



NEWS AT THE TOP

February 2013

From the Editor

One of the signs that the new flying season is approaching is not the milder weather not is it the longer daylight hours. It is the WRAM show. I hope many of you attended. I went on the Saturday; hey it was raining and I could not go skiing. I had a good time. I put some photographs in the newsletter and posted a few to the web site. Take a look!

Many of our members have some real important things to do on the third Thursday evening of the month. Rather than come to a club meeting, many watch reruns of *Seinfeld* or some other real interesting show on the *Boob Tube*. If you came to the last meeting, you would have seen a real nice Spad 13 built by Rick Andrese or a real interesting work bench built by Frank Costello (picture is on the web site). I wrote a little article with pictures about Rick's plane.

I apologize about being harsh to those who don't attend meeting, but please make an effort to attend once in a while. Bring in a plane or product and talk about it.

Before I forget, there are a few flea markets coming up in March. Check them out!

Model Aviation

In the fast pace world of today, many model aviators look to almost ready to fly (ARF's) planes to get flying. There are many well-built and real nice looking planes available in the market in a variety of sizes. I have seen some ARF's that are almost half scale to real small foam planes.

Gone are the days were modelers build a plane from a kit or dare I says plans. I would bet that there are about only ten or so members in our club that have built a plane in the last five years.

One member, who builds planes often, is Rick Andrese. At the last meeting, he brought in a 40% Spad 13. He enlarged the plans from a Balsa USA kit. This plane was big. Rick purchased over \$400 worth of wood for this project. He plans to put a DLE 111 in the front for power. This engine is going to swing a 30" propeller. To keep the plane flying, Rick plans to put in redundant receivers and batteries. I hope we get a chance to see it fly at our War Bird event in June!



Oh yeah, he built the machine guns too!

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WRAM Show 2013

I attended the WRAM show in its new venue. The drive there was not fun, but at least there were no tolls. I got there late so parking was not good either, but at least it was free. Well, that's all I have for complaints.

The event was nice. I did a quick pass to see what was there and then I sought out the items that I came to purchase. From there I went to see the model contest entries. There were three in particular that awed me.

I grabbed some food and watched the flight demonstrations and had a good time. I made another pass at the vendor booths and then headed on home. The show was an improvement of the later years in New York.

I took some photographs for all of you to enjoy.



An awesome F-15 (above) two great plane below!



A trip to the WRAM show is not complete unless you stop off at the Flying Models booth. The distinguished gentleman to the right is the editor Frank Fanelli – a member of our club.



There were some great flying demonstrations done by old and young flyers.



There were many fine models at the show. You had to be there to really see the quality.





February 2013 meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Scott Geller was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasure's report.

The old balance was \$6166.88. The new balance is \$13,536.38. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field status.

Squatrito is in good flying shape. Members have been flying all winter. At Hardyston please stay off the road if it's muddy.

Membership.

We lost 15 members this year. We'll be opening up the membership for new flyers. That is members that are new to the hobby and are looking for a club to learn how to fly and be involved in the club.

Ways and Means.

We had a 50-50.

Old business.

AMA District 2 fun-fly. Tony brought in flyers to be distributed at the WRAM show and the March flea markets. We need a member to help with advertising the event. This person would need to contact radio stations, TV stations, cable, go to supermarkets, newspapers, etc.

New business.

Our war bird event will be on June 15. It would be a one-day event. Craig Miebach will be the CD.

The following are no longer members of the Top O' New Jersey for failure to pay dues.

Bartra	Carlos
Borgfield	Stephen
Carnes	Patrick
Cunningham	Mark
Gerth	Charles
Greenemeier	Eric
Hoffman	Christopher
Ippoliti	Richard
Lawrence	Roy
Morris, Jr.	William
Pekrol	Jack
Petnel	Bruce
Trangel	Attila
Vreeland, Jr.	Everett B.
Wozney	Gregory
Naspo	Robert
Nasto	Robert

Treasurers Report

February, 2013

The January opening balance is \$6,166.88.

Collections for the month totaled \$8,156.00 and are represented by Dues \$8,120.00, Fifty/Fifty \$31.00 and a Donation of \$5.00.

Expenses for the month totaled \$786.50 and are represented by State of NJ \$125.00, AMA \$210.00, Field Maintenance – Squatrito \$400.00, Postage \$11.50 and the War Bird Sanction \$40.00.

The result is an ending cash balance of \$13,536.38 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 7,370.00
General Reserve	3,172.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,610.00
Laser Reserve	71.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,313.00</u>
Total cash	\$13,536.00

Training Officers

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	Rick Andrese and Frank Costello.
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 March 21st
7:30 pm at the Sussex County Technical
School. We will be having a swap meet at the
meeting!***

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