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The NCRCC was awarded an AMA Flying Site Assistance grant on its pavilion project to protect members and guests from sun and rain during club meetings and events.

Congratulations are in order for the Northern Connecticut Radio Control Club (NCRCC), Franklin County Radio Control Club, and the Otis Model Aero Club for being awarded AMA Flying Site Assistance grants for their flying site club initiatives. Grant awards tend to favor those clubs whose members provide their labor and knowledge in a group effort to improve their flying site facility.

The following flying site project report was sent to me by Irv Thurrott, who is the NCRCC activity director.

"The NCRCC, located in Ellington, recently finished construction of a new pavilion. More than 25 of our members actively participated, including some with extensive knowledge and abilities that greatly contributed to the overall success of this project. All of the work was done by club members in a three-weekend period and we all had a great time participating.

"We hold our monthly club meetings from May through October at the club field and the 20- by 40-foot structure will provide protection from both sun and rain for members and their families who attend. We typically have a dinner and flying events at the evening meetings. Our AMA-sanctioned club events including Q-500 Pylon Racing, Dawn Patrol World War I Scale Fly-In, the NCRCC Swap Meet, and Warbirds Over Ellington will definitely be enhanced.

"The AMA grant will allow us to continue field improvements and attract new members. We are sincerely grateful to the AMA for providing this grant, as well as to District Vice President Andy Argenio for his excellent assistance."

Thanks Irv, and all the club members for contributing to this worthwhile project.

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