



# NEWS AT THE TOP

September 2013

## From the Editor

When you get this newsletter, three fourths of the year will be over. We are already planning for the Christmas Party and raffle. We started selling raffle tickets at the September meeting.

The Christmas Party will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will probably start the meeting a little earlier this year. More information on this next month. Mike is already working with the Chef on the menu.

As far as guests are concerned, you must pay for a guest if that guest is not your spouse (wife or husband). We deviated from that rule in the past and as with anything else, it got abused. Also, to expedite raffle ticket sales on the night of the party, we are requiring each member to purchase \$10 worth of raffle tickets at the door no matter how much you have purchased at other times. This saves me the aggravation of begging for money throughout the night.

I came across a webinar about building from plans and included information about it in the newsletter. If you have a computer or access to one, check it out.

The Club took part in Green Township Day. I took a couple of pictures. I don't have much else to say, so until next month, fly right!

## Register for a plans build webinar

In a recent poll of the AMA membership, 39.4% stated they were interested in building. Add to that fact that the AMA Plans Services sells a significant number of plans each month and it is obvious that people are building, or at least thinking about it.

If you are an avid builder or know nothing and want to learn more, then participate in our FREE webinar October 10, 2013 at 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. EDT. This 30-minute webinar will be hosted by Model Aviation Editor-in-Chief Jay Smith as Greg Prater and Greg Hahn discuss tips on selecting the right plans, how to modify plans, and general building techniques. To participate in this webinar, please register at [www.ModelAviation.com/october2013webinar](http://www.ModelAviation.com/october2013webinar).

### Webinar Presenters

#### Jay Smith



Jay Smith grew up with the hobby as he worked in his father's hobby shop. He has participated in competitions and has even been sponsored. While at the AMA, Jay served as the assistant editor to *Model Aviation* and the Executive Editor to *Sport Aviator*. Currently Jay is *Model Aviation's* Editor-in-Chief.

#### Greg Prater



Greg Prater is a model aviation contest director, hosting several contests each year. Greg's 25 years experience in the photo reproduction industry, coupled with his passion for building and flying makes him an excellent person to head the AMA Plans Services Department helping hobbyists with their projects.

#### Greg Hahn



Whether full scale or models, Greg Hahn has always enjoyed aviation and has won numerous awards in both flight and static competition. Greg has been featured in numerous publications and television shows both stateside and internationally. Currently Greg is the Competitions Director for the AMA.

To register, please visit

[www.ModelAviation.com/october2013webinar](http://www.ModelAviation.com/october2013webinar).

Participants must be [registered](#) by October 9, 2013 to attend.

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# Green Township Day

Green Township day was on September 21. The town asked for our club to have a static display and field questions. We could also fly Park Flyers.

We forgot to mention it at the meeting, so attendance was light. Bill Reynolds, Scott Geller, Mike Shauger and I attended.

The event was mostly centered on children. There was very little interest in our club. It was very windy and since we were not flying much, hardly anyone came over.

Hey, we did our duty and it was good to get out of the house and away from those annoying household chores.

Of course I took some pictures. Take a look below,



**Scott setting up a Park Flyer (upper left).  
Mike flying a foam war bird (upper right).  
Two young spectators (bottom right).**

**Scott's son inspecting a plane after a crash caused by his father. I believe he said, "don't worry dad, it just needs a little glue. I can fix it."**



## 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.

## Treasurer's Report

### September, 2013

The August opening balance is \$10,928.50.

Collections for the month totaled \$4,550.52 and are represented by Dues \$140, Fifty/Fifty \$24, Fuel \$45 and AMA Fun Fly \$4,339.

Expenses for the month totaled \$3,551.00 represented by Mowing \$935, Donation – Hardyston First Aid Squad \$100 Meeting Rooms \$637.50 and Fun Fly Expenses \$1,878.50.

The result is an ending cash balance of \$11,928.02 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 4,902.00
General Reserve	1,269.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,863.00
Laser Reserve	2,491.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,403.00</u>
Total cash	\$11,928.00

### September 2013 meeting minutes

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

Treasures report. The July opening balance is \$10,928.50. The closing balance is \$11,928.02. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field reports. Both fields are in great flying shape. The gate at Hardyston has been damaged. Pat mentioned that there is talk again about Hardyston field being recapped again. More information is to follow.

Membership. There was a roll call.

Ways and means. Christmas raffle tickets are on sale.

Fuel. There was fuel meeting.

Safety. It's hunting season. Follow the rules for going over to the farmer's property to retrieve a plane.

Old business - none.

New business.

- The Club Christmas Party is coming up. As usual, it is free for club members and their spouses. Somewhere over the years, members were allowed guests. Well we are reverting back to spouses only!
- A passed motion for \$500 for prizes was made. More will be allocated pending ticket sales and the number of people signed up for the party. Members are required to purchase at least \$10 worth of tickets on the night of the party. Prior sales are not counted.
- The District II fun fly was the best event the club ever sponsored. Pat and Scott thanked all that attended and helped out. The event was a *Feather in the cap of the Top O' New Jersey!*
- The AMA is looking for a few clubs to host the event; we may be one of them.
- The AMA presented to the club an Award of Merit. The club officers thought it would be fitting to present it to Scott since he was the CD and organized the event.
- We had a moment of silence for a former member who passed - Jack Zhelesnik. He was 73. He was in our club for a number of years and served as Club Treasurer.
- The floor was opened for nomination for club officers. A motion from the floor was made for the incumbent offices. No others were nominated. Nominations will open up again next month.

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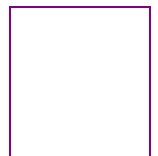
## Event Schedule for 2013



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	No Entries
July 18, 2013 at Hardyston	ARF- of-the-Month
August 15, 2013 at Squatrito	Project-of-the-Month
September 19, 2013	No Entries
October 17, 2013	ARF- of-the-Month
November 21, 2013	Project-of-the-Month
Club Events	Dates
Warbirds Fun Fly	Over
District II Fun-Fly	Over
December 5, 2012	Christmas Party and Raffle



*The next club meeting will be on October 17th  
at 7:30 pm at the Sussex County Technical  
School.*



# 2013 Christmas Party and Raffle



***Place: Sussex County Technical School***

***Date: Thursday, December 5th***

***Time: 7:00PM***

***RSVP: by 11/21 to Mike Shauger, 187 Main Street, Franklin, NJ 07416. [rcflyer57@embarqmail.com](mailto:rcflyer57@embarqmail.com)  
(973) 827-9326***

*Each club member can bring a spouse for free. Each additional guest costs \$18.*

*Remember, you are required to purchase \$10 worth of raffle tickets at the door!*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*How many people will attend: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_*

