



# NEWS AT THE TOP

October 2013

## From the Editor

Having some sort of electronic device that can access the internet seems crucial these days. Aside from email, Facebook and Twitter, there is a lot of information that can be found that is beneficial to you. Oh yeah, there is a lot of information about our hobby out on the Internet also. With that in mind, I found two sites that many of you might find interesting. See the column to the right.

Dues are due! Both your AMA and Club dues have to be paid soon. So if cash is tight, you really do not have to get me a present. I will understand.

Before you get started on you winter projects, consider the planes you have. Some things to think about are mentioned in the *Winter Spruce Up* article on page 2!

## I Found it on the Web

I sometimes come across an interesting item on the Internet or some interesting web site. In this case I came across a site. The creator of the site is Martin Turner and he developed a site which he claims will have a searchable RC database which will feature every RC product in the world.

[www.rcreference.com](http://www.rcreference.com)

He is asking modeler's to get involved by:

- Suggesting brands and products he has missed
- Adding photos / videos for the products they own
- Adding field reports for the products they have used
- Filling in missing product data.

RCReference.com has been built as a labor of love by Martin. It is currently unfunded and is independent from any particular manufacturer or retailer. At the moment the site features over 5000 products (mainly [planes](#) and [helicopters](#)) with more being added all the time.

If you require any further information, or have any feedback or suggestions, please get in touch with Martin. He would love to hear from you.

Martin can be reached at:

[support@rcreference.com](mailto:support@rcreference.com)

Another great site I recently came across is one put up by the AMA. The site is the AMA Flight School and the URL is <http://amaflightsschool.org/>.

Last month, I had an article about a Plans Build Webinar. I missed it. Imagine that. In any event, the webinar was recorded and is available on this site.

There is a lot of other information on the web site. For starters, there are videos and a DIY sections. Visit the site often as content changes often

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## Dues are Due!

Please complete the form in the newsletter, and send it along with a check for \$70 and a copy of your AMA card to Craig Miebach at 5 Hickory Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. Please send in a SASE so that we can mail you back a membership card. The deadline is January 31st.

If you have not done so already, renew your AMA membership. You have to have your new AMA membership card so that you can renew your club dues.

## AMA Renewal Time

**It's time** to renew your AMA membership. You should have received your membership renewal notice in the mail by now, along with the ballot for the next AMA election.

Also included was an explanation of all of the exciting, new options for your *Model Aviation* subscription. You now have the choice of receiving either your printed copy of *MA* or a digital edition, or both! For only an additional \$9.95 per year you can receive the printed edition of *MA*, plus read it on the go on your tablet, smartphone, or notebook. All subscribers will also have exclusive access to the *Model Aviation* Digital Library—allowing you to view all past issues of the magazine for free. You also have the option to subscribe to the quarterly-published *Park Pilot* magazine for an additional \$9.95 per year if you already subscribe to *MA*.

For more information about your subscription options, visit [www.ModelAviation.com/digital](http://www.ModelAviation.com/digital). For more information about *Park Pilot*, call (800) I-FLY-AMA. Don't delay ... send in your renewal and ballot right away!

## Winter Spruce Ups

With the flying season at an end for a lot of folks, it's time to think about other winter activities.

While you're planning your winter build, it's also a good time to go over your old machines and repair all those things that you swore that you'd get at right away back in July.

Some things to think about are:

- Repairing torn covering.
- Checking engine mounts for loose fasteners and firewalls.
- Have a plan to test and recycle your transmitter and receiver batteries once or twice.
- Stock up on propellers now while you have plenty of time to balance them.
- Clean gunk from that old engine.
- Redo the plumbing in your fuel tanks.
- Send in your transmitter or receiver for a checkup, either to the manufacturer or to a third-party vendor such as Radio South RC.

There are more things to think about, but this will give you a good start!

### Notices

**Christmas Raffle Tickets Are On Sale**

**Did You Renew Your AMA Membership?**

**Club Dues Are Due**

**Did You RSVP Your Invitation to the Club Christmas Party (Club Members Only)**



## 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

October, 2013

The September opening balance is \$11,928.02.

Collections for the month totaled \$65.00 and are represented by the raffle

Expenses for the month totaled \$864.85 represented by Mowing \$510.00, Porta Jons \$303.46 and District 2 Fun Fly \$51.39

The result is an ending cash balance of \$11,128.17 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 4,088.00
General Reserve	1,269.00
Christmas Raffle	65.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,863.00
Laser Reserve	2,440.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,403.00</u>
Total cash	\$11,128.00

## October 2013 Meeting Minutes

By Mike Shauger

Meeting Started at 7:34

Scott ran meeting, Absent Pat and Tony.

**Meeting Minutes** not read.

**Treasures Report** Craig old Balance 11,928 Ending Balance 11,128. Raffle tickets were being sold.

### **Field Reports**

Both fields in great shape. Guests Bill Nastos Peter Kaliniak,

**Fuel** There was no fuel at meeting,

### **Old Business**

Christmas Party Mike Shauger & Chef Sculley put a menu together with great food some new dishes to try. The RSVP deadline is Nov 21 Food will be served at 7:00 sharp so be there earlier. Frank Castello will be Santa this year.

### **New Business**

Peter Toms was voted life member.

Scott spoke about safety He referenced a recent news item where a young man was killed from a RC helicopter. Please all members take extra care in safety.

Scott talked about winter building projects. He also talked about topics for future meetings. We will have an ARF build where will discuss the project and progress. We will also cover a Lazy Bee at the meetings. Control surface throws will also be discussed.

If anyone has a topic they want discussed, mention it to a 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	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 7PM Sharp



*The next club meeting will be on November 21<sup>st</sup>  
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: \_\_\_\_\_*



## **TOP O' NEW JERSEY R/C CLUB**

### **2012 Membership Renewal Form**

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, I agree to respect Top O' New Jersey's rules and bylaws and shall conduct myself in a manner that reflects the spirit of the club. I understand that membership is a privilege and that failure to comply may result in non-renewal

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

