

Don't Worry Spring is Coming!



Dave H's Clown Racer in progress

3114 Edgehill Rd.
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118



Ray's scratch built Veco Warrior with Snoopy and Spike

Our next Business Meeting will be Tues Mar 17th at 7:00 PM at the Parma-Powers Library, 6996 Powers Blvd.

All remaining off season meetings will be at the Powers Rd branch of the Parma Library.

Do you have your club and AMA dues paid up yet?



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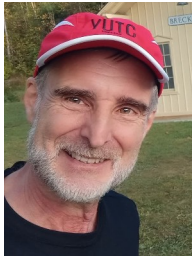
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Editor's Notes:

More snow as I'm writing this just a few days after a 60 deg day. Freeze, thaw, rain, sun, make up your mind Mother Nature! Typical NEO late winter. Maybe put skis or floats on a plane?

Thanks to Kenn Smith for his Corsair contribution last month. Also thanks to Dave Rigotti on his Clown build and to Joe Otto for his Spectral incantations. Anybody else out there with an idea to share?

Carpool to Toledo show? Think about it and discuss at the March meeting.

Members that still owe dues as of Feb17th according to Walt: Benco, Bregar, Buran, Cergol, Hodge, Holder, Hubin, Marconi, Polk, Scherry, Skuderin.

Marty says the field has some hoof prints and water in the ruts.

North Coast Control Liners Business Meeting Minutes – February 17th, 2026

Minutes for the February 17, 2026 Business Meeting

President Chuck Cline called the meeting to order at 7:02 in Room C of the Parma Library and read some good-meeting practices.

Present: Chuck Cline, Walt Elbrecht, Dave Evar, Chris Everson, Dave Heinzman, Bob Hudak, Serge Krauss, Marty Lenaghan, Joe Otto, Tom Polk, Dave Rigotti, Ray Scherry, Tim Simenc, Kenn Smith, Frank Zabudske **Visitors:** None

Minutes: With the correction that Chuck distributed the typed list, provided by Marty, of possible responsibilities of the Activities Coordinator, the January 20, 2026 business meeting minutes were accepted as published in the January newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Walt reported our balance as \$3,563.82. He has sent appropriate documentation and fees to the AMA, and they will send our insurance certificate to the county.

Field Director's Report: Dave Heinzman reported that the field looks good, but is soft, with standing water.

Committee Reports: None, but contest dates were discussed. Dave reported that our stunt contest will move back to September, but that he wants to move it up to the first weekend after Labor Day. Chuck said that our combat contest may be on September 19th or 20th to avoid conflicts. Dave Rigotti will do the Ringmaster/night-fly event again this year, but has not decided on Half-A Day.

Notices and Communications: Bob reported that Brodak's fly-in will be condensed from Monday-Saturday to Monday-Friday. They are combining OTS and Classic Stunt. Chuck reported that the Executive Board met again briefly and that the Activities and Field Directors responsibilities will be voted on, because they will require a by-laws revision.

Old Business: Marty reported that the MAPS museum has given us a date of March 21, 2026 at 10:00 AM for a group tour at \$10 per person. He would like to have a catered lunch at the museum. We have one more meeting before that date. He plans on holding one event per quarter. Chuck collected orders for fuel from Ritch's Brew. He will pick them up at Toledo. Interested members should contact Chuck, although he will be out of the country during March. Club racing days will probably be Sundays and/or Tuesdays, and we will try for one race day per month. Club members were asked to consider dates. The circle layout is not yet decided.

New Business: The question of how to introduce new potential members to CL flying was discussed. Being non-members would prohibit their participation under our by-laws due to AMA requirements and insurance concerns. A waiver allowing non-members to fly was suggested. No actions were taken.

Safety: Bob advised care regarding flammable fumes generated during "building season." Joe Otto said that an errant prop blade from a plane being started flew off and landed at his wife's foot and that releasing planes a few feet further around the circle would increase safety by preventing this. He reiterated that the model should be carried in the aisle between planes in the paddock, while the handle-holder steps over lines.

General Discussion: See Safety.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 – SK

Post-Adjournment Activities: Marty ran his second monthly raffle, with Gorilla super glue and decals as prizes. Chuck showed a bottle with fitting for quick fills while racing. Dave Rigotti showed his method of laser cutting ribs, from laying out a rib that closely approximates a "Flying Clown" rib to the actual cutting. He uses circular arcs, and showed the process by projected hand drawn diagrams. He uses Delta CAD, which is apparently unavailable now, but other CAD programs produce appropriate files. SK suggested *Profili* as a possible source of such files. Dave showed images of his equipment in action. The group enjoyed Dave's presentation.

Updates on Actions:

Updates from Previous Meetings

Finalizing rules for "Clown racing" event (January Mtg): Membership. Outcome: Proposed rules have been sent out to members, but not finalized.

Unassigned, club promotion: Membership. Outcome: On-going.

Develop plan/decisions to obtain fuel in Toledo, and coordinate with Serge (before April 10th): Chuck.

Outcome: Chuck has submitted a club order to Ritch's Brew that he will pick up at the Toledo event on April 10th. Club members have been notified. The order may still be altered.

Work on by-law revisions with secretary, to include Field and Activities Director's job descriptions.

(Discretionary; no time limit): Chuck. Outcome: TBD. By-law revision will need to be voted.

February Meeting

Reserve Date for Cleveland Area Stunt Championships: Dave Heinzman. Outcome: in progress.

Reserve date for combat contest: Chuck. Outcome: In progress.

Finalize visit to MAPS and catering. Membership. Outcome: To be finalized at March meeting.

Schedule club racing dates. Chuck and membership. Outcome: TBD.

Unassigned safety concern: how to increase safety of spectators in plane of rotating propellers. TBD

Unassigned, implied safety concern – how to teach a non-member how to fly CL without violating by-laws prohibition due to AMA requirements. Outcome: No action taken.

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Tues	03/17/26	NCCL business meeting	Parma Library, 6996 Powers Blvd.
Sun	03/22/26	Westlake Swap Shop	North Olmsted Cabin, 28114 Lorain Rd
Fri-Sat	04/10-11/26	Toledo RC Show	Glass City Center
Tues	04/21/26	NCCL business meeting	Parma Library, 6996 Powers Blvd.
Tues	05/19/26	NCCL Business meeting	Cuyahoga County Fairground Circle #1

President's Corner: Chuck Cline

I hope you are well into your building season by now. The upcoming flying season is coming into focus for me! I am looking forward to our summertime weekly activities with flying some new airplanes and seeing everybody at the flying field! I am building a scratch Flite Streak I hope to be using for "Balloon Busting" this season, of course, the Flying Clown racing event, as well as our club major contests (stunt and combat!). Any other competitive events you want to try, let us know!

I would like to reach out to some of the R/C clubs in the area and see about doing some control line demonstrations at their fields! Let's see if we can generate some synergy around model aviation in our area! Until next month, wear your respirators to catch that balsa dust or paint fumes! Stay healthy out there!



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March is forecasted to arrive like a lion and we as a club are about to roar into another flying season of Aviation bliss.

I am happy to announce our quarterly outing at the MAPS Air Museum in Canton, Ohio. We are scheduled to have a guided tour at 10:AM. with lunch at the Museum. I am leaning toward having Pizza delivered because it is easy. I am thinking Pepperoni and Deluxe pizza with Coke, Pepsi, Ginger Ale, and Iced Tea to drink. This can be adjusted, just let me know.

The Museum is located at, 2260 International Pkwy. North. Canton, Ohio. 44720. I would encourage carpooling and trust you can arrange this without the insightful guidance of your Activities Director. I have three spots available in my auto and plan to start the day with coffee at 8:00 AM at our McDonald's on Bagley Rd.

The Toledo show is just around the corner and carpooling seems like a wise idea for this event also. If there are any arrangements I could make let me know at the March meeting. Tony Paco's is right down the road on the river in Toledo. It is a very worthwhile and historic place to go get lunch.

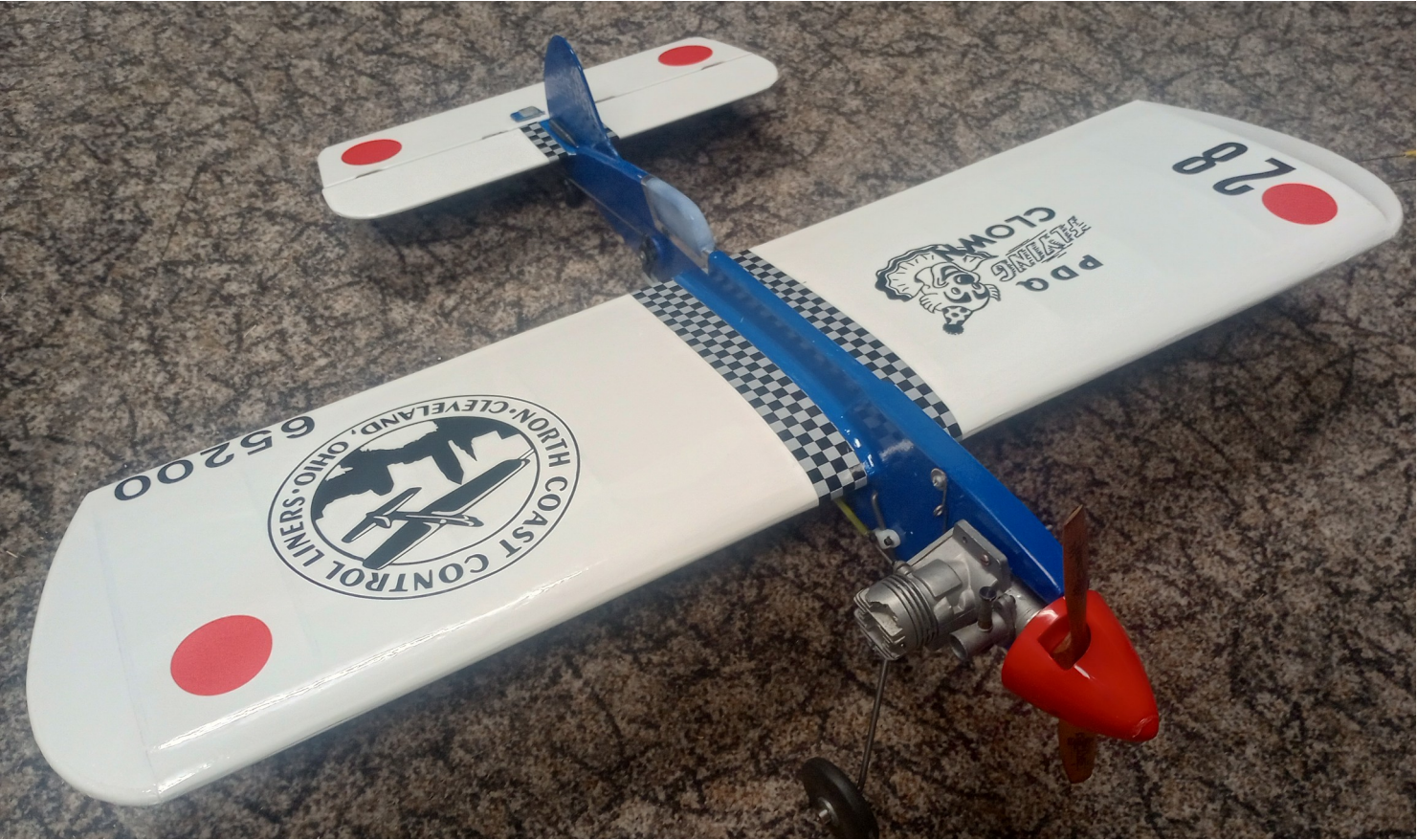
I am still looking for a volunteer to give a presentation on the ups and downs of flying stunt for the March meeting. If there is another topic someone feels the need to share, I am open to ideas. It doesn't have to be on stunt flying. If I can't find a volunteer, I will be forced to tell you my life story about growing up at NASA in the 60's.

A NCCL club swap meet is still on the radar for the last meeting at the library. We can discuss the details at the March meeting.

We have enjoyed the drawing during the meeting and can look forward to more, Fabulous Prizes, at the March meeting.

See you there.

Member Submissions: Clown Racer almost finished – Tim Simenc



A clown has to has a red nose and polka dots



3D printed exhaust stacks



Push me - pull you fuel shutoff inspired by Dave R

February Meeting Photos – Serge Krauss



