



NEWS AT THE TOP

January 2015

President's Comments:

According to Punxsutawney Phil, we have about six more weeks of solid building weather until we can begin to think of flying. However if you are one of those intrepid souls who are looking for a 12-month badge for flying every month of the year, please let us know so we can get you the appropriate patch from the AMA.

Hopefully, the next two months will pass quickly and we can get out for some long awaited flying time. But while we wait, please be sure to do the always-beneficial maintenance on your aircraft: check batteries, engine and gas tank

tubing, stress areas on wings and fuselage, and most importantly your switches.

Thanks to those members who showed up at our last meeting in January - we had a bit of fun with the quad copters. Rick Andrese put some nice flights together with his copter. All I was able to do was to crash mine into the ceiling. Need a little more time on the sticks! Speaking of time on the sticks, Mike Shauger tells me that he stays sharp with about one half hour every day on the simulator. Having seen Mike fly I encourage all of you who have a simulator to follow his suggestion.

Please try to make it to the next meeting, we are looking forward to having some informative activities and with the short days, it's a place to go with a buddy. Come on out and say hello to your other club members. I will have some handouts from the Dept. of Homeland Security on their concern with R/C modeling, which I am sure will create some lively discussion. These handouts are from some internal communications recently made public.

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Secretary's Report:

November's meeting minutes:

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

Treasure's report:

The 2015 opening balance was \$9407. After debits and credits the new balance is \$8043.

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Treasurer's Report

We started 2014 with a bank balance of \$9,407.00. Our ending balance is \$8,043.00 representing a \$1,364.00 reduction in cash. The Reduction was generated by \$1,217 for normal club expenses from our General Reserve, \$424 from the Warbird reserve and was somewhat offset by increases in the Laser/Electric reserve of \$82 and the Fuel Reserve \$195.

Approximately 1/3rd of the decrease in the General Reserve reduction was a decrease in 2014 dues over 2013. We had 113 paying member last year vs 120 the year before. Most expenses were at or below budget with the exception of the following: A savings of \$235 from not cutting the weeds at Squatrito offset by \$455 for rolling the field. Additional non budgeted costs were a donation to Hardyston Recreation, and funding the Membership award.

A recap by category follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
General Reserve	\$3,592.00	\$2,375.00	\$(1,217.00)
Warbirds	1,863.00	1,439.00	(424.00)
Laser/Electric	2,534.00	2,616.00	82.00
Fuel	<u>1,418.00</u>	<u>1,613.00</u>	<u>195.00</u>
Total	\$9,407.00	\$8,043.00	\$(1,364.00)

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.

AMA President Bob Brown to membership: We stand for education, not regulation

In response to President Barack Obama's call for more regulation following the January 26 incident in which a multirotor landed on the White House lawn. AMA President Bob Brown has released a statement. "We understand the potential for bad people using any good technology for bad things. We do not support the use of the technology outside of AMA guidelines. We do believe, however, that flown within the envelope of AMA's safety programming, this new technology is as safe, or safer, than any other modeling discipline in which our members participate."

Committee reports:

Fields:

Squatrito field is open. In the spring, we are going to cut the tall grass around the field.

Hardyston is in good flying shape.

Membership:

A roll call was done. Tony reminded members the dues were due by January 31st.

All applicants have to pay dues also.

Old business: None.

New business:

The WRAM show is next month from February 20th to the 23rd.

The member of the year award expired in 2014. The club officers explained that it did not bring more members to meetings. A motion was made for 2015 and it was defeated. A discussion followed as to why members are not attending meetings. We tried having events and activities at the meetings to no avail. We will revisit the location of the meetings. We will also send out a survey asking members why they do not come to meetings or what would make them come to meetings.

At the end of the meeting we had our quad copter madness event. A couple of members entertained us with their flying skills.

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Event Schedule for 2015

Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 15, 2015	Project-of-the-Month
February 19, 2015	Model-of-the-Month
March 19, 2015	ARF- of-the-Month
April 16, 2015	Project-of-the-Month
May 21, 2015	Model-of-the-Month
June 18, 2015	ARF- of-the-Month
July 16, 2015 Hardyston	Project-of-the-Month
August 20, 2015 Squatrito	Model-of-the-Month
September 17, 2015	ARF- of-the-Month
October 15, 2015	Project-of-the-Month
November 19, 2015	Model-of-the-Month
Club Events	Dates
Warbirds Fun Fly	June 13 2015
Fun-Fly	TBD
Christmas Party and Raffle 7PM Sharp	Not Scheduled
Monthly Meeting	Contest

***The next club meeting will be on
February 19 at Sussex County
Vo-Tech.***

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