



NARCA EAGLE

November 2019



Next Meeting

Place:  Madison
Date: Thursday November 14, 2019
Time: 6:30 PM
Program: TBA

North Alabama
Radio Control Association
P.O. Box 173
Harvest, AL 35749
<http://www.flynarca.com>

Upcoming Club Events

Monthly Aerotow Day - Saturday
November 9

Official Notification of the 2019 NARCA Annual Membership Meeting November 14, 2019 6:30PM at IHOP in Madison

From the NARCA Secretary per the NARCA bylaws NARCA members are provided the following notice: The NARCA regular meeting for the month of November shall be designated as the annual meeting. All financial obligations of a member must be met by the annual meeting. (This means dues are to be paid by the start of the meeting - there is a \$25 penalty if dues are not paid by START of the November meeting).

Additionally, the annual election of officers shall occur at the November 14, 2019 meeting. A slate was presented at the last regular meeting. Nominations may be accepted during the meeting prior to the elections. If you wish to be a NARCA officer (President, Vice-president, Secretary or Treasurer) or nominate a person for an officer position your presence and the nominee's presence is required at the November annual meeting. →

Archie Phillips, Secretary

Charter Members Annual Meeting

This is a reminder to all NARCA Charter members that your presence will be needed to establish a quorum for the Annual NARCA Charter Members Meeting and the Annual NARCA Board Meeting on November 14, 2019 6:30 PM at IHOP in Madison. The Charter members meeting and Board meeting will take place immediately following the NARCA Annual Membership meeting. Current NARCA Charter Members are: Don Peck, Ernie Duffey, Tim Batt, John Bush, Rich Lawrie, Bob Stewart, Larry Holcomb, and Archie Phillips. →

Archie Phillips, Secretary

2019-2020 NARCA Officer Nominating Committee Results

Per the NARCA Bylaws, Article Five, Section 2, the Nominating Committee hereby presents the following list of nominees for the election of the officers to be held at the November 2019 annual meeting:

- President: Chuck Pierce
- Vice President: Eddie Denney
- Secretary: TBD
- Treasurer: Bob Stewart

Kevin Reynolds
Chair, Nominating Committee

Eagle's Nest

Yea! The summer heat has finally broken, and after a week of nice autumn weather, it looks like we may be going straight into Winter Monsoons. On the bright side, that may give us a little time to repair our dinged up planes and, maybe, hopefully, build something new. I know that I have a few (more than I care to count) planes that are in need of some TLC.

I don't really have anything substantial to report or discuss, but I would like to remind everyone that NARCA dues are due prior to the start of the November NARCA meeting on November 14. →

Chuck Pierce, President

10 October 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting brought to order by President Chuck Pierce at 6:30 PM.

Attendees: Chuck Pierce, Eddie Denney, Rich Lawrie, Cliff Lanham, Mike Krebs, Jeff Youngblood, George Rittenhouse, Rick Nelson, Kevin Reynolds, Al Clark, Chris Hines and daughter, Greg Wiren, Bill Beasley

NARCA Secretary Archie Phillips was absent, Kevin Reynolds took meeting notes.

Guests: Chris Hines and daughter, former members.

Previous Meeting's Minutes as published accepted as written.

Officer Reports:

- President Chuck Pierce: Aerotow was a great success. It was hot, but cooled off as the weekend progressed. A squall came in Saturday night and damaged a lot of the pop-up tents. Rick Nelson reported we could put together two pop-ups out of the three. It may be the ideal time of the year to purchase another due to closeouts. Chuck provided a reminder to everyone that dues are due at the November meeting before the drop of the gavel. He offered thanks to Rick Nelson for coordinating the activity of the Russ Behr family spreading his ashes at the field.
- Vice President Eddie Denney: No presentation for this meeting, he is soliciting presenters. He will provide a DX9 training session early next year. Mike Krebs mentioned he is working with an splus autopilot training. He has been doing some flying and the performance is promising. There is a possibility that the splus training might be presented at the same time as the DX9 training.
- Secretary: Not present.
- Treasurer Bob Stewart: A few renewals coming in, checks for gas have been issued.
- Exec Meeting Notes were summarized.

Committee Reports:

- Field report: Rick Nelson stated the field was readied for the aerotow. Weather station battery replaced. Mowing tomorrow. Blades will need to be sharpened on the ZTR. Greg Wiren and Gary Suckow mowed last week during the intense heat, they did a great job. Bob Stewart asked if we should change the gate combo; this was not discussed further, but should be considered.
- Contests: Al Clark offered thanks to everyone for helping out, a good number of individuals were involved in the setup and tear down. Overall the event was a success, the attendees were about the same number as last year. A number of individuals had to stay home as they could not book a hotel room (coincided with A&M Homecoming). Jeremy and Tom from Birmingham did most of the towing and were very helpful. Some participants were very happy with the event and planned to return next year. Al mentioned the event may not happen next year due to FAA restrictions, which are yet to be determined. Rick had Heinz Struck's models, he gave one model to Greg Smith, who plans to refurbish the glider. He mentioned concessions netted about \$40, mainly due to the numbers being down. He thanked Bill Beasley, George Rittenhouse, and Thomas Scheiern for bringing snacks and Cliff Lanham for helping. A lady from Jemison brought 32 kits (several built up) to donate to the club. NARCA needs to determine what to do with all of these kits,

there may be a list sent out for members to review and consider purchasing. Al reported income of \$173 on raffle, \$380 on registration.

- Membership: Cliff Lanham said two persons joined the club. He mentioned Bill Howard; interested in trying out at NARCA, as he is not satisfied with another club in the area. Once he returns from TDY, he will let us know.
- Newsletter: Al Clark published early to get the announcement to out to NARCA membership before the aerotow.
- Web site: Jeff Youngblood is looking for lower-cost web hosting.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: Kevin Reynolds presented the following list of nominees: President: Chuck Pierce, Vice President: Eddie Denney, Treasurer: Bob Stewart. No nominee for Secretary at this time. Kevin Reynolds was asked about considering running for the Secretary the position; no firm decision on that.

No second votes this month.

T-shirts. Al Clark was looking for the larger logo of the one in the newsletter. Kevin Reynolds said he had it and will send to Al. Al will tweak the logo and send to Bill Beasley. Bill has everything ready to order except for the logo. How do we collect money and deliver shirts? Lots of options for shirts, starting at \$11. Al will send out the logo with the order list to the membership. Shirts to be distributed at the meeting.

New Business:

Eddie Denney asked about an e-mail from AMA that discussed altitude restrictions. Al Clark said no mention of altitude limitations; discussion is still taking place about this. A form can be filled out to submit to congressmen; some responded in the negative (you aren't big enough) while some were positive.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

There was no presentation at the meeting. →

Secretary's Note - Thanks to Kevin Reynolds for taking the minutes in my absence.

Archie Phillips, Secretary

Reminder

It's Membership Renewal Time. Your renewal has to be received by start of business at the November 14, 2019 general meeting to avoid paying the \$25 penalty. Please plan to renew before then. The Renewal Form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Membership Vote Status



- David Fallin second vote due December 2019 and his sponsor is Tom Scheiern.
 - Karl Zerbe second vote due December 2019 and his sponsor is Archie Phillips.
 - Wendell Thompson second vote is due November 2019 and his sponsor is Thomas Scheiern.
 - Larry G. Hayes second vote is due November 2019 and his sponsor is Mike Krebs.
 - Tom Williams second vote is due March 2020 with Mike Krebs as sponsor.
 - John Griswold second vote is due March 2020 with George Rittenhouse as sponsor. →
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Workbench Lesson – Are You Setting Trim on the Right Model?

Well, I'll admit to this Homer Simpson moment...

I was working on getting another new airplane ready for maiden. Like most of you, I have a radio that can handle multiple models (20 on mine). I set a new model in memory for the airplane (just naming it), but went away for a while, doing a number of other things, some not even RC-related. Sometime between setup of the new model and when I finished the setup I selected a different model (the Kestrel as highlighted in the red box below):



I finished up the model, not realizing the Kestrel model was still selected. That made for an interesting next flight on the Kestrel; I managed to get it back (I don't handle out-of-trim airplanes well) but snapped off the tail in a hard landing. Not an out-of-trim issue there, just outright pilot error. ☹

I went back through the process, realizing even with my not-so-good memory what I had done... I had set the trims to zero on the wrong model memory. While being side-tracked (several days over this whole process) I forgot where I was in the setup. While the airplane was still controllable, better preparation on my part would have not put the airplane in an out-of-trim situation.

My take-away on this is to pay attention to detail and follow-through to complete specific tasks in one session. Going through the new model setup from start to finish in one session (maybe another 10 minutes?) would have eliminated the possibility of setting trim on the wrong model. Paying attention to detail would have me noticing the wrong model was selected before I finished the setup.

We have to be “on our toes” not only when flying, but when we are working in the shop. I hope my experience with this will keep someone else from doing the same thing.

Happy Flying,

Kevin Reynolds
Chairman, Safety and Rules Committee

Interesting Web Sites

This month we have some **amazing large scale indoor RC models** made by some fellows in Germany. Very nice building jobs and a nice flying site as well.

Quarter Scale Indoor Corsair: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfz7upljA50&feature=youtu.be> Here is the same model flying outdoors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g86LC0zxHjA>

Indoor Boeing 777 Airliner: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAIJxw7v9tw> →

What's Going On at The Flying Field

This column is dedicated to photos of NARCA member's activities at the Flying field. Please snap a photo of whatever you're doing at the field and email it to Al Clark at narcapub@gmail.com. Include a brief note about it and I will put it into the newsletter.

No submissions this month. →

Annual NARCA Aerotow:

We had a very hot, and wonderful Aerotow Event October 3-6. 16 pilots attended, and at least 4 or 5 other pilots didn't attend because they couldn't find motel rooms (apparently due to the big A&M Homecoming). Lots of great lift and lots of great comradery as always. Quite a few new birds were test flown successfully, and veteran ships got a lot of air time as well. A sudden thunderstorm Saturday evening did some damage to some of the canopies, but overall we escaped from that pretty well. Our traditional dinner at Rosie's on Saturday night was well attended and lots of fun as always. I'm already looking forward to next year's Aerotow Event!

My sincere thanks to all who helped with setup and teardown and running the event, especially Rick Nelson, Cliff Lanham, and Greg Wiren who ran the concessions, registration, and raffle. Also to Greg Wiren and Gary Suckow who mowed the entire area prior to the event. Big thank you to Jeremy Hartmann and Tom McLeod of Birmingham who did most of the towing. Also thanks to George Rittenhouse for making the Pulldog electric towplane available; the Pulldog did a fair amount of towing of the 1/4 scale ships. Thanks to Bill Beasley, George Rittenhouse, and Thomas Scheiern for bringing snacks for the concessions. A very large, generous donation of models and kits to NARCA was made by Sabrina Sumner of Jemison on the first day of the event, and that allowed us to have a great raffle of a like-new Radian Pro, a NIB Sig Riser kit, and a NIB MM Glider Tech Marauder kit. Sabrina has flown RC for years and she had great taste in models and kits.

Although I brought my camera with me, I never had time to take any photos. Fortunately, TJ Rohyans came up from Mobile, AL to attend our event and he shot a lot of nice photos. **Check out TJ's photos here:**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/49505358@N05/albums/72157711442440723> Big thanks to TJ for these great shots!

Below are a few teaser shots from TJ's photos.

Al Clark, acting CD



Back In the Day

This column is dedicated to photos by NARCA members from their earlier modeling days. Many of you have been in the modeling hobby for a long time, so please let other NARCA members see what you were doing/flying in the past. Email your photos to Al Clark at narcapub@gmail.com and include a brief note, and I'll get it into the next newsletter!

No submissions this month. →

Classified Ads

If you have modeling items you want to sell, buy, swap, or donate, this is the place to post them. Please email your ad with a description, price, and photo to Al Clark at narcapub@gmail.com.

No submissions this month. →

NARCA Calendar for 2019

The NARCA Calendar is posted on the NARCA website at <http://www.flynarca.com> Please check it out for meeting dates and event listings.

NARCA's Website

The North Alabama Radio Control Association website address is [flynarca.com](http://www.flynarca.com). All NARCA members are strongly encouraged to sign up and login to the member's only section and fill out the contact information and the photograph so that other NARCA members will know who you are. →

NARCA's Facebook Page and Facebook Group

NARCA Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/flynarca>

NARCA Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/344777265930162>

We encourage all NARCA Members to join the Facebook Page and Facebook Group – it's easy to do and is a very convenient way to communicate among club members, especially for going flying. →

Comments or Suggestions

If you have inputs, comments, or suggestions regarding the Newsletter please send them to me at narcapub@gmail.com

Al Clark, Newsletter Editor

Please see next page for Membership Renewal Form.

NARCA Membership Renewal

(Nov 14, 2019 - Nov 12, 2020)

It's time to renew your membership for 2020. Remember, membership dues must be received prior to the beginning of the November general membership meeting.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: there is a Twenty-five dollar penalty/assessment for NARCA members that fail to renew by the November meeting. If a member rejoins NARCA then pays dues before November 2020 they pay for the entire year plus the penalty.

Also note that flying IS NOT ALLOWED without a current AMA membership! Check it.

So get your renewal in early. Bring this form to the next meeting or mail to:

NARCA
PO Box 173
Harvest, AL 35749

Please Check Type of Membership:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member | | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member (Same household) | First Member | \$100.00 |
| | Second Member | \$50.00 |
| | All Others | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Member (Age 65 or over on Nov. 9, 2017) | | \$80.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Member (Under age 19 on Nov 9, 2017) | | \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (No flying privileges) | | \$50.00 |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate (Cell) Phone _____

Email Address: _____

AMA Number: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____