



NARCA Eagle

Dec 2025



Next Club Meeting

Place: Big Whiskeys
7814 Hwy 72
Madison, AL
Date: Thursday Dec 11, 2025
Time: 6:30 PM
Program: None

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

Next Club Events

- Exec Meeting (Dec 29)
- New Year's First Day Fly (Jan 1)
- General Meeting (Jan 8)

Eagle's Nest



Fellow Modelers,

First, I'd like to thank you for electing me as your club President. Although I have only been a member for a couple years (this time), I really enjoy the club and the new friends I have made. I will do my best to increase the interest and participation in our hobby with the current membership and will work on increasing the visibility of our club and love of flying to attract new members.

I've been a RC modeler on and off for over 20 years. The on and off was due to my military service and a few jobs after retirement that had me moving around until we settled in Harvest. I grew up in Upstate New York where I became an auto mechanic and messed around with fast cars until I was drafted. Long story short I enlisted into the Army and became a helicopter mechanic for eight years reaching the grade of Sergeant, after which I applied for and was accepted for Warrant Officer Candidate School (Flight School) at Ft Rucker Alabama. That led to a fifteen year stretch as a Chief Warrant Officer where I obtained the rank of CW4 and over that period attended UH-60 BlackHawk qualification courses and the Army Maintenance Test Pilot School for UH-1 and UH-60 helicopters. Over the course of my flying career, I accumulated 3000 + accident / incident free flying hours. I decided to retire after 23 years thinking I was going to settle down near Lexington Ky., but wound up working a couple Defense Contractor jobs until I landed here at the Arsenal. I worked six years with a Defense contractor after which I was picked up by the Dept. of the Army Civilian Service where I worked for another eight years before retiring. All-in-all I've worked over 45 years in Army Aviation Maintenance and Management.

Enough of me, let's talk a couple topics that I believe everyone will appreciate.

- First, we had a meeting with Mr. Charlie Epps that went very well. He is very happy with our organization and had no issues to speak of with the club or any of its members. The lease is coming due in June and the Executive committee will be working with Mr. Epps to finalize the new lease for signature. The new lease term will be for 2 years.

- Next we conducted our first Executive Committee meeting on November 24th after Chuck Pierce was elected VP and I was elected President. Let's all welcome Chuck as he brings a vast amount of knowledge from his past position in the club as President. We both promise to work hard to get all the Club business completed and keep a smile on everyone's face!

- Mike Krebs has decided to step down from the Field Committee after providing several years of hard work and dedication to keep our field clean and flight ready. I certainly appreciate his efforts and loyalty to our club. During the meeting, we assigned Steve McGurty as the new Field Committee Chairman. Steve worked with Mike

for over a year and has a lot of good ideas and plans for the upcoming year. I am confident he has the skills to keep our field flight ready and I ask for your support of Steve when he needs help cleaning up the field.

- The final topic is the search for a new field. It certainly is not because we are being evicted, but only to survey the community for a new field that will accommodate our club and that has advantages over our current field. I have asked Al Kretz to head up this effort as he has previous knowledge of looking for a new field and knows field requirements. I would appreciate any support you can provide Al in his search. This effort is only to investigate new options! We have no requirement to leave our current field.

Lastly, I would appreciate your support of our club when we have tasking's come up like field clean-up, supporting club events and lastly, participating in our monthly meetings. I believe the NARCA Club is all about our members and we (the Executive Committee) would like to have not only your support but ideas on how to improve our club. Please feel free to contact Chuck or myself if you have any questions, concerns and/or ideas.

We are here to support you!!!

Happy Flying!!!

Bob Seyboth, NARCA President

NARCA General Meeting Minutes 13 Nov 2025



Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Vice President Frank Garcia at IHOP Restaurant.

Attendees: Kevin Reynolds, Chuck Pierce, Michael Krebs, Jack Armstrong, Cliff Lanham, Tony Royer, Jackie Farmer, Greg Wiren, John Bush, Ray Canada, Charles Hamley, Roy Zant, Steven McGurty, Jason Seyboth, Bob Seyboth, Tom Agaloff, Donald Long, Frank Garcia, Rick Nelson, Rick Grim, Al Kretz, Ted Mavrotheris, Tim Batt, Ernie Duffey.

The number of voting members present was 23; paid up voting members at the start of the meeting was 37 which meets the requirements of a quorum in the Bylaws.

Visitors: Phyllis Farmer, Kim Grim

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

Officer Reports:

President – Open.

Vice president – Frank Garcia. Reviewing Bylaws and rules of operation. Next presentation in January.

Treasurer - Greg Wiren. Bills are paid up, no further comment. Statement provided to Secretary.

Secretary - Wayne Post. Absent. Frank Garcia reported Wayne had an injury and is recovering and cannot attend. Kevin Reynolds volunteered to take meeting minutes and will step in to fulfill tasks until Wayne has returned; Kevin will have NO official position during this time.

Committee reports:

Field – Michael Krebs. No mowing has been done in four weeks as the grass hasn't grown. Mowers are in good shape. Noted some vandalism in shed, repairs have been made.

Rules and Safety – Archie Phillips - Absent: No report

Finance – Greg Wiren – Budget is on track; numbers are good for the club to stay at or under budget this fiscal year.

Contests and Events – Open – No report.

Membership/PR – Ray Canada. There was discussion of possibly laying down a textile runway; this will be a new business item at the next exec meeting. There are 18 new members this year which is very encouraging. The December holiday dinner be Thursday, December 11th 630 PM at Big Whiskeys, 7814 highway 72 Madison. RSVP Ray if you will be attending along with head count.

Training – Rick Nelson. Nothing to report.

Programs – Frank Garcia. Frank mentioned that Micah was unable to attend the meeting and the original idea to repeat the website presentation in the meeting would not be done. A presentation at the January meeting might be possible. Frank mentioned there were problems related to renewal and pro-rating dues payments in the last quarter of the membership. Action will be taken at the exec meeting.

Newsletter – Wayne Post, absent – Frank requested members keep sending articles and pictures.

Web Presence – Micah Greaves – Absent, no report.

Old Business.

Audit. Originally there was an idea to have one or two volunteers the financial records before the November Meeting. This was not done. Per Ernie no audits were done. He said in times past Bob Stewart worked closely with him and they were comfortable with the activities. Rick Grim asked if two signatures were required, Frank indicated it was one. There was further discussion about who has signature authority; this discussion will be deferred to exec.

Regular Membership Vote. A motion was made to have a vote for Al Kretz for senior membership and was seconded. Paper ballots were cast and Al was unanimously voted in. Congratulations to Al who is now a senior member. Gary Courtney and John Stone were not present and did not make their dues payment before the start of the meeting so no vote was made for them.

Introductory Vote. Bruna Evangelista was on travel and unable to attend; Greg Wiren made some comments and recommended she be voted in. A motion was made for an introductory vote for her and was seconded. The vote was unanimous; welcome to Bruna as an introductory member. Greg is her sponsor. Brian Morehead was another person to possibly have an introductory vote but did not attend or pay club dues. No action taken on his part.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers for 2026. Per the Bylaws, Article Five, Section 3, Election of officers shall require a majority vote of a quorum.

No nominating committee was formed. Nominations from the floor were made and seconded for the following Officer positions:

- **Secretary** – Wayne Post
- **Treasurer** – Greg Wiren
- **Vice President** – Chuck Pierce
- **President** – Michael Krebs and Bob Seyboth

Paper ballots were handed out for each of the above positions and votes were cast as follows:

- **Secretary** – Unanimous Yes; congratulations to Wayne.
- **Treasurer** – Not a unanimous Yes with three Nos; congratulations to Greg
- **Vice President** – Unanimous Yes; congratulations to Chuck.
- **President** – Michael seven Yes, Bob 13 Yes. The tally of ballots cast for this position were verified by Ms. Kim Grim (thanks Kim!). Congratulations to Bob.

2. Election of two Charter members. There are currently two openings for Charter members. Per Article Three, Section 2A Charter members are elected by the general membership due to attrition of the original members.

Two nominations were made and seconded; Cliff Lanham and Frank Garcia. A paper ballot was cast for these votes, both were unanimous Yes. Welcome to Cliff and Frank as Charter members!

Airfield Rules and Regulations – Post on NARCA Website. A request has been made. We need to confirm exactly what this is... is it the professionally printed posters in the shed near the charging stations? Does anyone know who worked up the documents for this? Kevin checked the Secretary archive and didn't find any instance of a file containing this. Ernie has the electronic copy and provide it. The document is dated and needs updated. Other documents need to updated as we have a new lease coming up. This will be addressed in the exec meeting.

Issues From the Property Owner. Rick Grim provided a list of issues and discussion was made. These will be reviewed by exec and Charlie Epps be contacted by Bob to review and take any action necessary.

A call was made for any other business. There being none, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully,

Kevin Reynolds for
Donald Wayne Post
NARCA Secretary

Thanks to Kevin for collecting and drafting these while I recover.

Safety Note

From The Daily Mail: Dad killed after own remote-controlled plane crashes into him in Arizona

Story by Tom Towers, Cheyenne R. Ubiera

Forwarded by Jeff Garland who commented: We probably get too comfortable with this sometimes and then things like this happen and make you think.

A father-of-two died in a bizarre "freak accident" after being hit by his own model airplane, suffering fatal wounds.

Roger Wallace, 60, was piloting the 5-foot-wide remote-controlled aircraft at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, Arizona, when tragedy occurred. The sun's brightness caused him to lose sight of the plane, and the six-pound model caused catastrophic damage to his heart and lungs.

Roger fell unconscious as his friends tried to help him before emergency responders reached the scene. Unfortunately, their attempts were unsuccessful, and he was pronounced dead at the site.

Roger had been part of the Southern Arizona Modelers, a radio-controlled aircraft hobbyist organization, for three years. Club President Jerry Knebel told the Arizona Daily Star in 2002: "This was not a common thing. This was just the freakiest of freak accidents that could possibly happen.

"No one can believe this. We can't believe it ourselves, and we've been doing this the past 30 years."

Roger had previously operated an automotive parts company, which he had sold several years prior, continuing to work for the new owners while contemplating retirement before the deadly incident. Before joining the aircraft club, Roger had engaged in drag racing at the local track, pursuing what he thought would be a safer hobby.

Knebel revealed: "He talked so often about how the flying was safer than the drag strip. He came over because he thought our sport was the safer sport."

The organization maintained strict safety protocols, with one member designated as safety officer during each flight, following the Academy of Model Aeronautics safety standards.

"We pride ourselves on not having any accidents at all. We haven't had one in many, many years," Knebel stated.

Roger's obituary described him as: "He was a kind, loving, friendly man and so full of life and laughter. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family."

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/dad-killed-after-own-remote-controlled-plane-crashes-into-him-in-arizona/ar-AA1RQinX?ocid=hpmsn&cvid=064c02c251034e52f3c17293977f6eb8&ei=131>

Membership Votes at Dec/Jan Meeting



- Since December is the Holiday Dinner votes may be deferred to Jan
- First Votes (2/3 majority of voting members present):
 - Bryan Moorehead
- Second Votes (90% majority of voting members present via written ballot):
 - Gene Moore (Cliff Lanham sponsor)
 - Gary Courtney (Andrew Jesky sponsor)
 - John Stone (Al Clark sponsor)
- On Deck (2nd votes in Feb):
 - Ted Mavrotheris (Chuck Pierce sponsor)
 - Charles Hamley (Archie Phillips sponsor)
 - Shawn Holcomb (Cliff Lanham sponsor)

Upcoming Events at NARCA

- **Holiday Meeting Dec 11**
 - Minimal club business, primarily a time to enjoy each other's company.
 - Location: Big Whiskeys, 7814 Hwy 72 in Madison, AL. Near the Hughes Rd intersection on the north side next to Los Trojas.
 - Questions – contact Ray Canada



Announcements

NARCA Shirts: Jackie and Phyllis plan to distribute shirts at the December meeting.

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.



Charles is smarter than the rest of us and flying in 8-10 mph wind



Bob and grandson. Jack in background



Greg



Toby's 3D flyer

NARCA 2025 Calendar (2026 under development)

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, Aug 4
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 20
6:30pm General Mtg (IHOP)	NARCA Memorial Fly-in
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
Wednesday, Jan 2	Thursday, Dec 11
9:00am New Years Day Flying	6:30pm General Mtg/Dinner
Thursday, Jun 12	Monday, Dec 29
6:30pm General Mtg	6:30pm Exec Mtg
Saturday, Jun 21	Thursday, Jan 1
NARCA Fun Fly	TBD New Years Day Flying
Monday, Jun 30	Thursday, Jan 8
6:30pm Exec Mtg	6:30pm General Mtg

Activities at Other Clubs

None

For Sale

None

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. →





*Here's wishing all of you
the
Happiest of Holidays!*