



NEWS AT THE TOP

May 2013

From the Editor

At the last few meeting, there was discussion on Drone Legislation. I reproduced an article from the AMA in the newsletter. Keep in mind this article is a sample of the legislation passed in those states. There are a good many stated with legislation in the works.

On a sad not, we lost one of club members, Gene Maione passed away. I found his obituary and included most of it in the newsletter. Please remember him in your prayers. He was a real nice guy and a friend to all.

I included a couple of hobby tips in the newsletter. Check them out on page two. The building board is unique.

The Warbird event is coming up soon. Please try to attend and support the club. Craig and Mike have been patronizing many Warbird events last year and many promised to show up at our event. If they are right, it should be a real good event.



Drone Legislation

As the legislative season for most states winds to a close, Texas, Tennessee and Illinois passed new state legislation aimed at restricting the use of unmanned aircraft ('drones') within their respective states.

On May 28th, the Texas State Legislature passed and sent to the Governor House Bill 912 which makes it an offense to use an unmanned aircraft to capture the image of an individual or privately owned real property with "the intent to conduct surveillance". The bill also makes it unlawful to possess or distribute an image that was captured in violation of this law. Once signed by the Governor, the new law goes into effect September 1, 2013.

On May 20th, Governor Bill Haslam signed the Tennessee "Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act". This new law defines the term 'Drone' and prohibits law enforcement agencies within the state from using drones to gather evidence or other information except under explicit circumstances specified in the law. Tennessee's Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act goes into effect July 1, 2013.

The Illinois General Assembly passed two separate bills relating to the use of 'drones'. House Bill 1652 changes the state's Fish and Aquatic Life Code by making it illegal to use a 'drone' in a "way that interferes with another person's lawful taking of wildlife or aquatic life". And similar to Tennessee's 'drone' legislation, except as specified in the law, Illinois' "Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act" (SB1587) prohibits law enforcement from using drones to gather information.

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In Memory Eugene Maione

Mine Hill, NJ Mr. Eugene John Maione, Sr, died on June 3, 2013 at his home. He was born in Patton, PA and lived in East Orange before moving to Mine Hill 26 years ago. He served in the U S Army Air Corps during WW II and then became a Commercial Contractor, starting his family business in 1953, Alumagene Construction Co. in East Orange until 1973.

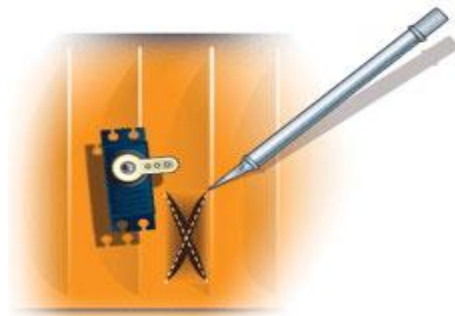
After retirement he wintered in Florida and summered in New Jersey. He was an avid golfer and earned his private pilot's license. Following his retirement he became a Ranger at the Flanders Valley Golf Course where he was employed since 1993 up until his recent illness. He was also a member of the Top of NJ R C airplane club. One of his favorite hobbies was designing, building and flying his own radio controlled model airplanes.

He is survived by his wife Geraldine Maione of 71 years, 3 children; Eugene, Jr. (and Margaret) Maione of Cheyenne, WY, Phyllis (and Bob) Dalglish of Morristown, and John (and Donna) Maione of Roxbury Township. He also leaves his 5 grandchildren; Robert Dalglish and Megan, Jonathan, Christopher, and Genna Maione, and great grandson Robbie Dalglish.

Building Board

The picture on the right is 2' X 6' building board. It is big enough to build just about any slab on. A slab door can be used instead. For this project, use 1/8 X 1 X 3 aluminium C channel front & back 6' long and 1 X 3 pine for cross members. I'm going to sheet the top and bottom with 1/2 MDF to lock everything together. I think it will stay straight as an arrow.

Cleaner Servo Cutouts



When cutting out the sections of covering for the fitment of your servos, instead of cutting a rectangle shape to match the servo, cut a simple X instead and then slide the servo into the servo bay. As you push the servo into the fuselage or wing, the fabric goes with it and gets pushed neatly inside with the back of the servo, leaving no nasty fabric edges where you have cut the rectangle area out. I use this on all my ARFs and the end result is a very neat strong finish with no chance of the fabric coming loose over time. Heating the edges with a covering iron will give a nice clean corner and make sure the film is well sealed at the cutout.

Tip by Garth Bingley-Pullin, Pyrmont, Sydney, Australia





May 2013 Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurers Report. Craig was absent. A full report will be in the newsletter.

Committee reports.

Field. Squatrito field. The grass is high. Mike was on vacation he will cut the field on 5/17. Members have found ticks at the field. Hardyston field. The grass was cut. The town damaged the gate. John Schillaci fixed it.

Membership. Rick was absent.

Ways and means. We had a 50-50. \$21 went to the winner.

Safety. Pat talked about safety. His message was help each other and police each other. Overall be safety conscious.

Old business.

The AMA District two fun flight is on August 24 and 25th. The event promises to have a lot of good fliers. This should be all sorts of planes flying. The event will give our club good exposure. SCTV will tape the event as well as our Warbirds event.

Our annual Warbird event is on June 15. This is the last meeting before the event. Many volunteers are needed for parking the flight line food set up and take down.

New business. Pat talked about first person view flying.

Treasurers Report

May, 2013

The April opening balance is \$12,978.38.

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

Expenses for the month totaled \$600.00 represented by an advance for Hardyston field maintenance.

The result is an ending cash balance of \$12,398.38 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 6,232.00
General Reserve	3,172.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,610.00
Laser Reserve	71.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,313.00</u>
Total cash	\$12,398.00

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	Frank Costello
May 16, 2013	No Entries
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 June 20th at 7:30 pm at the Sussex County Technical School. We will be having a swap meet at the meeting!



