



# NEWS AT THE TOP

January 2014

## **From the Editor:**

With this newsletter I wish to introduce myself, Ron Zielensky, as now Top o' New Jersey's both editor and publisher. Tony Curcuruto and I have collaborated over the last twenty-something years separately, he as editor and me as publisher. Tony's many jobs and interests have put stress on his time, and I now have the (retirement) time to do both his and my jobs. I'm hoping to be able to continue writing and assembling the newsletter as well as he did. Thank you, Tony, for a job well done!

## **January 2014:**

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## **2014 Member of the Year Award**

Detailed below are some details regarding the proposed Member of the Year award:

- 1 point- attending meetings
- 1 point- bring a model to meeting
- 1 point- win monthly contest
  
- 2 points- help at setup of an event
- 2 points- work at an event
- 2 points- help with cleanup of an event
  
- 3 points- do demo at meeting
- 3 points- work at a work party at field (not just show up for ½ hour and leave
- 3 points- participate in an outside event, for example Green Township Day, Hardyston Day, etc. demo

1. Member will have to sign in at the event or work party
2. Award will go from January's meeting until November's and be given out at the Christmas party
3. Hand in points and a summary as to why you should be m-o-y
4. Club's elected and appointed officers not allowed to participate
5. Prizes: framed certificate/ plaque
6. \$200 Gift certificate

We're hoping this might not only reward those members who DO put in their own time, but will also hopefully encourage much more active participation by ALL members, new and old, in all our club's events.

While we had no monthly contest entries, Mike Shauger brought in his Hanger 9 P47. He talked in depth about it.



### Treasurer's Report

Although this year may have not been the best flying weather, it was very successful financially. In 2012 we saw a decrease in our bank reserves that totaled \$1,465 resulting in a bank balance at 12/31 of \$6,166. This year we were able to increase our reserves by \$3,241 resulting in an ending bank balance of \$9,407. We had small to modest increases in our General, Warbirds and Fuel Reserves and a significant increase of \$2,463 in our Laser/Electric Reserve

A recap by category follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
General Reserve	\$3,172.00	\$3,592.00	\$ 420.00
Warbirds	1,610.00	1,863.00	253.00
Laser/Electric	71.00	2,534.00	2,463.00
Fuel	<u>1,313.00</u>	<u>1,418.00</u>	<u>105.00</u>
Total	\$6,166.00	\$9,407.00	\$3,241.00

## 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.



***The next club meeting will be on  
February 20th at 7:30 pm at the Sussex  
County Technical School.***

## January 2014 meeting minutes

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

### Treasurers report.

The beginning balance is \$6,166. The ending balance is \$9,407. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

### Committee reports.

Fields: Squatrito is in good shape.

Hardyston is wet, so please stay off. The gate is fixed thanks to Mike and Rick Andrese. Mike gave a status on the recapping of Hardyston field. There may be some activity in late May.

### Membership.

One new member was voted into the club.

### Old business.

Pat talk about the Christmas party and mentioned that next year we may not have it at the school since they are changing chefs.

### New business.

- Pat solicited ideas for possible activities at future meetings.
- Bill Reynolds proposed the idea of having a member of the year award to increase member participation in club activities. Points would be awarded for attending a meeting, an event and participating in work parties. Club offices and chairman cannot participate. A certificate and a \$200 gift card will be awarded at the club Christmas party to the winner. (see details on page 2)
- Pat talked about the upcoming WRAM show at the end of February.
- Pat mentioned that the new owners of the Sussex airport may have an air show next year. As a result we may look into reviving the laser invitational next year.

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Membership: Anthony Curcuruto (908) 637-6768

## Event Schedule for 2013

Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 16, 2014	Model-of-the-Month
February 20, 2014	ARF- of-the-Month
March 20, 2014	Project-of-the-Month
April 17, 2014	Model-of-the-Month
May 22, 2014	ARF- of-the-Month
June 19, 2014	Project-of-the-Month
July 17, 2014 Squatrito	Model-of-the-Month
August 21, 2014 at Hardyston	ARF- of-the-Month
September 18, 2014	Project-of-the-Month
October 16, 2014	Model-of-the-Month
November 20, 2014	ARF- of-the-Month
Club Events	Dates
Warbirds Fun Fly	TBD
Fun-Fly	TBD
Christmas Party and Raffle 7PM Sharp	December 4, 2014

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