

# The Aerogramme

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### Introductory Pilots:

Rich P.

Ron V.

### Field Marshals:

Don M.

Ray B.

## Meeting minutes from Thursday, August 4, 2016.

The regularly scheduled meeting started at 7:00pm with 20 members present.

## Treasurers Report is accepted and is as followed:

Income:	\$203.00
Dues:	\$ 66.00
Donation:	\$ 2.00
Landing Fee:	\$135.00
Expenses:	\$120.98
Fun Fly Food:	\$ 78.86
Porta John:	\$ 37.22
Postage:	\$ 4.90
Cash & Checking:	<b>TBA</b>
Investment Acc.	<b>TBA</b>
Total:	<b>TBA</b>

## Lifetime Member Announcement:

Pete Hathway. Pete has been with the NEDS for over 30 years and it is about time to thank him for being such a loyal active member. Thank you Pete!

## Old Business:

- Fun Fly from July 24, 2016

### Taxi

- 1st Bill Glode
- 2nd Greg Watson
- 3rd Blake Alexander

### Loops in 1 minute

- 1st Bill Glode
- 2nd Don McDougall
- 3rd Greg Watson

### Longest glide

- 1st Bill Glode
- 2nd Greg Watson
- 3rd Blake Alexander

### Spot landing

- 1st Greg Watson
- 2nd Bill Glode
- 3rd Blake Alexander

### Limbo

- 1st Greg Watson
- 2nd tie Don McDougall / Bill Glode

We started with the taxi event with Blake doing well in his first time out. Don may have been fastest if not for a missed turn. In the most loops in a minute event Don was the surprise



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with his Bug. Ray lost his battery after his third loop. His Cub made a good landing without his help.

The spot landing which is a simple and fun for all event was more contested Greg used his micro Corsair with the glide rate of a ball of string to take the spot landing. Rookie Blake Alexander finished close behind Bill to round out the field.

Greg was top dog in the limbo with many giving it a go in the changing winds. Ray made his mark with the lowest approach to the poles I've seen in some time. On one try hitting the runway a hundred feet away.

I know I've missed some names and stories and I do want to mention newcomer Rich who out performed some veterans in the spot landing.

- Fun Fly from August 24, 2016

First per agreement pilots used one plane and events modified to go faster. Also used a pop-up at the flight line that was popular.

Bill G, Blake, Mike, Greg, Bill T, Cal, Tom, Al, Ray all flew.

First the taxi was a straight line to the end of the runway where you had to stop as close to a marker without hitting it. Sort of a closed to the hole event. Greg won at under two feet. There was a lot of hits on this one.

Next was most loops which produced a four with a tie! Greg, Cal, Al, and Bill G with 18 loops in a minute. No change in this one.

In the limbo, there was a big change. We set the poles at the edges of the runway (70') put a bright orange marker at the set height and used a sight man to make the over, under call. This meant no ribbon to fix or get messed up in the breeze. Also the pilots chose the one height they would try and got three shots. The lowest make being the winner, most made at that height to break ties. The spotter worked great with no question on the calls. There was a little confusion on scoring, but in the end pilots were practicing to better their performance after the event was over. I can't remember seeing that before. Bill G won at 3' with Greg and Ray tied at 4'

- Boy Scout Camp Flying

Jim K. has been flying for the past 6 (or so) weeks at the Boy Scout Camp in Ashford.

Float Flying only (safety reasons); with help from Greg W, Ray B, and Matt (sorry about the plane Matt...). There has been some interest from the parents and Jim has been handing out the NEDS business cards.

**New Business:**

New Fun Fly rule. The rule states that the pilot must choose 1 plane for all the events. If you crash and break beyond reasonable repair, you can fly another aircraft.

**Raffle:**

\$25 Gift Card to Hog Heaven, won by Bruce H.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Recorder: Ron V.

## Post from a guest at the Float Fly on July 11, 2016

I just got back from the Float Fly unloaded the car and rushed into the comfort of the air conditioned house. The Float Fly was great as usual with sunny, hot and light breezes doing a little shifting which caused flight patterns to change a few times. I saw many friends from several clubs all over the state and all were having a good time. Most of the time there were aircraft orbiting over the lake with as many as 4 planes in the pattern at a time. I think everyone has a great time and thanks to the guys for all the work that goes into an event like this. It was great and I can't wait for the next one in September.

Mark O.

Thank you Mark for the kind words; I couldn't resist sharing with the club. We look forward to seeing you at the fall Float Fly, and many more to come.

### Upcoming year

Over the years there have been many club leaders, and throughout the years there have been highs and lows. This seems to be a trend, with the club coming out of a low. And now it is more important than ever that we have your support; we need volunteers. It causes the people you count on to feel burnt out after years of service.

The upcoming year seems that it is going to be a year of change; and this could be your opportunity to step up and help the club! We are looking for more membership participation in meetings, events, and how the club is run. It looks like Curt will be stepping down in January and we are hoping someone wants to step up. It seems like a big responsibility, but it really isn't that bad, you should attend meetings, fun flies, float flies, and other club events. Also be a person people can turn to at the field or in public to answer questions without hesitation that the club would back your statement. If you think this is you...step up and run!

If you have any questions about how you can help, please don't hesitate and ask an officer! Any of us would be more than willing to answer all of your questions.

Below: A picture of Bill G.'s and his Bristol F.2 at NCRCC's Dawn Patrol, getting ready for flight.



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**Upcoming NEDS events:**

- Friday, August 12, 2016 Ice Cream Social (bring your family) at Reid's in Coventry 7:00pm.
- Sunday, September 25, 2016 NEDS Fall Float Fly, 9:30am, Mansfield Float Fly Area (no land flying during the event)

Below: Greg W.'s 1/4 Scale Sopwith Pup in line up at NCRCC's Dawn Patrol

