



# NEWS AT THE TOP

May 2014

## **From the Editor:**

St. Michael's church of Netcong has scheduled an Italian festival at the Waterloo concert field. Therefore, there will be no flying at Squatrito after 5pm on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and after noon time on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and noon time on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

As our president mentions, we had another poor turnout – 21 members – at the May meeting. Please make an attempt to join us both at the Warbirds event on June 14<sup>th</sup> and at the scheduled June meeting at the vo-tech school on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## **President's Comments:**

When you read these comments, our Warbirds event will have already been held, and I would hope that a great number of our members would have been involved one way or another. With the small turn-out at our last few meetings it is difficult to get the word out to the membership about the event and enlisting their support for the various work groups that help to make these events a success. That is why I am asking all of you to make a special effort to attend the next meeting and reconnect with your fellow club members. It will be our last meeting of the season in the cafeteria; the next meeting in July will be at Squatrito Field, and the August meeting at the Hardyston Field.

Speaking of the Hardyston field, it looks like we will be able to fly there for the rest of the year. Plans for recapping the field are still at the NJDEP offices for review. Also please be aware that two bears have been prowling around Hardyston field, one right near the Porto John and the other further up towards the end of the

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runway. These two guys or gals, whichever the case may be, are two good reasons why we should try to avoid flying alone. Doing hammerheads at 300 feet kind of takes you mind off of what is going on behind you. Hear that sound, you glance around and see a curious black bear about 20 yards from you, what do you do first: drop the radio and run, see how fast you can land the plane, try to get to the van and land from inside or just hope he will not bother you?

Flying season is well underway and I from what I hear our fields our being used on a consistent basis and that's great. Please remember to fly safe and reach out to fellow club members who may need some help or flying by themselves and could use a co-pilot.

Bill Mitchell won our monthly contest with his Sig Cadet AFT pictured here. He converted it to a 10cc gas engine. He really liked the kit and its new conversion to a tail-dragger instead of the conventional tricycle landing gear.



### Treasurer's Report

May, 2014 – note: Craig's report is basically the same as last month's,

The May opening balance is \$15,419.98.

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

Expenses for April 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

*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.

### For Sale: 65" Super Stearman - \$225

Assembled as shown and ready to cover.  
Included: yellow Monocote , Supertigre 75 engine, engine cowl and windscreen.

Call Ron Zielensky (908) 850-9024



## May 2014 meeting minutes:

The meeting was called order at 7:30 PM. Craig and Scott were absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

### Treasure's report:

None, Craig was absent.

### Field reports:

Squatrito is in good flying shape. The field needs to be rolled. Hardyston has a lot of dandelions. Weed killer will be spread down. The road to Hardyston needs repair. Tick rid will be spread at both fields.

### Safety

No report.

### Old business:

This is the last meeting before the War birds event scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers for the event. Set up for the event will be Friday 8 AM. Takedown will be late on Sunday .

### New business:

Mount Olive Township asked for some sort of flying demo. Pat will follow up.

Bill Mitchell won our monthly contest.

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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 June 19th at 7:30 pm at the Sussex County Technical School.***

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