



# NEWS AT THE TOP

September 2012

## From the Editor

This newsletter is stuffed. It is the most important newsletter of the year. It has some important words from our club president and leader Pat. It has coverage from our last event, and it has some web site information. Additionally, it has a form to RSVP to our Christmas party and raffle and yes your 2013 dues renewal form. This year we changed the due date for paying your dues. It was mentioned at the April meeting. You may have missed it if you didn't attend!



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## President's Comments

It has been a while since I have had some comments for the newsletter, not so much as I did not have anything to say, but that I did not really have anything of importance to say. So I would like to take this opportunity to try and put to rest some rumors/comments that have been circulating within the club that I feel are creating some problems for the membership.

The club has on occasion had to address some problems with individual members concerning behavior or adherence to club rules. Usually a word or two from the field managers or a club officer is all that is necessary to resolve some safety concern or rule infraction. Sometimes these practices do not resolve the situation and more serious measures such as a letter of reprimand or suspension is required. When this happens the member in question is not addressed in front of the membership but privately with the officers and the field managers. Historically we do not address disciplinary issues in front of the entire club as not to embarrass the individual or to subject the membership to unpleasant exchanges. There is no reason why individual members should have to sit through the handling of these issues that is the responsibility of the club officers.

As a club we have only suspended five members that I can recall and only after a number of warnings, written and verbal were issued and only after all of the club offices and field managers have discussed the matter and agreed on the course of action. At present we have two members who have been suspended and this following approval from all officers and three field managers. Neither of these two individuals has taken the time to call me to try to resolve the problem, rather they have continually refused to observe the club rules which is what lead to their suspension in the first place.

I would ask that you allow the officers handle this and if you have questions please call me or any of the other officers and we would be happy to discuss it within reason. This matter was addressed at the last meeting but unfortunately the attendance was very poor and I think attributable to this situation. I would ask that you do not let these matters keep you away from the meetings.

Please remember that we are planning the Christmas party and asking for your input as to menu. Should any of you have any suggestions please call Mike Shauger or bring it up at the next meeting for consideration? I think Lobsters and T-Bone steaks might be pushing the budget a bit but what has been served has been very good and I have yet to hear of any one leaving the dinner unsatisfied. Remember this dinner is part of your dues and is for you and a partner, please plan on coming and having a good time.

# Green Township Day

As Mentioned in the meeting minutes, the reason we partake in Green Township day is to show our appreciation to the town for letting us use their airport for events. We mentioned the event at quite a few meetings. Well, only four members showed up, Scott, Bill, Matt Smith and Tony Curcuruto.

While there were only a small number of members present, we made a large impression. Scott and Bill brought in many planes to display and fly. Scot flew many foamies and Matt few a couple of electric helicopters.



Club members who supported the event (above). Scott with one of the planes he flew in the demonstration (below)



Matt preparing an electric helicopter for flight (above).

Spectators paying close attention to Matt's flying skills below.



Overall, we had a good day. It would have been nice if a few more members attended!

# Treasurers Report

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August's opening balance is \$10,170.52

Collections for the month totaled \$318.50 represented by; Warbird Donations \$300, Fuel \$15 and 50/50 \$3.

Expenses for the month totaled \$1,479.41 represented by; Mowing \$680, Web Site \$10.34, Porta jons \$151.56 and meeting room \$637.50.

The result is an ending balance of \$9009.62 defined as follows:

Encumbered for club activities	\$ 3,802
Event Reserve	2,430
Fuel Reserve	1,223
General Reserve	<u>1,555</u>
Total	\$ 9,010

## Official Club Training Schedule

### Hardyston Field Monday late afternoons

*Training Officer:* Craig Miebach (973) 764-2862

*Training Officer:* Mike Shauger (973) 271-1170

*Training Officer:* Charles Lis (973) 827-2440

### Squatrito Field Wednesday late afternoons

*Training Officer:* Scott Geller (973) 464-5995

*Training Officer:* Bill Reynolds (908) 876-5357

*Training Officer:* Len Davis (917) 656-0086

## Web Site

On September 14, 2012 our online member forum was shut down. It fell into disrepair and fell short of its intent to provide a knowledge base for the club.

A new Blog system will take its place and it will serve as a tool to disseminate information to the club members and non-members. Club Officers and chairman will submit entries and moderate their particular Blogs.

We appreciate those who contributed positive entries to our forum and hope that our new Blog will provide a higher level of service to our members and non-members.

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## Meeting Minutes

The meeting was call to order at 7:30 PM. All of the club officers were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurers report.** The old balance was \$10,170.52. The new balance is \$9009.62. A detailed report is in the newsletter.

**Field reports.** Squatrito is in good flying shape. We will wait until spring to brush hog the area around the field. Hardyston is fine but it is a little wet.

**DVD library.** We are going to try to put together a DVD library for 2013.

**Ways and means.** We are in the process for looking for a new chairman.

**Fuel.** We had fuel at the meeting. Pet talk about how we chose wildcat fuel. The club tested it against all of the popular brands even cool power. It simply was the best.

**Safety.** There were no issues reported.

- **Old business.** Green Township day is scheduled for September 22. We participate because Green Township lets us use their airport for our events.
- Our fun fly and picnic has been rescheduled to October 14.

### **New business.**

- Our Christmas party will be on December 6. There was a short discussion about the menu. We give the chef an estimate on how many members will attend. This estimate is based on the amount of people who responded saying they will attend. If you say you going to attend and do not you will have to pay for the meal. \$900 was set aside for gifts for Christmas raffle.
- Tony talked about changes to the website namely replacing the form with a blog. Read his statement in the newsletter.
- Tony nominated incumbent officers for their respective positions for 2013. There were no nominations from the floor.
- Pat talked about dwindling attendance at meetings and at the fields. He also talked about personal conflicts. He touched upon disciplinary action against two members. For the upcoming year we hope to increase attendance, increase camaraderie, and have more fun.

## Dues are Due!

Please complete the form in the newsletter, and send it along with a check for \$70 and a copy of your AMA card to Craig Miebach at 5 Hickory Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. Please send in a SASE so that we can mail you back a membership card. The deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## CONTACT THE 'TOP O' NEW JERSEY

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Squatrito Safety Officer: Bill Reynolds (908) 876-5357,

Scott Geller (973) 464-5995 and Len Davis (973) 448-1284

Membership: Richard Andrese (973) 875-9584

## Event Schedule for 2012



Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 19, 2012	George Polazzi
February 16, 2012 Meeting & Flea Market	No Entries
March 15, 2012 Motor and Battery Presentation	Project-of-the-Month
April 19, 2012	Bob Grodeska
May 17, 2012	Will Radimer
June 14, 2012	Karl Jacobs
July 19, 2012 at Squatrito	No Entries
August 16, 2012 at Hardyston	Len Davis
September 20, 2012	No Entries
October 18, 2012	Model-of-the-Month
November 22, 2012	ARF-of-the-Month
Club Events	Dates
Warbirds Fun Fly	Over
Picnic and Fun-Fly	October 14th
December 6, 2012	Christmas Party and Raffle



*The next club meeting will be on September 18th at 7:30 pm at the Sussex County Technical School.*

Top O New Jersey R/C Club Inc.  
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Great Meadows, NJ 07838



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

# 2012 Christmas Party and Raffle



***Place: Sussex County Technical School***

***Date: Thursday, December 6th***

***Time: 7:30***

***RSVP: by 11/24 to Mike Shauger, 187 Main St. Franklin, NJ 07416 (973) 827-9326***

***[rcflyer57@embarqmail.com](mailto:rcflyer57@embarqmail.com)***

*Each club member can bring one guest for free. Each additional guest costs \$17. Junior members can bring a guest at a cost of \$17.*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*How many people will attend: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_*



## **TOP O' NEW JERSEY R/C CLUB**

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, I agree to respect Top O' New Jersey's rules and bylaws and shall conduct myself in a manner that reflects the spirit of the club. I understand that membership is a privilege and that failure to comply may result in non-renewal

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

