



# NEWS AT THE TOP

March 2013

## From the Editor

I am looking forward to flying this year. I have a new plane almost ready. It is a profile to replace my "beater". I will probably fly it once the rust is worked out of my fingers.

I heard a few of the guys are flying Quad Copters. One is the [DJI Phantom Quad Copter](#). This is an awesome product. Check it out on the web. As soon as I find out who has it, I might include more info on it on our web site as well as the newsletter.

One thing great about our hobby is that there is always something new out there. Like the Park Flyers of yesterday, Quad Copters are the latest craze!



## Monthly Contest

Last month I alluded to the fact that there were a few members that still build airplanes from scratch or from a kit. Well, Frank Costello is one of them.

This month's monthly contest was model-of-the-month and Frank brought in a Powerhouse Old Timer powered by a Saito 56.

These Old Timers were model planes that were operated with the use of a large gas powered engine that would contain enough fuel for approximately one minute of power and the goal was that during that time, the model would be taken to "speck" distance, and then cut off once it ran out of fuel. The winner of the contest would be considered the person whose plane came back to earth, "last".

Powered with a Saito 56, the Powerhouse Old Timer will fly slow and stable for those lazy flights at the field. Below is a picture of the plane with its pilot Frank. As you can see, Frank covered his plane with a clear red plastic finish so you can see the airframe. Frank did a nice job building this one!

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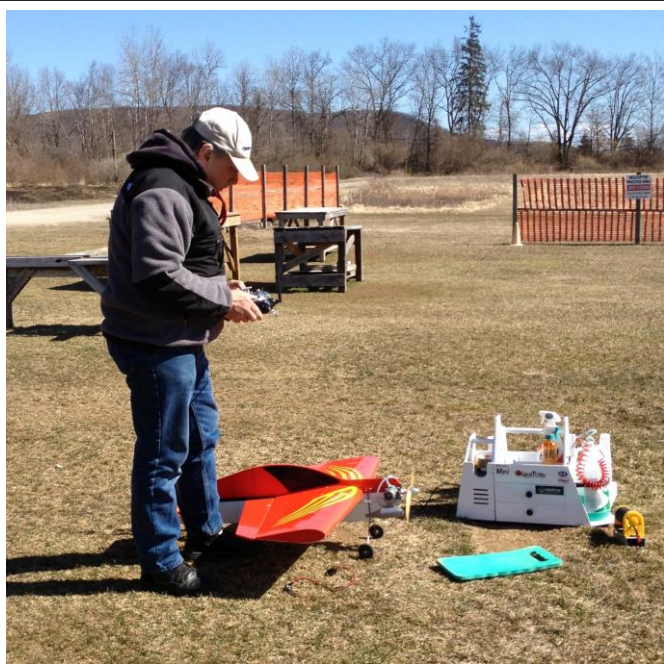


# Opening Day

No, I am not talking about the beginning of the baseball season, for it does have an opening day. I am talking about the beginning of the flying season. So far, the spring has been kind of harsh. At the request of another member, I stopped by the field the last Saturday in March and was surprised as to how many members were there.

I heard that a few were flying quad-copters, but no one was flying them that day. I did see a wide variety of planes though. There were foamies, 3D profiles, park fliers, Warbirds, sport planes, giant scale and even a turbine. From the number of members there and the variety of planes, you would think that an event was going on.

Since I had my iPhone with me, I took some pictures. I will put them up on our web site when I get a chance.



**Tony G. (above). John and James (below).**



Joe Florio with a Warbird (above). Scott with a foamie? (above right). Bill Reynolds below flying a 1/4 scale Piper Cub (below).



**Paul Swiderski with his turbine (above).**



## March 2013 meeting minutes

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

### Treasure's report.

The old balance was \$13,536.38. The new balance is \$12,952.38. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

### Field status.

Squatrito is in good flying shape. Tick-Rid will be spread soon to control the ticks. Hardyston is in good shape also. Stay off of the road if it is muddy.

### Membership.

A Membership packet is being worked on. We will open up the membership to people new to R/C.

### Ways and Means.

We had a 50-50.

### Old business.

AMA District 2 fun-fly. Scott Geller is the CD. A committee will be forming soon. There will be a meeting with Green Township soon.

Our 2013 Warbirds event is coming up soon. The date is June 15<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day weekend.

### New business.

The club officers are reviewing the new membership packet.

Flight training will begin in May. We are lifting the restriction implemented last year. With permission from a training officer, a member can give instruction to another member. However, final sign-off must be done by a training officer. Also, keep in mind, all training is to be done with a buddy box - no exceptions.

# Treasurers Report

March, 2013

The January opening balance is \$13,536.38.

Collections for the month totaled \$20.00 and are represented the Fifty/Fifty.

Expenses for the month totaled \$604.00 and are represented by Sussex Tech - Meeting Room Rental \$510.00 and Postage \$94.00

The result is an ending cash balance of \$12,952.38 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 6,786.00
General Reserve	3,172.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,610.00
Laser Reserve	71.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,313.00</u>
Total cash	\$12,952.00

## 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	Frank Costello
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 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>
December 5, 2012	Christmas Party and Raffle



***The next club meeting will be on April 18th  
7:30 pm at the Sussex County Technical  
School. We will be having a swap meet at the  
meeting!***

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