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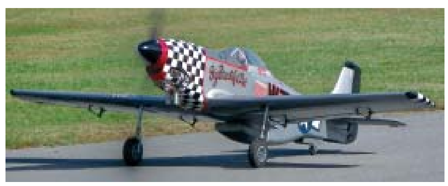
The Warbirds Over Ellington Fly-In raised more than $1,300 for Wounded Warrior Project.

Raffle items were donated by local hobby shops.

Brian Ferguson flew his nice P-40.



Dean Lampron's P-51D is ready for takeoff.

Mike Bulis's P-47 was voted Best of Show.

Congratulations to the Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club (NCRCC) for hosting a 2015 Wounded Warrior flying event. The following report was sent to us from Contest Director Dennis Thibodeau.

On Saturday, September 26, 2015, NCRCC held its third annual Warbirds Over Ellington Fly-In to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Bud Beaudoin, Walt Wosko, and others arrived at the field before sun up to set up the raffle and pilot registration areas. Mike Maznicki, club vice president, and I registered pilots and made announcements on the PA system.

By 9:30 a.m. we had registered 30 pilots from New England and New York, each paying a modest $10 landing fee regardless of how many airplanes they flew. More than 100 beautiful scale warbirds from World War I to present day jet fighters dotted the field. The weather was perfect and, thanks to Irv Thurrott and Bud Beaudoin, the field was pristine.

Press coverage in the local newspaper along with photos of previous events attracted more than 200 spectators. Many had never heard of our club or seen RC flying and enjoyed viewing the models while others came to support the fundraiser. Our parking lot was filled with cars nearly all day. Spectators were allowed to roam the pit area when engines were not running to get a close-up look, talk to pilots, and learn more about this hobby.

Viewers enjoyed and applauded the flights of these spectacular warbirds throughout the day. Dean Lampron, of the Hampshire County R/C Club, put on a captivating and exciting free-style flight demo with his 35% PAU Extra 300.

NCRCC's John Palica volunteered to do a demo with his immaculate turbine-powered F-22 Raptor, but NCRCC's field is not conducive for the safe flying of turbine-powered aircraft. Spectators were allowed to stand along the flightline and experience the roaring sound and smell of the turbine as John taxied his F-22 up and down the paved runway several times.

The raffle for Wounded Warrior Project was the highlight of the day. Twenty-one hobby shops, hobby manufacturers and distributors, local restaurants, and businesses donated merchandise and services in support of the organization. In 2014, we raised $1,010 from the raffle in two days. We had set a goal to exceed that amount in 2015, and we did it in one day. NCRCC raised $1,305 for Wounded Warrior Project. My wife, Patty, and Art Usher promoted and sold tickets all day.

This year's warbird date is tentatively set for Saturday, September 24, 2016, with a rain date of September 25. The event is gaining in popularity and growing. With your help, let's make 2016 a bigger and better event. Thank you to all the NCRCC members and spouses who helped plan and run the event. And to all the pilots, spectators, and local press—your participation made the event a complete success.

Thank you Dennis and NCRCC club members for hosting and contributing to AMA's 2015 national Wounded Warrior Project event.

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