



NEWS AT THE TOP

March 2014

From the Editor:

Again, there was still very poor meeting attendance at the March meeting. This meeting had only 23 club members out of a total of approximately 150 currently on our Top of New Jersey roster. This is only one more than at the February meeting. We hope to see more of you at our April 17th meeting.

Those members in attendance were treated to Scott Geller's most knowledgeable presentation on battery types and virtually all aspects of battery maintenance. He answered many questions and provided a demonstration of his setup for multiple battery charging.

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President's Comments

Another flying season is upon us and I for one hope the weather treats us a little bit better than it did last year. As we begin our season let's remember to above all be safe and to me considerate. The time we spend prepping our plans at home allows flying more safely at the field since we are not rushed to try and get in the air. Spend some time on checking your batteries and the connections as well as inspecting your control services. I am sure you are aware of the winter gremlins, the little guys who come around when you are not looking and screw up a plane. How many times have you heard, "it was working fine when I put it away", yup, that's the winter gremlin. So pull on the control surface, check the hinging, sometimes you can catch that failing hinge before the wind does when you are in the air.

Let's remember to observe flying etiquette and help each other at the field. As I have said before, it's a great way to make a new friend, spotting for a new flyer and holding the aircraft while it is being started are just a couple of ways to combine safety and consideration. We are a fixed wing club so heli's have to conform to the pattern when flying with fixed wings but why not sit out a flight and watch some of great helicopter pilots do their thing without having to worry about fixed wings.

Please remember that the fields we use are owned by someone else so let's keep them policed and take any refuse out that you may

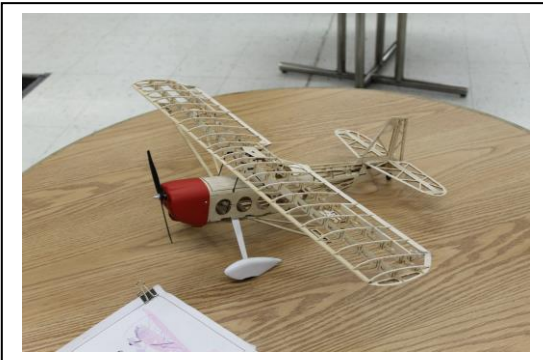
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have brought with you. Speaking of fields, the word is that the Hardyston Field won't be having any work done on it until late fall if at all. NJDEP is slow on the approval process and funds have to be appropriated if the costs are not above the budgeted amount. But let's remember that the NJDEP reps may be at the field at any time checking the site, so please be courteous and positive towards their position. If questioned point out a flying field is a preferred use for cap landfill and that the AMA has signed agreements with the federal EPA.

Good flying and be safe....Pat

Rick Andrese won the Project-of-the-month with a Zeke's Models Park scale electric kit.



Karl Jacobs brought his Hexacopter DJI to the meeting and gave a nice presentation on its GPS capabilities, camera details, and costs.



Treasurer's Report

The February opening balance is \$15,502.48.

Collections for the month totaled \$580.00 and are represented by Dues \$560.00, and Fifty/Fifty \$20.00.

Expenses for the month totaled \$662.50 and are represented by Meeting Room Rental through June \$637.50 and Sale of NJ Annual Report \$25.

The result is an ending cash balance of \$15,419.98 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 5,953.00
General Reserve	3,592.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,863.00
Laser Reserve	2,534.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,478.00</u>
Total cash	\$15,420.00

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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Rick Andrese won the monthly contest.

Karl Jacobs and Joe Florio brought in items for a show and tell.

At the end of the meeting Scott Geller gave a battery clinic. He talked about many of the battery technologies. He also talked about the characteristics and charging rates of each. It was a real good and informative presentation. You could really tell Scott was knowledgeable of the subject.

February 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.

Treasure's report. The old balance was \$15,502.48. The new balance was \$15,419.98. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Fields:

Hardyston is closed until further notice.
Squatrito is open for flying

Membership: No report.

Safety: No report.

Ways and means: Frank ran a 50-50 raffle.

Old business:

Hardyston may be recapped in the fall. The DEP wants to return the field too pristine condition. No fences could be put into the ground. We will use high grass for safety fences. The road is wet. Do not drive on it as it will cause ruts. Hardyston is closed until further notice.

Flyers will be left at the Lebanon flea market and the WRAM show for our fun fly events.

Karl Jacobs came in third in the WW1 category at the WRAM show with a Fokker D7.

New business:

Pat talked at length about the Lebanon flea market.

Pat also mentioned that the Hamburg flea market was coming up soon.

Frank Fanelli made an open invitation of the club members present to stop by his house after the meeting. He had a lot of items that were given to him to review that he wanted to get rid of.

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Event Schedule for 2014

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	June 14-15, 2014
Fun-Fly	TBD
Christmas Party and Raffle 7PM Sharp	December 4, 2014

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

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