



# NARCA EAGLE



December 2019

## Next Meeting

Place: Fulin's Restaurant Madison  
Date: Thursday December 12,  
2019  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Program: None

North Alabama  
Radio Control Association  
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## Upcoming Club Events

Annual NARCA Christmas Dinner  
Thursday, December 12

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Don't forget to provide your RSVP to Cliff Lanham for our Christmas Dinner. It will again be at Fulin's Restaurant in Madison and begins at 6:00 PM. Hope to see you all there!

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## Eagle's Nest

As 2019 draws quickly to a close and I've been reflecting upon it, this year has had its ups and down. The downs first. We lost two people this year who were very dear to our club and our members: George Epps and Russ Behr. George Epps lived and breathed aviation and was a genuine friend of NARCA, not just the landowner. Russ Behr was a longtime member of NARCA and other model aviation clubs and was a skilled leader in model aviation. Both men will be deeply missed by the NARCA family. We've also had some serious illnesses within our membership (members, spouses, and children). I won't name them all, so that I remain respectful of privacy and so that I don't inadvertently leave anyone out, but please continue to remember in your thoughts and prayers those friends of ours who have suffered this year and, especially, those who are currently undergoing medical procedures and treatments. I, for one, have been greatly appreciative of the outpouring of care and concern as my wife has had her medical troubles this year. On the up side, we've had a lot of fun at the field, flying and fellowshiping. The Aerotow was a big success and great fun. The impromptu cookout at the field was a big hit. I hate that I had to miss it, but sometimes life gets in the way of spending quality time at the field with friends. I have greatly enjoyed just hanging out at the field on Saturdays and/or Sundays, flying some and chatting a lot. And, although it's not proud moments, searching for downed aircraft is always an interesting experience when friends brave the poison ivy and ticks, to help locate and collect the pieces of once airworthy aircraft. NARCA truly has a wonderful field and fantastic members.

For inexplicable reasons, maybe the biggest being that I have trouble saying NO <grin>, NARCA elected me to be the Front Man again for 2020. I am honored that NARCA has the confidence in me to lead, but I continue to feel deeply humbled because I know that I am a long, long way from being a really skilled model aviator. In my leadership role, I will never pretend to know everything and will never be a dictatorial leader. I view my role as club president as being that of a facilitator, leading the General and Executive meetings, and interfacing with the landowner and AMA. Being newly elected into the president position, one of my tasks is to assign chairmen for the various committees. All of those positions have been filled, except for one: Finance. The job of the Finance Chairman is to put together the operating budget for the various committees and activities for the Club, which will then be approved by the Club by April. It's a fast and furious job and will be completed by March. The job doesn't require any accounting experience; it just requires parceling the anticipated income to cover the anticipated expenses. The Committee Chairmen will be very helpful and there's plenty of historical information to help guide the building of the 2020 operating budget. The Finance Chairman will also be a member of the Executive Committee and, thus, have more say in the decisions that don't need to go before the General Membership. I hope that someone will please volunteer for this job. Please consider giving back to the club. Please be one of the 20-percenters. →

*Chuck Pierce, President*

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## 14 November 2019 General Meeting Minutes

At the IHOP Restaurant on HWY 72W, the Annual NARCA Membership Meeting was called to order by NARCA President Chuck Pierce at 1830 hours.

Attendance: There were 19 NARCA voting members present (a quorum).

Guests-Mrs. Sheila Sanford (Stan's wife)

President Chuck Pierce called for Nominating Committee chairman Kevin Reynolds to present the slate for the NARCA 2020 Officer elections. Presented were: President-Chuck Pierce, Vice President- Eddie Denney, and Treasurer- Bob Stewart. There was no nominee for Secretary. The President called for nominations from the floor. Kevin Reynolds was nominated by Bill Beasley and seconded by Jeff Youngblood. Kevin Reynolds accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Ballots were distributed and election results as follows: President-Chuck Pierce (unanimous), Vice President- Eddie Denney (unanimous), Treasurer-Bob Stewart (unanimous) and Secretary-Kevin Reynolds (passed with one vote for Phillips).

The meeting continued with the October 2019 NARCA meeting minutes as published in the NARCA Newsletter being approved (after discussion if Chris Hines had renewed).

### Officer Reports:

- President Chuck Pierce – Announced the Annual Christmas meeting will again be at the Fulin's Restaurant in Madison with Cliff Lanham in charge of arrangements. The president reviewed the October NARCA Exec Meeting Notes (AMA negotiations with the FAA, NARCA as a documented AMA flying site, plus other business items).
- Vice President: Eddie Denney-NR.
- Secretary: The last report from Archie Phillips as NARCA Secretary covered mail received, NARCA second votes due this evening for Wendell Thompson and Larry Hayes (cancelled as he will not renew), and that he enjoyed having been NARCA Secretary since 2005.
- Treasurer: Bob Stewart reported 39 members had paid their year 2020 dues as of this meeting had paid several small bills and that the Flying Field Rent is due and will be paid next month.

### Committee Reports:

- Field Committee Chairman Rick Nelson expressed thanks to George Rittenhouse for winterizing the Latrine at the Flying Field and that the Latrine will be closed until freezing weather is over. There was a significant donation of model airplane kits (mostly glider) made at the Aerotow and we are looking for ideas on how best to use them (donations to schools was suggested at the Exec Meeting). NARCA members are encouraged to present their ideas to a NARCA officer.
- Contests: Tim Batt - NR
- Membership: Cliff Lanham -NR
- Newsletter: Al Clark –NR
- Web site: Jeff Youngblood reported the change of Web Provider had not happened as the company would not refund the automatic renewal cost. Jeff offered to personally pay that cost as it was on his card. In discussions it was agreed that Jeff should not pay as it was beyond his control. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to reimburse Jeff for that expense.

### Old Business:

- Bill Beasley reported that he had provided the T-shirt/Polo shirts order and funds to the provider and that he had more order forms with him.
- There was a NARCA second vote scheduled for Wendell Thompson. Sponsor Tom Scheiern spoke on Wendell's behalf and others joined in with positive comments. Ballots were distributed and there was unanimous approval. Congratulations to Wendell on full membership in NARCA.

### New Business:

- There was a discussion on junior members as a result of the new bylaw change. It was explained the member would still go through the usual NARCA voting/approval process.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. There was no presentation after the meeting. →

*Archie Phillips, Secretary*

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### Membership Vote Status



- Wendell Thompson passed second vote at the November 2019 Club meeting.
  - 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.
  - 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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### Interesting Web Sites

This month we have a **huge 2/3 scale Fokker DR1 Triplane** flown by the very talented Gernot Bruckmann. Amazing model, although I'm not sure one can really call this thing a model at 2/3 scale. Check out how in the tight turns he is using rudder in the direction of the turn but almost full opposite aileron; very unusual. I have flown a smaller DR1 and I have to say it is a somewhat strange handling aircraft.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E89q5c5LOg&feature=youtu.be> →

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### This is Not What You Want to See in Your FPV Goggles

I received this great photo from Kevin Reynolds. I don't recall where he said he got it from.



## **From Your New Secretary**

First of all, thank you for entrusting me with holding the NARCA Secretary Position. It is a responsibility I take seriously, and you have my promise of a good-faith effort. As Archie has done a great job of all the administrative activities and interfacing with the AMA, so will I give it my best.

I really appreciate the outstanding work Archie has done over his long tenure as Secretary. We all need to offer hearty thanks for the effort he has made, so make the effort to do that please. Someone said why not make him an Honorary member, but I reminded them there are no flying privileges for that membership type, and I don't think Archie is ready to hang up his wings!

Lastly, we have some Committee Chairman openings available. Why not do your part to help this great flying club continue to be great and spread out the workload? Let one of the Exec Committee know of your interest, or even better attend the Exec meeting and let them know in person.

Happy flying days ahead, and get your winter project going!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Kevin Reynolds*  
*NARCA Secretary*

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## **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](mailto:narcapub@gmail.com) and include a brief note, and I'll get it into the next newsletter!

I'll toss another one of my old photos in this month. These are the contestants from a glider contest in 1976 at the Old Airport in Huntsville. There were 22 pilots in this one. We typically drew 20 – 30 pilots and put on several contests every year in those days, including Hand Launch Glider contests and even night glider contests that didn't start until after dark. Those who have known me a while might be able to spot me in this photo. →



## **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](mailto:narcapub@gmail.com) Include a brief note about it and I will put it into the newsletter. No submissions this month. →

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## **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](mailto:narcapub@gmail.com). No submissions this month. →

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## ***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.

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## ***NARCA's Website***

The North Alabama Radio Control Association website address is [flynarca.com](http://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. →

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## ***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. →

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On behalf of all the NARCA Members I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

*Al Clark, Newsletter Editor*



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## **Comments or Suggestions**

If you have inputs, comments, or suggestions regarding the Newsletter please send them to me at [narcapub@gmail.com](mailto:narcapub@gmail.com)

*Al Clark, Newsletter Editor*

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