



NEWS AT THE TOP

October 2012

From the Editor

I missed the last meeting. No one at the meeting took minutes. So, that column is not in the newsletter this month. I do know that no other members were nominated for office. Because of the storm and power outages, I did not get a chance to talk to the other club officers to find out what else went on at the meeting.

Pat sent me some comments for the newsletter and the comments are in the newsletter.

I got a letter from the AMA and in that letter they were some information on a change in policy concerning first person view model flying. I had a conversation with a couple of members on this subject a few months ago so I added the letter from the AMA to the newsletter.

I hope all of survived the storm without any loses. I just had a power outage. I have a generator so I was not that uncomfortable. I am going to upgrade and be better prepared for the next time though!

President's Comments

The flying season is coming to a close but for many it means that the fields will just be a bit cooler and the glow engines will run a little bit better. Fall flying is great, the air is great, we don't have to slap at the mosquitoes and we are a lot cooler. Let's try to get out to the fields and have a good time. Fall is also the time we begin to plan our winter projects be they kit or ARF, please plan to bring these projects in to show at the meetings, I am sure that we would all like to see them.

Speaking of meetings, attendance at the last meeting was poor and you were missed. Please plan to attend the next meeting, as we need your comments on the Christmas party and planning our next year's meeting schedule of activities. I also would like to use the next meeting to bring to your attention the resolution of an on-going discipline problem with two club members that may require your vote concerning their membership. I don't think it is proper to go into details in this newsletter other than to advise you of this action as required; a more complete discussion of this issue will take place at the meeting.

We have a number of new members who would like to learn how to fly or fly better and current members who might like to have flying information made available to them concerning various subjects. I think it would be very helpful if we were to have available for them a library of DVD's that the club can share. As I am sure that you are aware, we had a tape library that was available to members but was lost. It was given to an unknown member by the previous tape chairmen to be turned over to the club officers. Unfortunately that was not done so we are without tapes, which is not a big loss since tapes don't play well on digital TV's. What I would like to have you begin thinking about is developing a new library of DVD's about flying, building, electronics and batteries that we can use to expand our knowledge of R/C flying.

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Treasurers Report

October, 2012

September's opening balance is \$9,009.62

Collections for the month total \$450 represented by: \$35 for 50/50, \$20 Ways & Means, \$90 Fuel, \$250 Warbird Donations and \$55 Christmas Raffle.

Expenses for the month total \$871.38 represented by: Mowing \$850 and Raffle Tickets \$21.38.

The result is an ending balance for September of \$8,588.24 broken down as follows:

Encumbered for Club Activities	\$2,985
Christmas Raffle	55
Event Reserve	2,680
Fuel Reserve	1,313
General Reserve	<u>1,555</u>
Total	\$8,588

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

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 31st.

AMA Revising FPV Policy

The AMA is excited to announce the completion of revisions to its policies for R/C model aircraft operations utilizing First Person View (FPV) systems (AMA document # 550) and Failsafe, Stabilization and Autopilot Systems (AMA document #560).

The AMA Advanced Flight Systems Committee (AFSC) in a collaborative effort with leading members of the hobby industry and FPV community developed comprehensive guidelines to enable AMA members to utilize these systems within the parameters of AMA's and FAA's operational requirements. The AFSC Guidelines for these systems were presented, reviewed and adopted by the Executive Council during the October 20, 2012 council meeting.

Click on the above document images to view the complete AMA Advanced Flight Systems Report or the individual operational documents for FPV Systems #550 or Failsafe, Stabilization & Autopilot Systems #560.



Storm: One thing I did not expect after the storm was a shortage of gas and long lines waiting for it. One gas station had lines for cans and one for cars. The one for cars was miles long. I got on the can line near that dry cleaners sign and waited about an hour. The line for cans was long also. Wow!

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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	?
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 November 15th at 7:30 pm at the Sussex County Technical School.

Top O New Jersey R/C Club Inc.
8 Townsbury Road
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

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: _____



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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 _____

