

December  
2021

# NCRCC Flyer

**NEXT (December)**

**MEETING:**

- NCRCC December "No business" Social club meeting is indoors at the Somers Library  
Meeting to start at 7pm
- Pizza / Beverages
- Good Times
- Face Masks Required while not eating/ drinking
- Continued good judgment and health

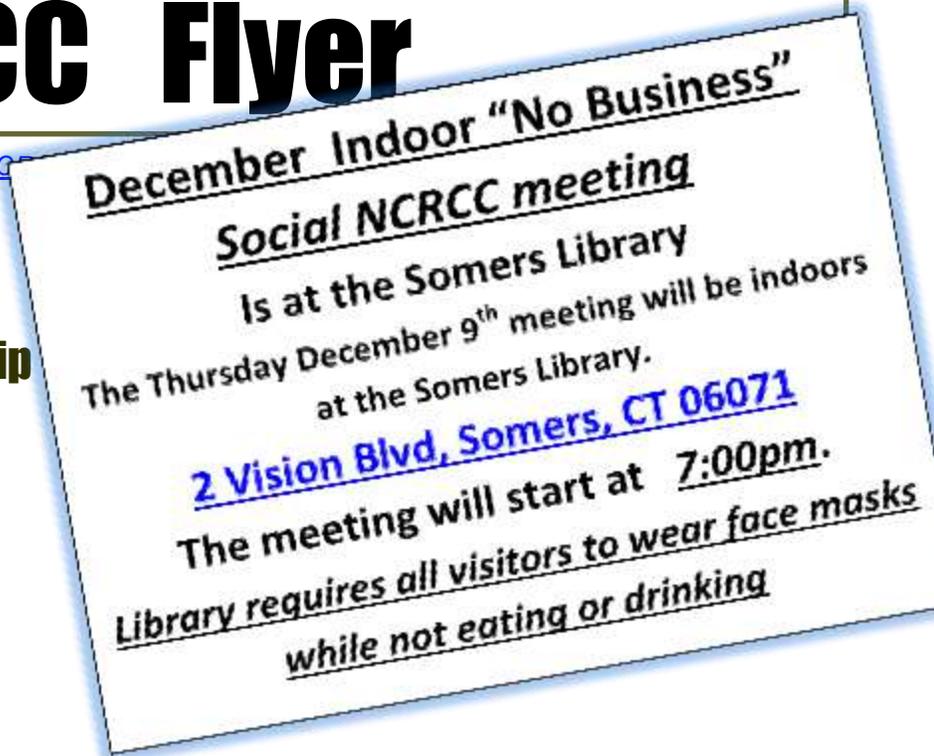
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## NCRCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – 11/11/2021



The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Bob LaFlamme. The meeting was held at the Somers Public Library in Somers, CT.

Bob asked for any corrections to the October meeting minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. There were no corrections offered and a motion was made, seconded, and a vote approved the October meeting minutes.

**President's Report:**

Bob LaFlamme welcomed the membership.

Bob wished everyone a Happy Veterans Day and honored NCRCC members who are veterans. The members present offered a robust round of applause in support of our veterans.

Bob noted that our field was recently closed to flying by order of the FAA the day President Biden visited Connecticut. NCRCC posted a notice on the club website, another notice on the gate leading to the flying field, and



**Stan Kulesa**  
NCRCC Secretary

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sent a blast email message to the membership to notify all of the flying field closure. Bob went on to explain that even though the email blast message was sent before the flying field closure there was a slight delay in its release due to technical programming reasons.

Bob announced that it is time to nominate club officers for the 2022 Executive Committee and that the Nominating Committee would provide their report under New Business later in the meeting.

### Vice President's Report:

No report.

### Secretary's Report:

Stan Kulesa reported that NCRCC currently has a total of 202 members. There were 29 members and 5 guests attending the meeting. Guests included Scott Norris, Richard Mueller, Matt D'Auteuil, Ailene Lang, and Sherri Hawes.

Stan gave a report on the club website. In October there were 832 views (and 272 visitors). He encouraged the membership to continue to monitor the website's main page for important information.

### Treasurer's Report:

Len Marchese reviewed club

expenses, income, and balances for the month of October with the members. He noted that to date we have used 79% of the annual operating budget.

Len provided a summary of the 2022 membership renewal drive. He noted that all members were mailed a packet of information and that a similar notice was also sent electronically. A final follow-up will be sent mid-December. Len reported that roughly 25% of the membership has renewed at this point. He urged the members to respond as promptly as possible because the club's annual operating budget is tied to membership numbers.

Len reported that he continues to make progress on the audit of the flying field property owners (Green Road Aero Society - GRAS). He has heard back from over half of the GRAS members and has prepared a list of those GRAS members for whom there has been no response. In mid-November, he will be sending that list to the members in hope that

people may know contact information or next of kin information. In terms of the responses thus far, while most are opting to retain their shares, some have opted to donate their shares to NCRCC, and several others have expressed an interest in selling their shares. An email blast was sent to the members a couple of weeks ago making them aware of shares that may be available for sale. Len asked those members interested in purchasing the shares up for sale to contact him as soon as possible so that he can put the sellers in contact with potential buyers. NCRCC will not be a party to the sale process but, for administrative purposes, will need to acknowledge a sale in order for it to become finalized. A question was raised concerning the club's willingness to purchase shares for sale and Len explained that it would not be in the club's best interests to tie up limited club funds earmarked for other more pressing operational needs.

### Activities Director Report:

Peter Tani reported that the Randy Hickton fun fly was a success and he

profusely thanked Irv T- for stepping up at the last minute to serve as Contest Director and for doing an excellent job. Peter noted the four events and reported on the winners of each and gave a special shout out to Mark H- for being the overall winner and for having his name added to the plaque.

Peter then spoke of the upcoming 2022 events calendar and noted the following proposals:

- The Tailgate Swap Meet would be moved to the end of the season and tentatively set for 10/15/22
- The two-day pylon race would tentatively be set for 8/6/22 – 8/7/22
- The date for the one-day pylon event has not yet been determined
- The Building Contest is tentatively set for 5/12/22
- Dawn Patrol is tentatively set for 7/10/22
- Warbirds over Ellington is set for 9/17/22
- The Heli Fest is tentatively projected for October (if it occurs)

Dates for 2022 club events will be finalized shortly.

Peter took a poll of the members present to learn if there would be interest in having an in-person holiday party on 12/9/21 and the

overwhelming majority present supported it. NCRCC would provide pizza and soda. Members should watch for an email blast in November and monitor the club website for updates.

Peter announced that indoor flying will begin at the Dome in East Windsor on Fridays starting 11/12/21 between 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Those interested should contact Bob S-. Irv T- announced that indoor flying will begin at the Dome in Tolland on Wednesdays between 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Participants pay \$10.00 for two hours of indoor flying.

Peter thanked Dennis T- for his write-up in the AMA magazine District 1 report concerning the Warbirds over Ellington event.

#### **Liaison Officer Report:**

John Blossick announced the club raffle prizes and that he will conduct the raffle at the end of the meeting break.

John spoke about the electronic “store” that he built for the benefit of the club. It has over 80 items of swag with the NCRCC logo that members may choose to purchase for themselves. He showed a tee-shirt he recently purchased from the “store” as just one example of what’s available.

#### **Field Marshal/Safety Officer Report:**

Art Usher thanked the volunteer mowing crew for their awesome work in maintaining the flying field. The membership present offered a round of appreciation applause.

Art reported on the donations made by Pioneer Valley R/C Club to NCRCC including a portable toilet, some folding tables, start-up/assembly tables, etc. Art is planning to call a work day in the spring so that these items and other club property can undergo a refresh. More details on this to come.

Art told the members about some significant maintenance /repair work underway on the club’s lawn tractor. Glenn S- has been taking the lead on this work and some parts will be needed to get the tractor fully functional.

#### **New Members:**

Bob LaFlamme presented the following applicants for membership (Matt D’Auteuil, Scott Norris, and Richard Mueller). All three were voted in as members.

There were no new prospective members present.

Old Business:

Stan Kulesa thanked Dennis T- and Tom M- for agreeing to serve with him on the Nominating Committee. Stan reviewed the nomination process with the membership noting that candidates to the Executive Committee must be nominated no later than tonight. He asked Tom M- to give the committee's formal report. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Tom made the following nominations:

- Bob LaFlamme for President
- Mike Maznicki for Vice President
- Stan Kulesa for Secretary
- Len Marchese for Treasurer
- Peter Tani for Activities Director
- John Blossick for Liaison Officer
- Art Usher for Field Marshall/Safety Officer

Tom then asked if there were any nominations for the Executive Committee from the floor and there were none made. Tom reported that the vote on the nominated slate would take

place during the January meeting. He then thanked the current Executive Committee for their volunteer work and the members present offered a round of applause.

George H- gave a report on the ad hoc committee charged with proposing a three-year financial plan. George established that the committee will take a big picture view in its approach with a focus on protecting the flying field. The committee will discuss such potential items as purchasing adjacent property over which our models fly, building a charging station, expanding the parking area, making the club property more secure, cutting some trees, and evaluating sound abatement. George noted that from conversations he has had with assorted members they want to be sensitive to preventing reasons other clubs have lost their flying fields.

Sherri H- gave a report on the ad hoc committee charged with presenting design ideas to memorialize deceased members. She envisioned that we would build a memorial with a stone wall surrounding three flagpoles. Sherri noted that she may have access to stone and that the club expense may be limited to

dirt, etc. The position of this memorial is still to be determined. She prepared a rough drawing of her vision and showed it to the members. More to come on this idea.

John W- gave a quick status update regarding the interface between the FAA and our hobby. John will be preparing an article for the next club newsletter.

New Business:

Bob LaFlamme raised a topic mentioned by Larry C- last meeting to compensate the volunteer mowing team. Robust conversation on the topic ensued. While there is great appreciation for the mowing team's volunteerism, even the members of the mowing team felt strongly that they ought not be compensated. They – like the many other volunteers – perform their work for the love of the club and hobby. No reduction in dues for any club volunteers was authorized.

John P- noted that he is witnessing violations of club flying rules and protocols and that there

have been some animal control issues. John noted that safety is everyone's responsibility and all members should proactively speak to members who are not fully compliant.

Extra 300 model he is building this winter.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Stan Kulesa, Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

**Announcements:**

Irv T- provided an update regarding Lewie D-'s fight with cancer.

Dennis T- spoke to the recent news that Major Decals will be ceasing operations shortly. Dennis brought along merchandise catalogs and strongly encouraged those interested to place orders.

Bob LaFlamme announced that he had a message concerning NCRCC member Leo N-. Bob noted that Leo is an active and highly competitive pylon racer. Among categories of pylon racing, the F3D group is the fastest, most difficult, and most expensive class of racing. Leo qualified for the USA F3D Team and the World Championship is slated for 2022. The USA F3D Team is in need of financial support to defray costs and Bob urged support for Leo and the USA F3D Team by going to the AMA website or by contacting Leo and making a contribution. Bob noted that Leo first developed an interest in pylon racing through NEPRO and pylon racing events hosted by NCRCC.

**Show & Tell:**

Ken G- brought along and spoke about the fuselage of a third-scale

**Notice:**

The December general membership meeting will take place on Thursday (12/9/21) at the Somers Public Library and will begin at 7:00 PM. No club business will be conducted. Instead, this will be our club's holiday celebration. Pizza and soda will be served.

All NCRCC members are invited along with their spouse or significant other. Please bring along a snack or desert to share with others.

We would like to get a count on the number of those planning to attend so we can purchase enough food/beverages. Please RSVP to: Stan Kulesa (Secretary) at [stanley\\_kulesa@yahoo.com](mailto:stanley_kulesa@yahoo.com)

or call him at:  
(914) 882-7997

with your count on or before 12/6/21.

Please note that the library requires face masks be worn inside the library when you are not eating and/or drinking.

Thank you!

**From the Treasurer:**



**Len Marchese**

**NCRCC Treasurer**

Well, we finally made it. Another holiday season is upon us, and a new year is just around the corner. So, with that in mind, I would like to wish every member and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. To be politically correct Happy Holidays to all.

The new year of 2022 is fast approaching and with the virus at a low rate, we are anticipating a full-scale of 2022 events. We have the dates along with contest directors (CD's) in place to make these events safe and successful.

As for the 2021 remaining budget and expenditures, we are right on schedule. The

tractor has been successfully repaired and is now back in the NCRCC storage trailer. Thank you to the mowing crew for their time and effort on keeping NCRCC field in such pristine condition. Thank you to Art Usher and Glenn Schlude on the immediate repair when the tractor stopped functioning along with our yearly servicing.

We purchased additional support jacks for the tractor for the safety of the maintenance crew when working on the zero turn or tractor.

**Annual Membership Drive:**

As of November month end, our membership renewals are at 47%. Keep in mind that our 2022 budget is based on your 2022 membership renewal. Without your renewal some items within the budget may be limited or not available. So please the sooner members renew the sooner we know what the 2022 budget will provide. The last day to renew for 2022 is Friday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Any renewal postmarked after January 14<sup>th</sup> will be determined late, considered delinquent and subject to the club initiation fee. (By-Law Article IV Dues, Article

IV DUES, Section 3: **There shall be no membership status for persons in arrears after the January monthly meeting. Reinstatement requires payment of the full initiation fee with the membership application).**

So, get your renewal in before the deadline to avoid the "reinstatement".

Well, that is it for now. Hope to see you at the Holiday gathering at the Somers Library. If not Happy Holidays to ALL!

See you at the field,  
Len Marchese, NCRCC Treasurer

**NCRCC – 12/09/2021  
General Membership Meeting**

**Agenda**

- No business
- Social Gathering
- Pizza
- Beverages
- Coffee
- Dessert

## December FAA, RID, FRIA Update from member John Watson

Although the AMA and other organizations continue to work with the FAA and prepare for implementation of new FAA rules, there is no news to report regarding Community Based Organizations (CBO), FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA), or Remote ID (RID). Thus, there are no actions we as a club can take at this time.

The AMA is providing updates to keep members aware of progress and actions they have taken. Updates can be found on their AMA In Action blog, so those interested in status of new rules should check the link below from time to time.

[https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/?\\_ga=2.80494999.1260937163.1632513412-1694097165.1624729326](https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/?_ga=2.80494999.1260937163.1632513412-1694097165.1624729326)

Following is a link to an AMA Air Live discussion/update of FAA Recreational rules, to include the final Remote ID rule, AC No: 91-57C, Exception for Limited Recreational Operations of Unmanned Aircraft Date (DRAFT), and the Safety Program Handbook. This discussion provides a good summary of where we are now. The link to the YouTube video below comes up at the point recreational flying is discussed.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvBU0nS\\_7Hk&t=2003s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvBU0nS_7Hk&t=2003s)

As discussed in the video, new FAA rules and regulations will be reflected in the AMA Safety Program Handbook, link below. The effective date of this document is 1 Jan 2018, so we can expect significant changes within the next year or so.

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/100.pdf>

That's all for now. Have a happy holiday season!

John Watkins

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**Liaison Officers Report - December 2021:**



**John Blossick**  
**NCRCC Liaison Officer**



2021 NCRCC Club Merchandise

Thank you John.

around some ideas for winter projects if you haven't done so already. It's shaping up to be an exciting event filled year in 2022 for NCRCC. So



what better way to start next year's flying season with a new project you painstakingly worked on during the winter to complete?

Greetings Everyone!

Hello December ! This year has certainly flown by quickly. It has flown by quicker than a SIG Kavalier

pegged full-throttle with a .90 two-stroke engine bolted to the firewall! And yup, it has been done.

With the freezing weather just around the corner, it's time to kick

If anyone would like to place an order at the NCRCC store do it soon so it will arrive in time for the holiday.

That about wraps it up for me and 2021. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah!

John



Sweatshirts



Notebooks



Hats



Socks



Coasters

You  
Pick

***Consider the upcoming holiday season.***

There is a link to our NCRCC store on our splash page:

<https://ncrcc.org/>

See "NCRCC Swag"

# Field Supervisors Report – December 2021



Art Usher

## NCRCC Field Supervisor

On 11/28/21 I went to the field to remove all batteries from all equipment.

The field looks great, thanks to our outstanding mowing crew, Mike D-, Neal C- and John P-.

I did a little walk around and everything looks to be in order, no vandalism nor damage was found.

I'll see you at the December social meeting.

Art



Lt to Rt: Neil C- GreshT- Wayne S-



# Sportsworld - East Windsor November 11, 2021 First Day of Indoor Flying



## Activities Director's Report – December 2021



**Peter Tani**  
**NCRCC**  
**Activities Director**

Hello all

As I write we enter the start of the 2021 holiday season.

Hoping everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and that all look forward to the rest of the year and through to New Year's and into our 2022 flying season.

During my first year in office as activities director our nation faced some strong challenges related to health and safety. Sadly there were no organized NCRCC events in 2020. Seems a long while ago and even slightly unbelievable in hindsight that group-sizes were limited to the very lower end of double-digit numbers, and that in some cases even overnight travel from state to state had self-quarantine requirements.

Thankfully we are doing much better in 2021. And we have

recently been able to move from remotely attended and on-line "zoom" meetings to "in-person" meetings for the cold weather months. In addition, we have had several 2021 NCRCC events including our June building contest, and Dawn Patrol WW I Scale Fly-in, our August NCRCC-NEPRO Guy Beaudoin Memorial Q-500 race, our October Randy Hickton memorial Fun-Fly, and our June Warbirds over Ellington. Thank you, Buddy Beaudoin, Joel Lang, Irv Thurrott, and Dennis Thibodeau for your efforts.

In addition in 2021 we have also hosted a May Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts graduation, a memorial commemorating the passing of Guy Beaudoin, and conducted a September Work Party where water damage to our entrance was repaired. David Arzt held four Float Fly's June, July, September and October at Crystal Lake. Bob Spooner has started 2021 indoor flying at the East Windsor dome. And lastly, we even

had our first, to my knowledge, postponed meeting midway through our August meeting due to very stormy weather.

December will be no different for activities given our new found progress for public health. We will have our "no business" 2021 Social Meeting at the Somers Library on December 9, 2021 on our traditional second Thursday of the month at 7pm. Pizza and beverages will be available. All NCRCC members are invited with their spouse or significant other. As before, Somers Library requires face masks be worn inside when you are not eating and/or drinking.

Please consider bringing a signature dish or desert to share with others. I am working with past activities director Irv T- with planning that will include an event/meeting photo display.

See everyone soon.

---Peter

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**All Smiles and Happy Holidays !**

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