



NEWS AT THE TOP

January 2013

From the Editor

It's the beginning of a new year. Let's make this the best year we ever had. As you read Pat's comments, you can see we are planning two events this year. We are going to need a lot of support from the membership. I posted the dates in the newsletter; mark your calendar and please help out.

Last year I did not go to the WRAM show. I saw a list of vendors that were going to be there and I was not impressed. Well I found out that more were present than listed. I am not going to miss the event this year.

The date for the event is February 22-24. More information can be found on their web site - <http://www.wram.org/wramshow.html>.

In March there are flea markets in PA. I will talk more about them next month.

President's Comments

As we begin the New Year and look forward to the upcoming flying season, we should begin to think about the two club events that are on the horizon. Our Warbirds fun fly will be held on June 15th and the AMA District II Laser Fun Fly to be held on August 24 and 25. These two events offer us a great opportunity to come together and host two exciting events.

I am very excited about the fact that the AMA has chosen Top O' New Jersey to host the AMA District II fun fly. I think that this is a singular honor for our club and gives us the opportunity to showcase our club, its people and the great venue that we have in Trinca Airport. The exposure that this event will give Trinca Airport will carry over to other events that we choose to hold there and help attract the very big names in r/c modeling and flying. We will begin the planning of these events very soon and I urge all of you to become involved in some way. Let's help to make both of these events a success and make sure that AMA knows they made the right choice in selecting Top O' New Jersey for their 2013 District fun Fly.

Attendance at the meetings has been improving and I encourage all of you to try and attend, your comments and suggestions are appreciated. We will try to make the meetings instructive in the hobby and provide some instructional activities as we begin to look forward to our flying season. Those of you who are working on winter projects are invited to share your progress by bringing them in for discussion. Completed models are always great to see and scale projects, scratch built or kit, is a particular pleasure that we all look forward to seeing.

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Top O' New Jersey 2013 Budget

Approved and voted on at the January meeting.

Top of New Jersey

2013 Budget

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Income	2011	Est 2012	Budget 13
Membership Dues	10,430.00	9,170.00	9,170.00
Membership Application	375.00	0.00	200.00
50/50	166.00	109.50	100.00
Donation to Club	0.00	20.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	100.00	20.00	0.00
Ways & Means	0.00		0.00
Volunteer Discount		-1,180.00	
Total Income	11,071.00	8,139.50	9,470.00
Expenses			
Mowing Hardyston	2,105.00	2,380.00	1,955.00
Mowing Squatrito	2,105.00	2,295.00	1,955.00
Mowing Vernon			0.00
Weed Control - Squatrito	0.00	235.40	0.00
Picnic, Fun Fly	0.00	125.00	300.00
Misc.	-220.00		0.00
Donations	150.00	0.00	
Postage	230.21	72.00	200.00
Roll Field	401.25	417.30	
Porta - Jons	1,001.31	1,000.00	1,000.00
Web Site	120.00	120.00	150.00
Bank Charges	0.00		0.00
AMA	240.00	240.00	300.00
Frequency Board			0.00
Christmas Food	1,469.26	1,360.00	1,500.00
Field Improvements - Hardyston	811.59	300.00	800.00
Field Improvements -Squatrito	1,091.93	886.17	800.00
Office Supplies	81.39	21.38	100.00
State of NJ	125.00	125.00	150.00
Movie Purchase			0.00
Club Patches			0.00
Meeting Room	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,275.00
Event Reserve			
Total Expenses	10,986.94	10,852.25	10,485.00
Net Budget	84.06	-2,712.75	-1,015.00
Estimated Beginning Surplus	5,231.62	5,315.00	2,602.25
Estimated Ending Surplus	5,315.68	2,602.25	1,587.25



January 2013 meeting minutes

The meeting was called 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 starting balance was \$7631.02. The ending balance was \$6166.88. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field reports.

Squatrito is in great shape and is snow covered. Hardyston is in good shape also. If the road is mushy please stay off.

Membership.

We will open our membership for new applicants soon.

Way and Means.

We had a 50/50.

Fuel.

Fuel was available at the meeting. Call Bill at least one week in advanced prior to a meeting if you want fuel delivered to a meeting.

Old business.

Mike gave a Christmas party report. The food was great and thanks to all who attended.

New business.

2013 budget. There is little change from last year. Dues will be the same. Field rolling and read cutting has been cut. There was some discussion about that.

Tony gave an update on the club website.

The Top O' New Jersey will sponsor the district 2 fun fly on August 24 and 25th. The AMA will help with the advertising and sponsor lunch for the pilots. We are hoping for good weather in August. We are counting on the membership to help set up and clean up afterwards. We will have a control line demo at the event. The club needs a volunteer to help with the advertising.

The club discussed having a warbird event on June 15 it was tabled until next month.

The WRAM show is on February 22 to the 24th in Seacaucus New Jersey. There will be free parking and more vendors.

Treasurers Report

January, 2013.

We Started the year with a bank balance of \$7,631.02 and ended in December with a balance of \$6,166.88 resulting in a reduction of Cash on hand of \$1,464.14

A recap by category Follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
General Reserve	\$4,811.00	\$3,172.00	\$(1,639.00)
Warbirds	,941.00	1,610.00	(331.00)
Laser/Electric	91.00	71.00	(20.00)
Fuel	<u>788.00</u>	<u>1,313.00</u>	<u>525.00</u>
Total	\$7,631.00	\$6,166.00	\$(1,465.00)

The reduction in cash is due mainly to lower than budgeted dues and membership applications, the impact of which is somewhat offset by lower than expected field maintenance at Hardyston and lower than budgeted attendance at the Christmas party.

Overall, the 2012 Budget called for a \$2,195.00 reduction in cash, of which \$1,000 was due to a \$20 credit to members who volunteered to work at club activities in 2011.

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



Key Return

Squatrito Field access keys can be returned to Craig Miebach at 5 Hickory Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. Please send in a SASE so that we can mail you back your three dollars.

It is a good idea to place the key between two pieces of cardboard. I have used padded envelopes without a problem.

You can also return your key to any club officer.

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Event Schedule for 2013



Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 17, 2013	No Contest
February 21, 2013 Meeting & Flea Market	Project-of-the-Month
March 21, 2013	Model- of-the-Month
April 18, 2013	ARF- of-the-Month
May 16, 2013	Project-of-the-Month
June 20, 2013	Model- of-the-Month
July 18, 2013 at Hardyston	ARF- of-the-Month
August 15, 2013 at Squatrito	Project-of-the-Month
September 19, 2013	Model- of-the-Month
October 17, 2013	ARF- of-the-Month
November 21, 2013	Project-of-the-Month
Club Events	Dates
Warbirds Fun Fly	June 15th
District II Fun-Fly	August 24 th and 25 th
December 5, 2012	Christmas Party and Raffle



***The next club meeting will be on February 21st
7:30 pm at the Sussex County Technical
School. We will be having a swap meet at the
meeting!***

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