

July
2021

NCRCC Flyer

NEXT (July)

MEETING:

- There will not be an NCRCC July club meeting -outdoors at the NCRCC flying field
- No July meeting
- Have fun
- Fly
- See you in August/ or sooner
- Please note **Dawn Patrol Date 7/11/2021**

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NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – 6/10/2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held at the flying field in Ellington and attended by 40 members and 3 guests.

Bob asked for any corrections to the May meeting minutes as they were reported in the June issue of the newsletter. No corrections were noted. Bob asked for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed with membership approval.

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the membership and spoke to the importance of having fun with this hobby and enjoying and respecting each other as fellow club members.

Bob noted that the COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to ease now that a sizable percentage of our area citizenry



have been vaccinated. He encouraged all to get the vaccine and to stay safe. Bob speculated that as the restrictions are relaxed it will further enable our club to return to normal. For example, food and beverages were available for our members tonight for the first time in a long while.

Bob thanked Buddy B- for serving as Contest Director



Stan Kulesa
NCRCC Secretary

More NCRCC Meeting Minutes – 6/10/2021

for the winter build contest and acknowledged the awesome turnout of 19 models.

Bob talked about two letters he recently sent to management at area airports (Ellington Airport and Skylark Airpark) to re-introduce NCRCC and its activities and to re-kindle relationships. Two of our members (John W- and Al Y-) played significant roles in creating and fine-tuning the letter under Bob's signature.

Bob announced that the club trailer will be relocated to the flying field so that our grill and food preparation items can be stored in it and away from the storage containers that smell of fuel.

Bob spoke about the technology we have brought to the club to improve administration such as Zoom meeting capability, blast emailing capability, the new website, etc. He then described the possibility of enabling our members to respond to polling on assorted issues of importance to the club. Bob then asked the membership if there would be interest in offering a polling capability. Based on an informal show of hands there was some

interest and that will spur on a more in-depth analysis and subsequent presentation.

Vice President's Report:

No report.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 192 members. Guests attending tonight's meeting included Norman Desrosier, Jim Trefethen, and Ailene Lang.

Stan gave a report on the club website. In May there were 1,265 views (and 299 visitors). Stan took the opportunity to ask the membership to recognize Leo N-'s very fine work maintaining the club website and the members present applauded their appreciation. Stan reminded members to check the main page of the club website for the mowing schedule. All flying is shut down while the field is being mowed. He then described the 'Members Only' tab on the website and noted that a password is needed to access it. Stan reminded the membership that the password is the same as the combination for the main gate lock. Finally, Stan announced that the new club by-laws have been

posted on the website.

Stan asked all members to wear their badges when at the flying field.

Stan reported that NCRCC did a great job with its recent community service initiative for the benefit of four Ellington based Cub Scouts. Days earlier, NCRCC shut down its flying field to enable the scouts to fire their Estes model rockets. The kids and their parents had a very positive experience with rocketry and aviation and NCRCC. Stan recognized Bob S-, Dennis T-, Roy M-, Mike L-, and Larry C- for their flight demonstrations and abbreviated aviation lesson. A number of other NCRCC members provided enthusiastic support for the kids along with food and water. This was a great goodwill opportunity successfully delivered.

Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of May with the members. He noted that to date we have used 24.9% of the annual operating budget.

Len reported that he is about to launch an audit of the flying field property owners (Green Road Aero Society). He announced that the letter shell has been prepared and, along with updating names,

addresses, next of kin, and gathering other pertinent information, the letter gives the owners options on how they can administer their shares.

Len advised the membership that the new microphones have been purchased. He noted that we are using them tonight and will make them available for use during events, meetings, etc.

Len shared with the membership the problems he had with lighting the grill tonight. He remarked that it was purchased ~12 years ago and that it's showing its age and he is fearful that it will continue to break down and may not be functional when we need it. Len suggested that we purchase a new grill and asked the membership to enable an expenditure of up to \$500. There was discussion over the possibility of purchasing replacement parts but some members noted associated problems with that approach such as the cost effectiveness of replacement parts for such an old grill and the corresponding labor and ongoing maintenance. Mike F- made a motion to buy a new grill for use with any club function. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. A member asked what is meant by "any club function" to which the response was making the grill available, for example, if a member wants to cook some hamburgers. Some members liked the idea but

other members were opposed because of the wear and tear on club-owned property. It was suggested that members who want to barbeque at the field bring along a small grill of their own. Buddy B- offered a willingness to look into the availability/pricing of parts to repair the current grill. Mike F- withdrew his motion and proposed a new one to buy a new grill for sanctioned events and club meetings and to repair the current grill to be used by members for any club activity. The motion was seconded. Len M- offered an amendment to the motion so that the club would cover expenses associated with reasonable repair costs. Mike F- accepted the amendment. A voice vote was held and the motion passed.

Len reported to the membership that the vendor servicing our dumpster is raising prices and that this cost increase was not factored into the operating budget. No concerns were raised.

Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani reiterated Bob's earlier message that it's good to be returning to normal after the COVID-19 period. Peter thanked Buddy B- for serving as CD of the winter build contest today and gave a shout-out to John P- for serving as the judge. Buddy thanked the contest participants and named the 1st

– 3rd place winners for each of the two categories.

Peter commented on a float fly he had recently attended and noted that dates for area float flies can be found in the newsletter. The float flies at Crystal Lake occur between 10 AM – 3 PM.

Peter thanked Dennis T- for the preparations underway for the Warbirds over Ellington event scheduled for 6/12/21 (or raindate of 6/13/21). Dennis then spoke about the nature of the event and how various types of military-themed models are welcome to fly. He has secured over \$500 worth of give-aways. Dennis asked the members for help setting up and help during the event.

Peter recognized that Joel L- is readying for the Dawn Patrol event on 7/11/21.

Peter proudly announced that three NCRCC members are heading to Muncie, IN to compete in the Nats. Leo N-, Lloyd B-, and Craig K- are highly skilled and competitive pylon racers who are making the trip.

Peter reminded the membership that the NCRCC two-day pylon race is coming in August.

Buddy B- asked for volunteers as many are needed to perform various tasks. Buddy asked about the availability of food for the event and will likely order and serve pizzas.

Liaison Officer Report:

John Blossick announced the assorted club raffle prizes and gave a special shout-out to Mike S- who had donated an electric model of an F-22 and to Ed L- who had donated three already-built multi-engine electric models. He also had some 30-minute epoxy and a set of DuBro ball drivers.

Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:

Art Usher called everyone's attention to the beautifully maintained flying field. He thanked the volunteer mowing crew for their awesome work.

New Members:

Bob LaFlamme presented Norman Desrosier and Jim Trefethen as prospective new members eligible to be voted on for membership. A vote was held on membership for Norman and Jim and both were voted in.

Old Business:

Bob LaFlamme thanked the ad hoc camping committee for preparing and proposing camping guidelines. He then turned the meeting over to Mike F- who chaired the ad hoc camping committee. Mike handed out copies of the proposed camping guidelines and then reviewed each with the membership. Questions/comments from members followed. Some questioned why camping would take place at the field if it's not tied to an event and that we shouldn't want the

flying field to become a campground. Others voiced concern with liability issues. Mike dismissed concern with liability concerns and pointed to the AMA's liability coverage as sufficient. Mike S- shared a story about a club in Florida that had issues and strongly recommended that we have all campers sign a liability waiver. There was discussion on the topic and Mike F- commented that he would be supportive of a liability waiver. Art U- stood and detailed for the membership a lengthy list of highly problematic behaviors/actions during prior camping events that he either personally observed or were reported to him in his capacity as Field Manager/Safety Officer. Art urged the membership to be wary. Mike F- disputed some of the reported behaviors/actions. Buddy B- noted that a number of area clubs are folding and that fliers might need to travel and camp in order to continue their aeromodelling. The question posed to the membership called for approval of the proposed camping guidelines. The membership vote was 25 'yes'

and 5 'no'. The motion passed.

New Business:

There were no new business topics raised.

Announcements:

Bob LaFlamme advised that our two new members (Norman D- and Jim T-) are in need of instructors. Stan Kulesa pleaded with the membership for help as none of our current instructors have capacity. Stan noted that we need pilots with competent flying skills to assist and George H-, Larry C-, and Clint M- stepped forward to offer their help. Our two new members were matched with these volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.



2021 Area Float - Fly's

2021 Yankee Flyers of Connecticut (At West Thompson Lake)

- Sunday, June 6, 2021
- Sunday, August 8, 2012
- Sunday, September 12, 2021

Place: West Thompson Lake next to the boat launch maintained by the US Army Corp of Engineers. 401 Reardon Rd. North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Near: [400 Campground Dr, North Grosvenor Dale, CT 06255](http://www.usace.army.mil/locations/west-thompson-lake)

Approximate time: 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Approximate landing fee: \$10

Open to all RC model flyers with a current AMA card. Each flyer is requested to use a spotter. This is a fun fly meet so if you fly or just watch come on down and enjoy the day!



Repaired Aqua Cat

2021 David Arzt Float Flys (At Crystal Lake)

- Monday, June 28, 2021
- Tuesday July 20, 2021
- Wednesday September 1, 2021
- Monday October 4, 2021

All Times: 10:00am to 3:00pm

NCRCC Annual Two Day Pylon Race

August 7, 2021 - August 8, 2021

Event Sponsor:	Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club
Event Category:	RC Pylon Racing
Event Class:	Class AA
Description:	NCRCC Annual Two Day Pylon Race. 424 and 426 will be flown both days. \$25 per event/per day. NEPRD race rules will apply. AMA membership required. At least one special "First Time Pylon Flyer" heat will be flown both days(no entry fee). Give it a try!
Event Website:	ncrcc.org
Event Code:	11090
Event Contact:	
Contact Information:	
Site Detail:	190 Green Rd. Ellington, CT, 06029 (41.934876, -72.493281) Get Directions

Here is a link to the Pylon Race flier shown left:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/ncrcc-annual-two-day-pylon-race>



Taking the Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) - John Watkins

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John Watkins, 27 June 2021

As everyone should be aware from the e-mail from AMA last week, The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) is now available. To comply with FAA regulations, you must complete the online test, print the TRUST Completion Certificate, and have it, along with your Small UAS Certificate of Registration, on your person when flying recreational UAS.

I took the test a few days ago. It is free. The test was not difficult, and I did not have any problems with the AMA website. The test is no-fail multiple-choice, so if you answer a question incorrectly, you answer it again until you get it right. The test will not proceed to the next question until you answer the current question correctly. That way, when you reach the end, you will have answered all the questions correctly. When you have completed the test, you print or download the completion certificate. Do not forget to do this. Neither the AMA or FAA keep a record of your test completion, so if you don't print or download the certificate at completion, you will have to take the test again.

A number of organizations are test administrators. AMA is one of them. Here is the link to TRUST on the AMA website:

The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) | THE RECREATIONAL UAS SAFETY TEST (TRUST) TEST by AMA (modelaircraft.org) [<https://www.modelaircraft.org/trust>]

The AMA website says you should expect to spend 15 to 30 minutes to review the study materials and take the test. That seems reasonable, although someone completely unfamiliar with the material might take a little longer. The test covers the essentials. Topics include:

- Types of airspace (controlled and uncontrolled).
- LAANC authorization (needed to fly UAS in controlled airspace).
- Altitude limits (400-feet AGL unless otherwise authorized).
- Pre-flight preparations:
 - Inspection of UAS to be sure it is flight-worthy.
 - Pilot self-assessment of ability to fly a UAS (skill level, stress, medications, alcohol, drugs).
 - Weather assessment.
- CBOs (even though there aren't any yet).
- Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) operations.
- Rules of the road (manned aircraft always have right of way).
- Understanding capabilities and limitations of your UAS.
- UAS registration requirements.

Study materials cover one or more topics, then you answer a few questions. The questions are covered in the study materials. When you answer all the questions correctly, TRUST moves on to study materials for the next topic. Most of the topics about airspace and flight rules have been covered at club meetings and newsletter attachments. Other topics are about UAS operation. The test seems to emphasize the operation of camera carrying quad-rotor drones more than traditional RC model aircraft, but the questions are general enough that they shouldn't give NCRCC members any trouble. There was nothing about RID or FRIA in the study materials or the test.

Several years ago, when unsafe operation of UAS first became a concern, the position of many was education would be the most effective way to address the problem. Hopefully, this test will help achieve those ends.

Activities Director's Report – July, 2021



Peter Tani
NCRCC
Activities Director

Hello all

We are currently in the “thick” of our 2021 flying season.

Thank you Dennis T- for your over decade long effort in running NCRCC's very successful Warbirds Over Ellington annual club event.

A very difficult decision while you were at the helm to postpone from Saturday to Sunday. With both on-line weather pages and AMA's District 1 vice-president Andy Argenio's input our event was moved to our advertised Sunday June 13, 2021 rain date.

We had a very enjoyable and successful event with 17-registered pilots. Andy Argenio drew the door prizes and with Guy (Bud) Beaudoin winning all three. Congratulations Buddy! Wow.

Dennis hopes that next year's event will continue our tradition

for success and enjoyment that he brought to this event, arguably the most popular and largest in southern new england. Dennis thanks all that helped out with our warbirds event over the years and especially thanks all that have participated. All of NCRCC thanks you Dennis.

On the national front: congratulations to all NCRCC members that traveled to Muncie Indiana to compete in the 2021 “National's”. Thank you NCRCC secretary Stan K- for posting the available web-link to live round by round national competition results in your special Email blast to our greater group with other important information like our mowing schedule.

Turns out one of our youngest members Leo N- beat senior statesman Lloyd B- for the fastest of the fast classes AMA 422 (“quarter-midget”/ “Q40”) competition. And for both fast time and finish order, and in the Nat's quarter-midget “finals”. Wow.

2021 Nationals Q40 Finals / After 5 Rounds

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Low Time</u>	<u>Points</u>
6	Leo N-	1:07.77	14 (F3)
15	Lloyd B-	1:08.20	10

Please note that this is no easy accomplishment. In my capacity/ (hopeful wisdom) as NMPRA district 6 vp I also will add here that since Leo and Lloyd worked together in an obviously two-person sport, that Leo had a great caller. Congratulations

Leo. Thank you Lloyd. And in the end: just plain fun.

Please all note that our next NCRCC event our 2021 Dawn Patrol will occur on Sunday July 11, 2021 without benefit of a general July general meeting in advance. Normally, and in most years, our general membership meeting is always on the second Thursday of the month and in July namely will not be on ~~July 8, 2021~~. Please all mark your calendars for the event date of “Sunday July 11, 2021” and attend if you are able. Hope most read and are able to attend. From our AMA 2021 events schedule:

Dawn Patrol
Sunday, July 11, 2021

Event Sponsor: Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club

Event Category: Fun FlyEvent
Class:Class C

Description: Annual NCRCC Dawn Patrolover Green Road Sector.

“Any scale World War I era models or any Golden Era models are welcome. Any size. Fun Fly type of event. No formal judging. Landing fee \$15. Field opens at 8am. “

CD: Joel Lang, jrlang40@comcast.net

Event Code:10804

Event Contact: JOEL LANG

Contact Information: Phone:
(413)204-4404,

Email: JRLANG40@COMCAST.NET

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Also on Saturday, August 7, 2021 and Sunday, August 8, 2021, we will conduct a traditional pylon race with a Saturday afternoon picnic. This event will take place without advantage of an August general membership meeting in advance of the event itself do to happenstance and the relative timing. I.E.: our scheduled Thursday August 12, 2021 general membership meeting will take place after our August 7, 8 2021 race. So please mark your calendars soon.

Race contact information here at our AMA Site:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/ncrcc-annual-two-day-ylon-race>

Also on our NMPRA website:

<http://www.nmpa.net/events/F>

[yers/2021NEPROAugust.pdf](https://www.modelaircraft.org/events/ncrcc-annual-two-day-ylon-race)

Truly hope that I haven't forgotten anything.

Thinking that at is all for now.

---Peter



Leo N-'s 2021 AMA 422 (left) and his AMA 426 (right) Go Leo!



John Blossick

NCRCC Liaison Officer

Greetings Everyone!

Summer is officially now in session and looks like it will be more enjoyable than last year. Life appears to be going back to a reasonable state normalcy. Many R/C events of all types are now back on the calendar

Liaison Officers Report - July 2021:



2021 NCRCC Club Merchandise

Thank you John.

which is always a good thing!

Club merchandise items are now in stock. Mugs— both black/white, and white/red, are now available.

The embroidered polo shirts—solid red with white logo, and the solid white with red logo, are also available for purchase.. Get yours while supplies last.

Special thanks to Kristi and Nikole in Manchester at **Novel Tees Screen Printing & Embroidery** for doing such a nice job with the Polo Shirts.

Until Next,
John

From the Treasurer:



Len Marchese

NCRCC Treasurer

Not much to mention about the club's finances, other than we are in great shape. Seeing that we are not having a membership meeting in July, I will have prepared 2 financial reports for the August meeting. One for June and the other for July.

I want to give a special thank you to Dennis T, on his tireless effort to Warbirds Over Ellington for the last 12 years. This year's 2021 Warbirds event is Dennis' last year as Contest Director (CD). Dennis started this event from the ground up and it has been an enormous success over the 12 plus years. This event benefited not only NCRCC but to the many charitable

organizations from the Wounded Warriors to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Dennis had to make a tough decision to postpone Saturday due to the inclement weather. The event was rescheduled for Sunday. Dennis had 17 flyers on Sunday and all participants had a great time. Job well done.

The next NCRCC sponsored event is Sunday July 11th, 2021, and it is the annual Dawn Patrol

WWI Scale Event. Everyone please come on out and enjoy, support and see various WWI flying machines.

See you at the field,

**Len Marchese,
NCRCC Treasurer**



Our 2021 build contest line-up. Thank you Buddy B-.

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Thank you Joel Lang

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