

October
2021

NCRCC Flyer

NEXT (October)

MEETING:

- NCRCC October club meeting -outdoors at the NCRCC flying field Free breakfast at 8:15am The meeting will start at 9:00am.
- Free Breakfast
- Please bring a chair.
- Continued good judgment and health
- Randy Hickton Fun Fly after meeting

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NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – 9/9/2021



The meeting was called to order at 5:48 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. Bob noted that it was raining but that the pavilion provided sufficient protection.

Bob spoke to the membership about the meaning of a quorum and its impact on the administration of club business. He noted that NCRCC's by-laws stipulate 20% as our quorum.

Bob announced that we need to decide the status regarding the June and August meeting minutes. He asked for any corrections to the June meeting minutes. Art Usher withdrew the point of order he made during the prior meeting concerning the legitimacy of the camping guidelines vote. There were no corrections offered and a motion was made, seconded, and a vote approved the June meeting minutes. Bob then asked for any corrections to the August meeting minutes. There were no corrections offered and a motion was made, seconded, and a vote

approved the August meeting minutes.

President's Report:

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the membership.

Bob spoke about the advisory ad hoc committee to develop a three-year capital plan. He thanked those who had volunteered. Joel L- stated that he had volunteered for the advisory ad hoc committee but his name didn't appear in the



Stan Kulesa
NCRCC Secretary

More NCRCC Meeting Minutes – 9/9/2021

meeting minutes. Bob agreed to add Joel L- and noted that he's also added Len Marchese to the committee.

Vice President's Report:

Mike Maznicki noted that he had several recent membership applications and asked whether any other applicants were in attendance. No additional applicants stepped forward.

Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 193 members. He noted that over the recent past he had incorrectly been reporting the membership total as 191 due to a coding error with two members. The meeting was attended by 29 members and 11 guests. Guests included James Russell, Jesse Russell, Bill Cranford, Carl Costantino, John Hunter, Matt Dauteuil, John Packard, Paul Rottenberg, Ronald Nadeau, Sheri Hawes, and Ailene Lang.

Stan gave a report on the club website. In August there were 1,183 views (and 332 visitors). Stan asked Leo N- for a quick update on the blog he created and posted to the website dealing with his experience competing in pylon racing at the 2021 Nats in Muncie, IN. Leo advised that he will be taking down that blog shortly but, before doing so, he will be

adding some information concerning a major pylon race in Kansas in which he'll be competing.

Stan noted that the October meeting (10/9/21) will be at the flying field and begin at 9:00 AM. Immediately following the meeting will be the Randy Hickton Fun Fly. Starting in November and for the remaining cold weather months, meetings will be at the Somers Library and they will begin at 7:00 PM. The library requires all visitors to wear face masks and NCRCC will honor this requirement. Stan asked the members to monitor the NCRCC website for meeting details.

Stan reminded the members that NCRCC maintains a Facebook page and he invited visits and contributions.

Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese reviewed club expenses, income, and balances for the month of August with the members. He noted that to date we have used 63.5% of the annual operating budget. Len thanked NEPRO for their generous gift to NCRCC following the club-sponsored pylon race.

Len reported that he is getting close to launching the audit of the flying field property owners

(Green Road Aero Society - GRAS). A cover letter and assorted forms have been prepared and are close to being finalized. In reaction to member comments and questions, Bob LaFlamme provided a history of the flying field purchase and the role of GRAS.

Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani provided a newsletter update. He noted and was thankful for a high volume of newsletter contributions for the August issue creating a 12-page newsletter.

Peter thanked those members that volunteered and competed in the past year's NCRCC events. He noted the upcoming float fly and the Randy Hickton Fun Fly as the remaining 2021 events. The Randy Hickton Fun Fly will be held immediately after the October meeting (10/9/21 at 9:00 AM). Peter asked Buddy B- (CD of the Randy Hickton Fun Fly) to say a few words and Buddy noted that he's planning for a few win-by-luck events (taxi race, loops by dice throw, etc.).

Liaison Officer Report:

John Blossick announced the club raffle prizes composed of several models donated by a member (James S-) and an electric B-17 model donated by Art Usher. He will conduct the raffle at the end of the meeting. All proceeds go toward the benefit of the club.

John reported that he brought along assorted items of swag (mugs, tee-shirts, etc.) with the

NCRCC logo that members may choose to purchase for themselves.

Field Marshall/Safety Officer Report:

Art Usher thanked the volunteer mowing crew for their awesome work in maintaining the flying field.

In his capacity as Safety Officer, Art reviewed with the membership our club's flying rules and flying protocol. Both of these are on the club website under the 'Safety/Rules' tab. Art pleaded with the members to be sure to follow the traffic pattern, to call landings/take-offs and low fly-bys, and to be compliant with the flying rules and flying protocol to ensure everyone's safety.

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

New Members:

Mike Maznicki presented four prospective members (Ronald Nadeau, Paul Rottenberg, Matt Dauteuil, and John Packard) and invited each to provide details concerning their aeromodelling backgrounds.

Mike then presented the following applicants for membership (James Russell, Jesse Russell, Bill Cranford, Carl Costantino, and John Hunter). All five were voted in as members.

Old Business:

Bob LaFlamme raised the issue of the proposed donation of a golf cart and asked the membership for their collective counsel. In deference to the cost of storage, maintenance, and charging (along with the potential risk of mis-use), the general consensus was that NCRCC should decline the very kind and generous donation offered by NCRCC member Mike S-.

John W- gave an update concerning the FAA rule-making. He noted that once our flying field is designated as a FRIA, we would enjoy some additional liberties. John projected September 2022 as a possible point for this designation. Because much of the FAA's reaction to rulemaking was driven by commercial drone usage, John was asked how that is impacting the current environment. It was John's opinion that the interest in commercial drone usage has taken a marked downturn.

New Business:

Bob followed up with the membership regarding the creation of an ad hoc committee to conduct a viability study and present design ideas to the Executive Committee concerning memorializing deceased members. While there were many ideas offered only George H- and his wife (Sheri) responded with a willingness to serve on the committee.

Bob spoke about a plan to invite our neighbors to come to the flying field in 2022 for a cook-out and other community relationship building ideas. More to come on this topic.

Art Usher reported to the membership that due to the severe rain we've had over the recent past that we have had some wash-out on our driveway area and he wanted to get delivered and spread ~10 yards of millings. No objections were raised. Bob V- volunteered to bring heavy equipment to help and a work crew will be needed for the finer grading work.

Art Usher announced that he had purchased a gas-powered weed trimmer and a blower so that the volunteer mowing crew could better tend to the field and equipment maintenance. No objections were raised.

Announcements:

Gersh T- provided the members with news concerning the recent hospitalization of NCRCC member Louie D- and invited the members to call and/or visit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.



Who's next?

Randy Hickton Memorial Fun Fly

NCRCC Members –

The October Club Meeting (Saturday, October 9th at the Field) will be followed by the “Randy Hickton Memorial Fun Fly”.

This Activity is held in remembrance of a well-known and highly appreciated NCRCC Member who, unfortunately, passed away at a young age.

Irv Thurrott has volunteered to oversee the activities.

Please see the “List of Events” that details what is planned. Depending on the weather, and time available, changes may be made to this list.

This is a “club only” activity, and the intent is to provide “flying fun” and “observational interest” for our members.

There is no entry fee and no obligation to fly in all the Events.

If you have any questions please contact Peter Tani or Irv Thurrott (860-930-4484).

The more people flying the “merrier” it will be.

Please try to participate.

Thank you!

List of Proposed Events
available
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From the Treasurer:



Len Marchese
NCRCC Treasurer

Here we are approaching the month of October.

As mentioned during the September meeting, the NCRCC Member October meeting will be Saturday October 9th.

We have planned a very nutritious Saturday morning breakfast.

Serving of breakfast will start around 8:15am... yes that is correct 8:15am

The plan is to provide the following:

- Coffee
- Pancakes
- Sausage Links
- Fresh fruit

So, please plan to attend and

bring your appetite !

Following the morning breakfast will be the club meeting and after that will be the Randy Hickton Memorial Fun-Fly.

Financially, the club is doing well. The spending season is starting to come to an end, and we will start to plan for 2022.

But you never know what kind of surprise expenses we may encounter for the remainder of the year.

That's it for now. See you for breakfast at the field.

Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer



Welcome New Prospects



Welcome New Members

The last of our 2021 Area Float - Fly's

2021 Yankee Flyers of Connecticut (At West Thompson Lake)

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

Thank you Paul H- and Gary W- and all other Y. F. of C. leadership members for your time and effort in putting on these events for 2021.



September 8, 2021 Just plain fun.

2021 David Arzt Float Flys (At Crystal Lake)

- Monday, June 28, 2021
- Tuesday July 20, 2021
- Wednesday September 1, 2021 **Postponed**
- Wednesday, September 8, 2021
- **Monday October 4, 2021**

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

NCRCC – 10/9/2021 General Membership Meeting Agenda

- Call to order
- September 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
- Show & Tell
- Adjournment



Sherri H- assists in calling our September 9, 2021 meeting to order. Thank you Sherri !

2021 Randy Hickton Memorial Fun Fly

October 9, 2021 NCRCC Field

A Photo of each Attendee (with Event Scores) will be provided
Overall Winner Award

Breakfast 8:15 AM, Meeting 9 AM, followed by Fun Fly

List of Events (Weather and Time Permitting)

Taxi Race Around Markers

Markers ~7' apart
Start and Finish at Start Line
Fastest time wins (must follow course)

Roll the Dice

Roll single Die - Time starts
Takeoff from Runway
Do # Loops based on Die roll
Land, Roll Die until your same # is rolled
Time Stops - shortest time wins

Your 3 Best Maneuvers

List your 3 Maneuver Names
Maneuvers will be individually judged
(1-20 Point based on Difficulty and Accuracy)
Most Total Points wins

Bowling With Airplanes

Soda Bottles set up on Runway like Bowling Pins
Attach ball and string to Airplane
Take off and try to hit pins with dangling ball
3 Passes - limit
Most pins knocked over wins

Liaison Officers Report - October 2021:



John Blossick
NCRCC Liaison Officer



2021 NCRCC Club Merchandise

Thank you John.

also perfect for considering a new project or two to work on over the winter.

A recent E-mail from my favorite mail order house notified me of a “temporary” holiday seasonal rate increase for shipping packages in the upcoming months.

I’m told all the major carriers will be tacking on the surcharge too. I suppose one has to order an amount large enough for free shipping to escape the charges!

The upcoming club meeting will be a good one. Some interesting items to raffle off with an item to auction, food, and a Fun Fly.

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Just Fly,

John

Hello Everyone!

Fall is now officially here. That means cool temperatures and virtually all foods and drinks are seasonally laced with some

sort of pumpkin spice concoction. This undoubtedly adds to all the upcoming holiday festivities—which reminds me . . . This time of year is



Thank you John B- for running our Raffle.



Art Usher

NCRCC Field Supervisor

most of the project it looked like a state highway job, one guy working and three leaning on rakes. Lol.

At this time I would also like to thank our mowing crew for their outstanding job this year. Neal Caplan, Mike Duran and John Palica kept this place looking like a country club despite all

the rain we had this year. If you happen to see these individuals please let them know what great job they did. We will be making arrangements to get the tractor serviced over the winter by another club member Glenn Schlude.

That's all for now, see you at the October 9th breakfast and fun fly.

Art

Well we have just one more outdoor meeting at the field, then it's indoors for the winter.

We completed our driveway project on Sunday 9/19/21.

We owe a special thanks to Bob Veiring for his donation of his time and equipment. We had enough millings to complete the driveway and to cover the brown area in front of the ramps to the containers.

I would also like to thank Irv, and Len for helping out during the project. Bob operates his equipment with such precision, that for



Thank you Art U-, Bob V-, Ralph R-, Len M- and all other volunteers. Great job all.

Activities Director's Report – October 2021



Peter Tani
NCRCC
Activities Director

Hello all

We will have one more “out-door” 2021 general membership meeting.

Namely: Our Saturday, October 9, 2021 meeting. The tradition of having our last outdoor meeting on a Saturday is to accommodate those whose schedules do not allow for attending our customary second Thursday of the month evening meeting schedule.

Past October meetings have been very well attended. A last “hurrah” to our 2021 outdoor season although several hardy members still fly well into fall and even some into winter, even on skis and/ or on floats.

Breakfast will be served at

8:15am so keep your alarms set. Thank you Treasurer Len Marchese and all fellow volunteers for waking up even earlier to prepare. Our breakfast menu items appear elsewhere in this publication. Our meeting will start at 9:00am.

NCRCC members Leo and Ola N- traveled to Lake Afton Park, Goddard, Kansas to attend the 2021 Mike Tallman Legacy/ NMPRA Championship Pylon Race on September 25-26, 2021 where 8-10

rounds of AMA Event 422 (Quarter 40) were scheduled. AMA 422 or “Quarter 40” is the fastest and most specialized pylon even outside of international competition. Those able to attend our August Guy Beaudoin Memorial after race picnic may have seen demonstration flights of this single class.

During this race Leo was certainly “in with the fastest” and after 8-rounds flew a fast time of 1:01.50. On first inspection this may be a new AMA “Jr.” record. On closer inspection including an engine tear-down Leo is in fact the new “Jr.” fast-time



Racing great Jim A- and the designer of the “Quik V6” and “Quik V7” (Lt.) and Leo N- (Rt) You go Leo !

record holder. Congratulations Leo. NCRCC and its pylon racers are well represented nationally as after 8-rounds Leo also finished 12th of 50 total competitors. No easy feat, and no doubt.

Our Saturday, October 9, 2021 general membership meeting will be followed by the “Randy Hickton Memorial Fun Fly” an activity held in remembrance of a well-known and appreciated NCRCC member that passed

away at an early age.

A letter of intent and a list of proposed events appear elsewhere in this publication. Each single competition stands on its own, and can be entered with a different aircraft and there is no obligation to fly in all of the events. The overall winner will be determined by the highest combined score for all events. Accomplishments made by individuals for each single event will still be recognized. For

example: There will be an independent winner for the scheduled “Taxi Race around Markers” event. (Again, related details for this and all other individual competitions are available elsewhere.)

Irv Thurrott will oversee activities. The event is a “club only activity”, there is no fee to enter. Changes may be made to the list of individual competitions, for example for changes in weather, time available.

The intent is to have flying fun, and entertainment for our entire group. Please attend and participate if you are able.

Lastly please remember David Arzt’s last scheduled 2021 Crystal Lake Float Fly on Monday, October 4, 2021 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. There are no remaining scheduled 2021 West Thompson Lake Float fly’s. Alas.

Please all prepare for our Randy Hickton Memorial Fun Fly. And see everyone soon.

---Peter



Leo N- “On the cart, very dusty and windy.”

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Dennis C- (Lt.) and Leo N- (Rt.)

At the Lake Afton Park, Goddard, Kansas 2021 Mike Tallman
Legacy/ NMPRA Championship Pylon Race. Photo send
September 26 at 5:07pm, AMA Event 422 .

Good luck for all future FAI world competition.

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