



NEWS AT THE TOP

April 2014

From the Editor:

Again, there was still very poor meeting attendance at the April meeting. Again, this meeting had only 23 club members out of a total of approximately 150 currently on our Top of New Jersey roster. Let's see some of you other members at this next meeting!

Frank Granelli gave a wonderful presentation of the many things being worked on both the local, state, and national levels regarding both our models, model jets, and the future of the drone situation in and around our nation's airports. This is something our AMA is also closely watching and is participating in talks with the FAA.

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President's Comments

First I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the last meeting. From the comments that I have heard, I understand that both of the presentations were informative and very interesting. I would have enjoyed seeing the presentation on the new type of fiber glassing; we are all always looking for a better and neater way preparing our planes for paint. Thank you James. As for the comments on FPV and drones brought up by Frank, I would have enjoyed the opportunity to enter into the discussion.

As a point of interest, local law enforcement officials are looking at FPV as a form of local surveillance right here in our county. Recently a meeting was held to gain input from local chiefs of police and elected officials to gain some insight as to the feasibility of this type of activity as a law enforcement tool. While no decisions were made, it was my understanding that the positions ranged from "great, what would anyone have to hide if they are not doing something wrong" to "surveillance of this type without warrant or just cause is excessive and violates an individual's civil rights". Maybe this is an issue each of you should ponder; it may be closer than you think.

Once again we are off to a "wonderful", wet, windy, flying season. As I write this note to you wind is howling outside and the rain is pelting against the glass. Our flying days may rival last season's for weekends lost due to poor weather.

Please be considerate of field conditions and avoid any activity which may cause damage
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to the fields. I trust the weather will improve and we can take advantage of the longer days to fly after work or dinner.

Please try to attend the next few meetings at the school before we go outdoors. We will try to have some additional activities to make the time interesting. Also please remember to bring with you that new hangar queen you have just completed and tell us all about it. I understand that Craig Mieback brought in his recently completed P-47, which from one account was described as looking "mean". Now he just needs to have some decent weather to put some air under the wings and have that knee knocking first flight. Nice going Craig!

Pictured below is Craig Miebach's Republic P-47, 'mean machine'. Craig's usual excellent build and finish is something to behold.



James Strickland is shown below demonstrating the art of using EZ-kote to fiberglass a model. It produces an unbelievably smooth finish.



Treasurer's Report

April, 2014

The March opening balance is \$15,419.98.

Collections for the month totaled \$156.00 and are represented by Dues \$140.00, and Fifty/Fifty \$16.00.

Expenses for the month totaled \$158.00 and are represented by Postage \$98 and event sanctions \$60.

The result is an ending cash balance of \$15,417.98 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 6,011.00
General Reserve	3,592.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,843.00
Laser Reserve	2,494.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,478.00</u>
Total cash	\$15,418.00

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

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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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There were two presentations at this meeting. James Strickland demonstrated covering a model with fiberglass and Eze-Kote finishing resin. Frank Granelli talked about the politics around First Person View (FPV) and drones.

Both presentations were well done. Thanks to both of you.

April 2014 meeting minutes

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

Treasurers Report.

The March opening balance was \$15,419.98. The ending balance was \$15,417.98. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Field. Squatrito is in good flying shape. Tick Rid and fertilizer will be put down at the field the weekend following the meeting. Rolling the field will cost \$425. It will come out of the field maintenance budget. Hardyston is open. Don't drive on the road if it is wet.

Safety - No Report.

Membership - One application was handed in. Open membership is now closed. All new applications will go on a waiting list.

Old Business.

Hardyston recap update - nothing might happen for three to four months or maybe not even this year. We are hopeful that we can fly there after the work is done. We are going to try to stay in the town's good graces by donating to the recreation department or even support a local team.

New Business.

The Port-a-Johns will arrive at the fields on May 1st.

Craig won our Monthly contest with a Top Flight P47. It was nicely fiber glassed and painted.

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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 15, 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 May 15nd at 7:30 pm at the
Sussex County Technical
School.***

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