Patrol** event. Our "almost" newest CD (Buddy B-) will host the **club building contest** just before the June meeting so be sure to bring out your latest creation. John B- our latest and assistant CD for our



Bob Laflamme
NCRCC President

May NCRCC meeting
Is OUTDOORS at the NCRCC Field
 The 6pm Thursday May 13th meeting will be outdoors at the NCRCC flying Field.
"170" Green Road Ellington, CT 06029
 The meeting will start at 6pm.
 Please bring a chair. No food will be served.

warbirds event is assisting Dennis T-.

Don't forget...the May meeting (5/13/21) will be at the field and it will begin at 6:00 PM (not 7:00 PM). Bring your chair and face mask so we can maintain social distancing. We are so close to the end of COVID-19 – let's all keep each other safe! No food will be served at this meeting.

During the May meeting we will be counting ballots and reporting results to

determine if the membership approves, disapproves, or abstains from the proposed updates to our by-laws. Special thanks to the by-laws ad hoc committee for their stellar work.

Our Field Marshall has been feeding the moles with some chewing gum. Art will report on the outcome of this solution and many more updates concerning our field. The 2021 flying season is here!

There's lots more to report to you so please attend the May meeting if you can.

bob

May Outdoor Meeting Notice :
 The 5/13/21 NCRCC general membership meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. **NOTE THE EARLIER MEETING START TIME!** It will be an in-person meeting and will take place at the flying field. No food will be served. Please bring a chair and your face mask.
 Be sure to check the website if there is inclement weather. See you there ...

NCRCC Meeting Minutes – 4/8/2021

Long-time NCRCC member Guy Beaudoin, Sr. passed away on 4/1/21 and the club honored him with a slide show and several memories shared by members.



Stan Kulesa
NCRCC Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held via Zoom technology and attended by 27 members and 2 guests.

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the meeting attendees.

Bob announced that the May meeting will be held at the flying field. He asked the members if an earlier start time would be alright and the members agreed to a 6:00

PM start time. No food will be served. Please check the club website for potential adverse weather-related updates.

Vice President's Report:

No report

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has 185 members. There were two guests (Marc Fauteux and Craig Korsen) to introduce.

Stan reported that 2 members have not provided documentation of their AMA membership status and that their flying privileges have been suspended until proof is provided.

Stan gave a report on the club website. In March there were 985 views (and 355 visitors).

Stan asked the membership in attendance if they received both, the 3/15/21 and the 4/5/21 email blast communications. Four attendees reported that they had not so steps will be taken to diagnose the problem.

Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese shared his screen and reviewed with the members an Excel spreadsheet delineating expenses and income for the month of March.

Len announced that Mark P- will represent NCRCC during a renegotiation of the 2022 lease we have with the farmer raising crops on our property.

Len acknowledged a recommendation that he received from a member (Ray P-). More specifically, Ray had suggested that the club provide the members with a preliminary budget forecast in September/October. Len noted that he will begin delivering such a report later this year and thanked Ray for the idea.

Len announced that he will be conducting an audit of the flying field property owners (Green Road Aero Society). His plan is to send a letter to the group so that he can revise names, addresses, next of kin, and gather other pertinent information.

Art reported that Green Rd. was recently graded.

However, instead of using crushed stone, soil was used so Art was concerned with the durability of that material, particularly following heavy rain and traffic. Art will continue to monitor how well it holds up and speak with the town officials if problems arise.

New Members:

Stan Kulesa introduced Marc Fauteux as a prospective new member eligible to be voted on for membership. Marc provided a bit about himself and his R/C background. A vote was held on Marc's membership application and he was voted in.

Stan also asked Craig Korsen if he wanted to say a few words. (Craig is a prior NCRCC member and well known among our group.) Craig spoke about his long-term experience in the hobby and that he is seriously considering re-joining NCRCC.

Old Business:

Stan Kulesa announced that, in accordance with our by-laws, members were sent notice of the proposed updates to the club by-laws a few weeks ago along with a cover letter advising that a portion of tonight's meeting would be dedicated to discussing those proposed updates. Stan began by recognizing and thanking the members of the ad hoc by-laws committee and he talked about how the need for this project arose and how it's been underway for over a year.

Because of the feedback provided by members along the way there is a great amount of confidence in the final work product. The floor was opened for discussion. No objections or concerns were raised. Stan then spoke about the next steps in the process. A ballot will be mailed to all members next week along with a stamped pre-addressed envelope. Stan urged members to vote to approve, disapprove, or abstain and immediately mail back their ballots even if they will be attending the May meeting in-person. There was some discussion over the request to sign the outside of the envelope containing the ballot. Stan noted that a quorum will be needed for this vote to pass. A committee will be formed to collect and count the ballots during the May meeting. Assuming we have a quorum, the vote count results will also be announced during the May meeting.

Stan reported that the Executive Committee had a special meeting dedicated to reviewing the proposed camping guidelines. Mike F- joined that meeting as chairman of the ad hoc committee that created the first draft of the proposal. Stan noted that progress has been made and that a finalized version of the camping guidelines would be presented to the membership soon.

John W- gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the FAA's regulatory intervention with our hobby. It aligned with the newsletter supplement he had prepared with Al Y- on the topic that accompanied the April newsletter. John thoroughly explained the interplay that the new smart phone software will have in determining location and altitude. He encouraged members to visit the YouTube video referenced in his newsletter supplement. John noted that the NCRCC flying site is just outside of the controlled airspace associated with Bradley International Airport.

New Business:

There were no new business topics raised.

Announcements:

Bob LaFlamme announced that beginning 4/9/21, NCRCC will be hosting a weekly virtual Zoom call for members to use as an open forum on Fridays between the hours of 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM. There is no set agenda. Bob will arrange to send an email blast message to the membership with instruction on how to join.

Irv T- presented a short

video clip highlighting the club's many accomplishments over the year 2015. Just one of those accomplishments from that year was the construction of the pavilion.

Mark P- reminded the members that NCRCC maintains a Facebook page and he invited people to visit it. The club's Facebook page can be accessed by searching on "NCRCC". Mark briefly spoke about the photos, aviation art work, and discussions taking place.

Buddy B- invited members to join him and his family in honoring his father's (Guy Beaudoin) granite memorial marker being placed at the flying field on 5/8/21. He noted that COVID prevention actions will be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.

Special Event:

On Saturday (5/8/21) at 12-noon at our flying field there will be a brief celebration of life honoring deceased member Guy Beaudoin Sr.

All are invited.

For Sale:

From: Wayne Galbraith
To: Peter Tani
Date: April 2, 2021
Time: 4:26 PM
Subject: For Newsletter

For sale: .10 - .15 - sized "Spacewalker" complete with an .10 OS engine and all servos.

Has been flown 3 times.

Asking \$50.00.

I will bring to The May NCRCC meeting at the flying field.

Wayne



Peter Tani says: Yes remember this was our "2018 Third Place build contest winner"

Intra - Office Mail:

From: John Watkins
 To: Stan and Peter

Date: May 1, 2021
 Time: 7:26 PM
 Subject: Re: No FAA Input This Month

Stan, Peter,

I have no FAA news or other related newsletter input this month.

The only noteworthy item I have is a well-known modeler - Matt Keennon - made large contributions to the design and manufacture of the Mars Ingenuity helicopter:

<https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/blog/helicopter-designed-by-ama-member-set-to-fly-on-mars/>

As of today, the helicopter has successfully completed four of five planned flights - quite an accomplishment!!

I've met Matt a few times. Last time we met, we had an interesting discussion about the difficulties in getting helicopters or parachutes to work properly in the very thin Martian atmosphere. For those interested in details of design, testing, and building the Mars helicopter, here is a link to a lecture Matt and Ben Pipenburg (another modeler) gave in 2019 at the Northeast Electric Aircraft Technology (NEAT) Fair:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=43511343&postcount=4>

Best Regards,

John Watkins



NASA's Ingenuity helicopter can be seen on Mars as viewed by the Perseverance rover's rear Hazard Camera on April 4, 2021, the 44th Martian day or sol, of the mission. Photo: NASA/JPL-Caltech.

**Tech Specs**

Mass: 1.8 kilograms
Weight: 4 pounds on Earth; 1.5 pounds on Mars
Width: Total length of rotors: ~4 feet (~1.2 meters) tip to tip
Power: Solar panel charges Lithium-ion batteries, providing enough energy for one 90-second flight per Martian day (~350 Watts of average power during flight)

Blade span: Just under 4 feet (1.2 meters)
Flight range: Up to 980 feet (300 meters)
Flight altitude: Up to 15 feet (5 meters)
Flight environment: Thin atmosphere, less than 1% as dense as Earth's

<https://mars.nasa.gov/technology/helicopter/#helicopter>



"I would never have imagined as a kid having something that I built land on another planet."

—Matt Keennon

Even More . . . Intra - Office Mail:

From: Irv Thurrott
 To: All East Windsor Fliers
 Date: April 10, 2021
 Time: 8:08 PM
 Subject: Thanks to all who flew at East Windsor Dome this past season

Mr. Spooner would like to sincerely thank all the flyers who flew at the East Windsor dome.

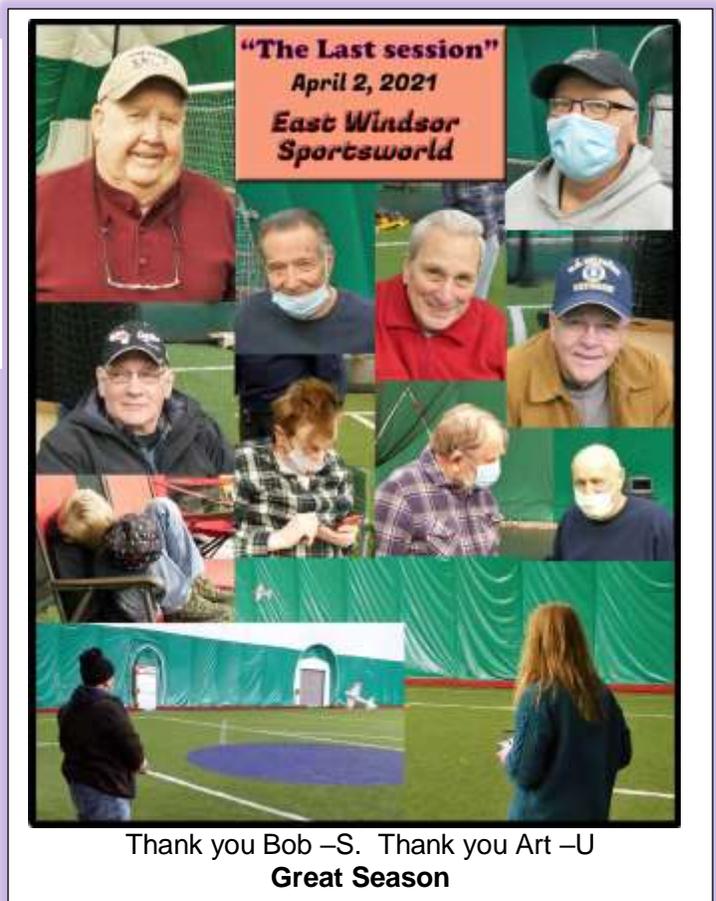
He appreciates your having followed state COVID Guidelines and also for providing the fees that helped the Sportsworld owner keep the dome open for our use.

These were difficult times for many activities, but flying indoors kept us all involved with the hobby while having a good time doing so.

Hopefully we'll be able to have the same opportunities during the next winter season.

Thanks again, for your involvement.

[Irv T at the behest of Bob Spooner]



NCRCC – 5/13/2021 General Membership Meeting /Agenda

- Call to order
- April meeting minutes
- President's Report
- Vice President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Activities Director's Report
- Liaison Officer's Report
- Field Marshall/Safety Officer's Report
- New Members
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Activities Director's Report – May, 2021



Peter Tani
NCRCC
Activities Director

Hello all

Was to our flying field for the second time in 2021 on Tuesday April 20, 2021. With others was glad to see both Warbirds contest director Dennis T- and NCRCC Gersh T- Details page 10. Each was in the process of test running their 40-sized two-stroke and 30-sized four-stroke engines, respectively. This action was preceded by a deep cleaning and going through of each engine and they both ran like champs.

Our May activity is our first 2021 outdoor meeting of Thursday May 13, 2021. We will start the meeting a little earlier than usual at 6pm. Please bring a chair.

Also no food will be served so please bring a snack or bite to eat if you like and arrive a little early to have a flight or two if you like.

In addition, and during our May general NCRCC meeting we will form a committee to collect and count ballots. Recall that our membership was sent a USPS notice and cover letter regarding the proposed updates to our clubs by-laws some weeks ago with a stamped pre-addressed return envelope.

The next part of the process will take place in person at our May field meeting. All are urged, if you haven't already, to send in your ballot in advance of our May meeting. Please in addition make every attempt to attend in person if you are able.

As before these are our three currently AMA sanctioned 2021 events, with the understanding that future Covid concerns are reasonably under control:

["2021 Warbirds Over Ellington"](#)
 June 12, 2021 - June 13, 2012
 (Sunday 6/13/21 is the rain date)

["Dawn Patrol"](#) July 11, 2021

["NCRCC Annual Two Day Pylon Race"](#), August 7, 2021 and August 8, 2021. This event also appears on our AMA sig (Special Interest Group) NMPRA website and appears on our nation race calendar. Here is a link: <http://www.nmpranet.org/events/Events.php>

Contest director Buddy B- has elected to defer our NCRCC ["Building Contest"](#) to our June 10,

2021 meeting in light of our May ballot counting and its related activities.

Please finish up your winter projects for our June building contest.

Thanks in advance. See everyone soon.

---Peter

Would you believe? Even more: Intra - Office Mail:

From: Gary W- (former TCMAC Treasurer)
 To: Peter Tani
 Date: April 11, 2021
 Time: 8:08 PM
 Subject: [Y.F.O.C Float Fly's](#)

Hi Peter

I thought you would like to know that the Yankee Flyers [of Connecticut] will be able to hold 3 float flies this year.

Dates are:

[June 6, 2021](#)

[August 8, 2021 and](#)

[September 12, 2021.](#)

Gary



John Blossick
NCRCC Liaison Officer

Greetings everyone!

Hopefully by now, all the winter build projects are finally completed and ready for the maiden flight—if you haven't done it already.

Liaison Officers Report - May 2021:

I have to confess that my one major project is not quite completed yet, but will be soon.

For this month's club meeting at the field I'll have some interesting items to raffle off, so don't forget to bring a few greenbacks to purchase tickets. In the meantime, let's all hope for the weather to cooperate with some good flying days. I think the May flowers have had enough rain already.

Until Next !

John



["New and improved"
2021 NCRCC swag!
Thank you John.]

Field Supervisors Report - May 2021:

The field has been mowed once as I write this, it will probably be mowed twice more before we meet in person.

All the equipment is working great and should only require routine maintenance throughout the flying season. (blade-sharpening/ greasing and the like).

Repairs have been made on two of the pilot stations. This brings us to 4 of the larger stations.

I will be building one more of this

style in the near future. I'm going to make the 5th one about 6-inches taller for a little more protection. If the taller one is well received, I will extend the remaining ones by six inches.

We currently have two active "mowers" and one on the "injured-reserve" list. If anyone would like to volunteer for the mowing crew, please contact me and I will get you checked out.

Thanks Art



Art Usher
NCRCC Field Supervisor

From the Treasurer:



Len Marchese

NCRCC Treasurer

continue to wear a mask and keep our social distance. This is a huge **MUST** at the field. As a club, we have been extremely fortunate to allow flying without any issues, and we need to keep it that way. As for the financial side, we are in excellent shape and normal seasonal expenses are now in action. I understand that the field cutting crew has been very active, and as always are doing an outstanding job.

NCRCC By-Law vote, will be the undertaking of notifying all Green Road Aero Society unit owners. There will be another mailing to these unit owners to verify their on-record location and owner status.

Hope to see many of you at the field for the May 2021 meeting.

Len Marchese
NCRCC Treasurer

Our next project after the

Here we are now in the month of May 2021. Hopefully, many of our members and their families have received their COVID shots. My wife and I were fortunate to get our shots in Florida. There were many horror stories in Florida waiting in line in their vehicle and not ever receiving a single shot. We were able to gain access to the West Palm Beach Health Network website and we finally scheduled our shots. Extremely easy and well organized. Connecticut is finally relaxing a few restrictions, and this should lead to some normal life. Again, we must be diligent and

**The last of Even more:
Intra - Office Mail:**

From: Rudoff Roggenkamp
To: Peter Tani
Date: April 7, 2021
Time: 10:43 PM
Subject: Newsletter

Extremely sorry to hear about Guy B. Sr.

I know he will be missed.

Rudy R

NCRCC NEWS

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Thank You Joel !

We're on the Web!
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www.ncrcc.org



Dennis T- (Lt.) and Gersh T- (Rt.) breaking in engines.
A "Magnum 30" four-stroke purring on the test stand above.

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