



NEWS AT THE TOP

July, 2015

Editor's Comments:

AS you know, the AMA Membership dues are going up in 2016. However, if you want to, you may lock in the "old rate" now for 1 year or 2 years by going to the following website. However, you have to do it before Sept 14

www.modelaircraft.org/membershipfaqs.aspx

President's Comments:

My comments this month are quite varied, as I will address a couple of issues and decisions made at recent meetings. It is important to note that these decisions were made by a relatively small group of members who were in attendance and who acted on behalf of the club.

First let's remember that we will no longer be meeting at the Sussex County Technical School: as of our meeting in September we will be meeting in the Senior Citizens Center in Andover Borough. I would hope that with the change in venue that we will see some new faces. We will be having some coffee and donuts and look forward to seeing all of you there.

Another decision that was made was to forego any further fun flys such as the Warbirds. The last event was so poorly attended by our own membership it was difficult to find help for the necessary jobs such as set up, take down, field safety, cooking and parking coverage. Sorry to those who liked these events but it was not fair to the small group of members who always showed up and shouldered these responsibilities. Many of our members choose to attend other events if there is a conflict, and with the necessary outlay of club funds it was becoming too expensive, this last event cost us over \$400 and we had about 10 club members registered. If we are ever to do this again the initiative must come from the membership.

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Secretary's Report:

July 2015 meeting minutes:

The meeting was called order at 7:15. Tony was the only officer present and he ran the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasure's report: No report, Craig was absent.

Committee reports:

Field: The road at Hardyston field is in poor shape. Mike had scheduled a work party, but no one showed up to help. At Squatrito, watch out for the wildlife - snakes and bears were spotted.

Membership: There was a roll-call.

Safety: there was no report.

Old business:

Hobbico radio update: The radio designated for Squatrito was installed in the LT 40 and not used yet. No report from the one that was designated for Hardyston.

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Treasurer's Report – June and July, 2015.

April's opening Balance is \$14,239.82. There were no Collections for the months of April and May. Expenses for the 2 months totaled \$972.74 represented by Field Maintenance for Hardyston \$400, Mowing \$510.00 and Warbird Flyers 22.74, resulting in an ending balance of \$13,307.08

A recap by category follows:

Encumbered for Club Business	\$5,250.00
General Reserve	\$2,375.00
Warbirds	\$1,408.00
Laser/Electric	\$2,616.00
Fuel	<u>\$1,658.00</u>
Total	\$13,307.00

Not all the Warbird bills have been received as yet. However, preliminary results and estimates indicate collections of \$300.00 and Expenses of \$735.88 resulting in a projected loss of \$443.00

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

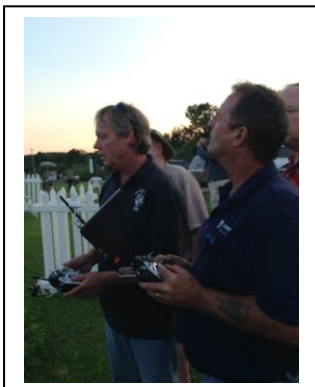


Key Return

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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Drone presentation: Frank Galella from Next Generation Aviation was present to talk about the drones he uses in his business. Then he talked about having more hobby related discussions at the meeting versus a business meeting. Frank also gave a drone presentation. Frank is a full-scale pilot. He is also a commercial drone pilot. He is one of the first of 100 in the United States. He talked about the FAA rules for flying drone aircraft. His customers are basically in real estate and public works. You have to be a full-scale pilot to fly a drone commercially. You have to be familiar about airspace. You have to file a NOTEM 24 hours before your flight.

Frank demonstrated the drones he uses in his business. One cost about \$5,000 and the other about \$25,000. There were two controls: one for the drone and one for the camera. So, two people are needed to operate the drone commercially. During the demonstration he let various club members operate the camera and the drones.

Overall it was an excellent presentation done very professionally.

Here are several pictures from his presentation:



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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 August 20th at Squatrito
Field***

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