



# NEWS AT THE TOP

November 2014

## From the Editor:

Al Arnold, a longtime member of TONJ passed away recently. I did not know Al, personally, but from the comments I overheard at the meeting, he was very well liked. May he rest in peace!



## November 2014:

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## October 2014 meeting minutes

29 members were present. Scott Geller led the meeting since Pat Rizzuto was absent. Ron Zielensky filled in for Tony Curcuruto as secretary. Scott announced the death of Al Arnold and a moment of silence was observed in his honor. Ron read the minutes, with one correction to the RSVP date; minutes were then approved. The treasurer's report was given by Craig Miebach and approved as read. Craig would like to build up the reserves somewhat in order to cover any possible bad events next year.

## Field Reports:

Both Squatrito and Hardyston fields were both in good shape. Scott mentioned that he'd like us to go back to the old key system, using the existing keys, even though it would cost us to have the keyed lock replaced.

## Membership:

Ron called roll of prospective members – 3 were present. One new prospect – Bruce McCutcheon was present.

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**FAA Information:**

On October 27, the FAA issued three Permanent Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) creating restrictions for the airspace surrounding major sporting events and the Disney properties in Anaheim CA and Orlando FL. The new flight restrictions permanently prohibit the operation of unmanned and radio-controlled model aircraft within roughly 3.5 miles of both the Disneyland and Walt Disney World theme parks. The restrictions are also in place for a period of one hour before and one hour after major sporting events. The NOTAM/TFRs read in part... commencing one hour before the scheduled time of the event until one hour after the end of the event. All aircraft operations; including parachute jumping, unmanned aircraft and remote controlled aircraft, are prohibited within a 3 nm radius from the surface up to and including 3,000' above ground level of any stadium having a seating capacity of 30,000 or more people where either a regular or post

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**Treasurer's Report:**

This report covers the 2 month period of August & September

The August opening balance is \$12,816.74.

Collections for the 2 month period totaled \$768.00 and are represented by Applications and Dues \$475.00 (5 applicants) Fuel \$75.00 August Fun Flys \$122.00 (net) Fifty/Fifty \$31.00 and Christmas Raffle 65.00.

Expenses for the 2 months totaled \$3,130.85 and are represented by Mowing \$1,700, Field Rolling \$455.00, Porta Jons \$338 and Meeting Room \$638. The August events although successful did not generate the revenue we had hoped for. The weekend netted a profit of \$122.00

The result is an ending cash balance for May of \$10,453.89 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 2,700.00
General Reserve	2,021.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,439.00
Laser Reserve	2,616.00
Christmas Raffle	65.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,613.00</u>
Total cash	\$10,454.00

Based on the above, our ending General Reserve is projected to be \$2,021.00 representing a \$1,571.00 reduction.

## 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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(season Major League Baseball, National Football League, or NCAA Division One football game is occurring. This NOTAM also applies to NASCAR Sprint Cup, Indy Car, and Champ series races excluding qualifying and pre-race events. Flights conducted for operational purposes of any event, stadium or venue and broadcast coverage for the broadcast rights holder are authorized with an approved airspace waiver. An FAA airspace waiver does not relieve operators from obtaining all other necessary authorizations and complying with all applicable federal aviation regulations. The restrictions described above do not apply to those aircraft authorized by and in contact with ATC for operational or safety of flight purposes, Department of Defense, law enforcement, and air ambulance flight operations... Flights conducted for operational purposes of any Disneyland event and venue are authorized with an approved waiver.

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## Safety:

There was a report of a coyote at Hardyston. Also, wear the orange vest in the shed at Hardyston if you have to go outside the field to retrieve a plane, but call first before entering the hunting area.

## Old business:

With no new nominations for club officers, the proposed slate of officers was accepted for next year, no vote being needed. A club picnic at Hardyston was scheduled for next Saturday.

## New business:

The Christmas party will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The snow date is NOT December 11<sup>th</sup> because that is the date of Waywayanda's club party. Raffle tickets are on sale now. Scott said raffle tickets are slow selling. A motion was made and approved to limit spending for prizes to \$700 this year, unless sales pick up Prizes will be similar to those last year. there will be a requirement that each member attending the party will be responsible to purchase \$10 of raffle tickets when checking in. a motion was made and seconded the a new schedule of tickets for sale will be: 6 for \$5.00 and 15 for \$10.00. Frank Granelli spoke regarding AMA affairs, the ongoing AMA election, and how the AMA is working closely with the FAA regarding new rules for model aircraft.

There were no candidates for model of the month.

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Membership: Anthony Curcuruto (908) 637-6768

### 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	Over
Fun-Fly	Over
Christmas Party and Raffle 7PM Sharp	December 4, 2014

***The next club meeting will be on  
November 20 at Sussex County  
Vo-Tech.***

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Long Valley, NJ 07853



**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

## 2014 Christmas Party and Raffle



*Place: Sussex County Technical School*

*Date: Thursday, December 4th rain date December 10th*

*Time: 7:00PM Sharp*

*RSVP: by 11/20 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: \_\_\_\_\_*

### **Proposed Menu for our Christmas Party:**

Chicken Marsala  
Eggplant Rolletini  
Roast Beef Tips Mushrooms  
Roasted Potatoes  
Garden Salad  
Vegetable asst  
Roast Pork carving Station (mustard sauce)  
Gravy  
Stuffing with cranberry & sausage  
Penne Vodka  
Breads & Butter for table  
Will drop off soda we will have a beverage cart with servers  
coffee & tea station decaf & herbal