

NARCA Eagle



Jun 2025

Next Meeting

Place: Epps Field
Date: Thursday Jun 12, 2025
Time: 6:30 PM
Program: TBD

North Alabama Radio
Control Association
P.O. Box 173 Harvest, AL
35749

Next Club Events

- Exec Meeting (Jun 30)
- Jul General Meeting (Jul 10) Epps Field

NARCA General Meeting Minutes 8 May 2025



Due to the absence of our President/Vice President, Rick Nelson chaired the meeting. Due to incoming weather Al Clark gave the presentation on radios first. Al gave a great presentation discussing the history of radio control. He brought a host of transmitters as examples to show how they've changed over time. Al, thanks for that awesome program.

Rick also presented a talk on a 3D printed model of a jet engine he got for a commercial jet. It is a good representation and helps understand how these engines work. Thanks Rick.

Meeting called to order at 7:21 PM by Rick Nelson at Epps Field.

Attendees: Cliff Lanham, Archie Phillips, Wayne Post, Greg Wiren, Rick Nelson, Ray Canada, Michael Anderson, Michael Krebs, Al Kretz, Tony Royer, Jackie Farmer, Phyllis Farmer

A quorum of members was not present.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to vote on the March and April minutes as published, motion was seconded. The vote was approved without discussion.

Officer Reports:

President/Vice president - Frank Garcia. Absent, No report.

Treasurer - Greg Wiren. Finances are in good shape.

Secretary - Wayne Post. No Report

Committee reports:

Field – Michael Krebs. Mowing has started. The mowers are in good shape.

Rules and Safety – Archie Phillips. No safety issues reported

Finance – Open. No report

Contests and Events – Open.

Cub Day: Greg Wiren - May 10th at Epps Field. Food is taken care of. Setup begins around 8am.

Membership/PR – Ray Canada. Ray noted he has communicated with several other clubs about our Cub Day

Training – Rick Nelson. No report.

Programs – Frank Garcia. Absent, No report.

Newsletter – Wayne Post. No report.

Web Presence – Micah Greaves. Absent. No report.

Old business:

Driveway improvement: The gravel to cover extending the culvert for the driveway widening project would cost \$250-\$350

New business:

None

Membership votes May: First Votes for Al Kretz (Greg Sponsor), Gary Courtney (AJ sponsor), and John Stone (Al Clark sponsor). All were all unanimously approved and welcomed as introductory members.

A call was made for any other business. There being none, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM. Everyone left before the rain came.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Post
NARCA Secretary

Membership Votes at Jun Meeting



Congratulations to Al Kretz, Gary Courtney, and John Stone who became introductory members with a unanimous votes at the May meeting.

- **First Votes:**
 - **Gene Moore (Cliff sponsor)**
- **Second Votes:**
 - **None**

Announcements

Search for new Club President: Still looking for a new President. Frank will fill the Presidency as long as is necessary but would really prefer to remain Vice President. We are looking for folks who would serve as President until the Annual Meeting vote.

Field:

- 1) Closed on July 4th - No flying at Epps field on July 4th due to Epps Family picnic.

- 2) Make sure you clear the code when you open and close the lock. Recommend you set it at 0000 each time to protect it.
- 3) This is the time of year for ticks, spiders and nasty things to be out and about. Be careful when go into or around the woods.

Upcoming NARCA Events: After Cub Day, NARCA has a few more events on the calendar for Summer and early Fall. If we are to make these successful, we need volunteers to lead and support. September 13: NARCA Invitational Fly-in – Looking to turn into a Fun Fly in honor of George Ritenhouse. Michael Krebs has agreed to lead this effort.

New Guidance from FAA: The NARCA flying site pilots are now authorized to fly to 700 feet altitude. There are restrictions that are contained in the following AMA notice (read them carefully).

You are still restricted to our Flying area boundaries (Harvest Road, Carroll Road, North end of the Runway and our Zero Line).

Subject: Important Announcement: FAA Authorization Briefing for all RC pilots

Dear AMA Leader Members,

If you fly at an AMA field that's part of the national altitude extension in Class G airspace released in April of 2025, there are important rules you need to follow—especially when flying above 400 feet. These guidelines help our fields to continue to operate safely and legally under the FAA authorization so future modelers can enjoy the extensions as well.

Here's what you need to know before flying:

All pilots must:

- **Follow USC 44809 and AMA Safety Guidelines:** You need to be aware of and follow all AMA safety code practices, USC 44809, and any rules that apply specifically to the flying site in question.
- **Be Aware of Nearby Aviation Activity:** Clubs should be aware if their field is within 2 nautical miles of charted, manned air traffic (such as small airports) and inform you of any safety mitigations or site-specific rules you need to follow in case of possible aircraft nearby. The increased altitudes do not constitute waivers from any other law or safety rule. [See the FAQ link for documentation requirements.](#)
- **Know Site-Specific Limits:** Some sites have altitude or area restrictions based on their size or location. This might change during an event vs. daily flying if the local leadership feels it is necessary or is required by a separate local agreement. Remember, even if a field has received 700-foot or 1,200-foot above-ground-level (AGL) clearance, the club might have restrictions on when they allow pilots to utilize the space above 400 feet. Ask before you fly.
- **Understand the National Authorization:** Especially if you don't regularly fly at a field covered by this authorization, you might not be familiar with all stipulations. Make sure you read through the authorization and seek guidance from local club leadership if you don't understand a section. AMA and District leadership will be available for questions as well, but local restrictions could apply, and club leaders should advise members prior to operation.
- **Be FAA Registered:** Make sure you've registered with the FAA as a recreational flier if operating UAS above 250 grams or 0.55 pounds and are following registration requirements.

- **Have Completed the The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST):** The FAA requires all recreational drone and model aircraft pilots to pass the TRUST safety test. If you haven't done this yet, it's quick and free to complete on AMA's website.

Other Items About These Sites:

- **Flying Above 400 Feet Is Only Allowed During the Day:** The altitude extension only applies between civil sunrise and civil sunset. If you're flying at night, you must stay at or below 400 feet AGL unless otherwise specifically authorized.
- **Fixed Sites, Not All Class G:** This authorization applies to registered AMA sites within Class G airspace that have been submitted for review; it does not authorize altitude extensions for all modelers in Class G airspace. [Members can easily view approved sites on the FAQ page.](#)
- **You Must Always Stay Within Visual Line of Sight:** You or your spotter need to be able to see your aircraft clearly with your own eyes.
- **Operations Must Follow the Weather Rules:** If operating during an event at an applicable site, look to your event managers, contest directors, and FAA national altitude extension for guidance on weather and visibility conditions.
- **NOTAMS: A NOTAM must be issued for any AMA Sanctioned Event in Class G airspace when flying above 400 feet AGL.**

If you have questions not addressed here or [in our FAQ page](#), AMA District Vice Presidents, Leader Members, your club leadership, and AMA Headquarters can provide further guidance.

Please take the necessary steps to disseminate this information through your usual communication channels, including club meetings, newsletters, websites, and any other relevant platforms.

[Please encourage all AMA members to review the official National Altitude Authorization Briefing Blog Post.](#)

Your leadership in ensuring the accurate and timely communication of this update is deeply appreciated. By working together, we can ensure a smooth transition and continued safe enjoyment of model aviation for all of our members.

Thank you for your dedication to the Academy of Model Aeronautics and your commitment to fostering a safe and thriving environment for our community.

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What's Going on at NARCA

This column is dedicated to photos of NARCA member's activities. Please snap a photo of whatever you're doing at the field and email it to newsletter@narca.club. Include a brief note about it and I will put it into the newsletter. Thanks for the inputs this month. Keep 'em coming.

Cub Day - Saturday - May 10, 2025

by Greg Wiren

This year's Cub Day was a great success. We had 19 members and 11 guests come to fly and have fun. Several Cubs took to the skies in various colors. We got in lots of flying before the rain came. I don't believe any of us fed any airplanes to the trees today.

Hot Dogs were served (thanks Mike K. for cooking) along with drinks and chips. Greg and Harry brought cookies and Jackie brought brownies to share. Next year we will try to remember coffee.

Members present: Greg, Cliff, Steve M., Mike Krebs, Tony, Jackie & Phyllis, Rick N., Jack, Al Kretz, Al Clark, Archie, Mike Anderson, Harry C., Wayne, Bob Seyboth, Ray, Kevin, Ernie, and Jon Stone.

Guests include the Janny family (Ashley, Steve, Kane, Clay & Lyla), Kathie Wiren, Diane Croce, Cali & Clemie & horses.

A big thanks to all who came and participated in Cub Day.



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Hail to the Chef – Thanks Michael



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Weekday Flyers 21 May

Morning after the Storms



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Weekday Flyers



Friday 23 May



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NARCA 2025 Calendar

Wednesday, Jan 1	Friday, Jul 4
9:00am New Years Day Flying	Epps Picnic - Field closed
Monday, Jan 6	Thursday, Jul 10
6:30pm Exec Mtg	6:30pm General Mtg (Epps Field)
Thursday, Jan 9	Monday, Jul 28
6:30pm General Mtg (IHOP)	6:30pm Exec Mtg
Monday, Jan 27	Thursday, Aug 14
6:30pm Exec Mtg	6:30pm General Mtg (Epps Field)
Thursday, Feb 13	Monday, Aug 25
6:30pm General Mtg (IHOP)	6:30pm Exec Mtg
Monday, Feb 24	Thursday, Sep 11
6:30pm Exec Mtg	6:30pm General Mtg
Thursday, Mar 13	Saturday, Sep 13
6:30pm General Mtg (IHOP)	NARCA Invitational Fly-in. (All AMA members welcome)
Monday, Mar 31	Monday, Sep 29
6:30pm Exec Mtg	6:30pm Exec Mtg
Thursday, Apr 10	Thursday, Oct 9
6:30pm Gen Mtg/ Duane Black Show	6:30pm General Mtg
Monday, Apr 28	Monday, Oct 27
6:30pm Exec Mtg	6:30pm Exec Mtg
Thursday, May 8	Thursday, Nov 13
6:30pm General Mtg	6:30pm ANNUAL Mtg
Saturday, May 10	Monday, Nov 24
NARCA Cub Day	6:30pm Exec Mtg
Sunday, May 11	Thursday Nov 27
Mothers Day	Thanksgiving
Monday, Jun 2	Thursday, Dec 11
6:30pm Exec Mtg	6:30pm General Mtg/Dinner
Thursday, Jun 12	Thursday, Jan 1
6:30pm General Mtg	9:00am New Years Day Flying
Saturday, Jun 21	Monday, Jan 5
NARCA Fun Fly	6:30pm Exec Mtg
Monday, Jun 30	Thursday, Jan 8
6:30pm Exec Mtg	6:30pm General Mtg

Activities at Other Clubs

Rocket City Radio Controllers
RCRC
June 7, 2025
9am - 12pm

- General Admission is FREE.
- Selling permits are \$10 prior to event and \$15 the day of the event.
- Cash or PayPal (payments@rocketcityrc.com)

EVENT RULES:

- Flying will only be permitted after event has concluded.
- Running of engines will only be permitted in designated areas.

Information is available at:
<http://RocketCityRC.com>
<http://Facebook.com/RocketCityRC>

Contest Director:
 Gene Hauck
treasurer@rocketcityrc.com
 (256) 684-5111

Location:
 Capt. Trey Wilbourn Field, Huntsville, AL
 GPS Location: 34.685171, -86.592244

Directions:
 From the west at I-65/I-565 intersection, take I-565 East, then Memorial Parkway South, then exit right on Airport Road, then left on Leeman Ferry Way SW

JCRCC Fun Fly
June 14th, 2025



Field entrance is from CR 30
 Huntsville ← CR 30 → JCRCC
 Hwy 8
 Hwy 35
 Hwy 72
 Woodville
 Hwy 35 Hwy 63
 Scottsboro → Hwy 72

Use 9975 County Rd 30, Woodville, AL as your GPS destination

Jackson County RC Club (JCRCC)

Contact ekosiba@gmail.com
 Ed Kosiba
 (256)-882-1130

Gate Opens at 9am

Pilot Requirements
 AMA Membership
 No Landing Fee

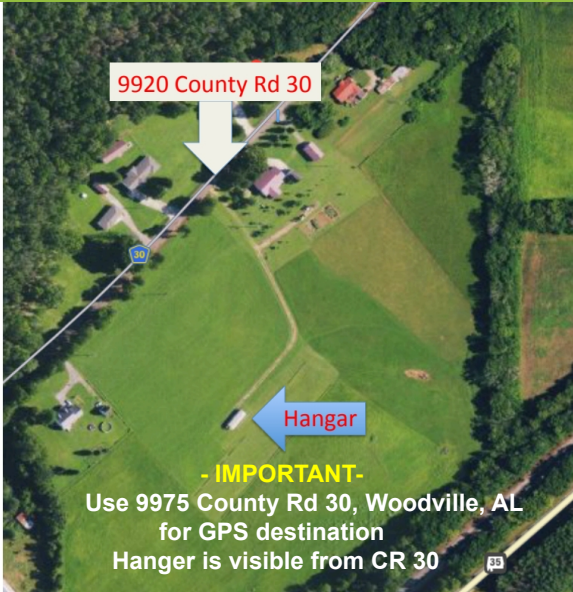
Aircraft Permitted
 Fuel/Gas, Electric, Fixed Wing, Helicopters, Park Flyers, Radio Control, Free Flight, Soaring

Lunch Provided
 Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks – Donations Accepted

Site Details
 450 ft grass runway FRIA
 Club hangar
 Flight tables
 AC/DC Power
 Portable Toilet

Field entrance is from CR 30
 Huntsville ← CR 30 → JCRCC
 Hwy 8
 Hwy 35
 Hwy 72
 Woodville
 Hwy 35 Hwy 63
 Scottsboro → Hwy 72

Use 9975 County Rd 30, Woodville, AL as your GPS destination
 Hanger is visible from CR 30



9920 County Rd 30

Hangar

- IMPORTANT -
 Use 9975 County Rd 30, Woodville, AL for GPS destination
 Hanger is visible from CR 30

Blast from the Past

OPEN DAILY 10-10; SUN. 11-6 THURS., FRI., SAT.

Kmart

ENGINE-POWERED MODEL AIRPLANE SALE

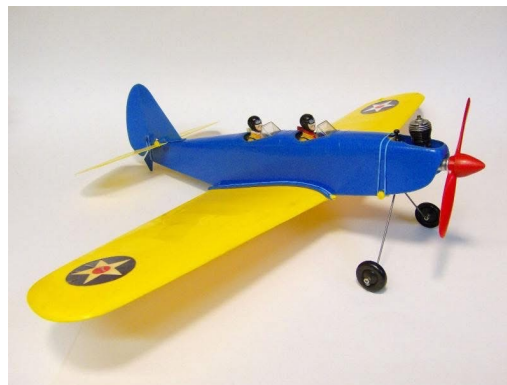
SAVE \$2 to \$4 **6⁹⁶** TO **9⁹⁶** 3 Days Only **SALE**

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COX Our Reg. 11.67 7⁸⁸ For beginners.	TESTORS Our Reg. 9.37 6⁹⁶ With noise control.
COX Our Reg. 10.97 7⁸⁸ "Cosmic Wind" 22" wings.	TESTORS Our Reg. 14.48 9⁹⁶ With khaki camouflage.

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Our Reg. 3.63 Cox® Starting Kit2.63

Our Reg. 1.93 Testors® Fuel1.57
Our Reg. 2.96 Testors® Starting Kit2.33



Who started out with this one?

Comments or Suggestions

If you have inputs, comments, or suggestions regarding the Newsletter please send them to me at newsletter@narca.club →

Thanks for all the input for this edition.

Wayne Post, Newsletter Editor

NARCA Membership List

The membership list is available to members on the website at www.NARCA.club.

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 the Facebook Group is a very convenient way to communicate among club members, especially for going flying. →