



NEWS AT THE TOP

September, 2015

Editor's Comments:

Prior to the September meeting at the Andover Senior Citizen's building, Mike Shauger and John Skewes set up their grill and cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for all in attendance. The food had originally been destined for our rained-out meeting at Squatrito Field. The free food was well appreciated.



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President's Comments:

Last month we had our first meeting in our new meeting place, the Senior Citizens Center in Andover. Prior to the meeting we had a small cook out for about 30 attendees at the meeting with John Sews and Mike setting up the cook-out for our group. The facility is very friendly and I think will be a nice new home in the coming years. I was a bit disappointed in the turn out! I had hoped that resolving the distance issue for some of our club members would have brought them out to at least see what our new meeting home is like. A big shout out to John Morse for arranging for us to use these facilities, thank you John!

One of the major items on the agenda at the meeting was the district II AMA picnic fun fly for 2016, which would be August 27-28, 2016. While the officers did say they would not be raising this question unless it came from the membership, I thought it necessary to address this issue as it came from the AMA. Eric Williams district VP contacted me and told me that since the AMA picnic we hosted two years ago, they have not been able to come up with an event as successful, nor a venue quite as nice as Trinca. He said that at every event since then, ours was the standard to be measured against, and that we should be very proud of setting the bar so high. He was disappointed to see that we had moved away from holding our own events, but said our club was no different than many, many others who are not able to generate cooperation from the membership. He hoped we might reconsider. I explained to him that I would bring the matter to the membership, which is what I did at our last meeting. However I did want to raise the question in the newsletter.

Our last event with the AMA was very successful registering over 60 pilots from many different locales. We made money with the food concession and, due to the nature of the event, we were able to get significant donation thanks to
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Secretary's Report:

September 2015 Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 at our new location in Andover. Craig was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Committee reports:

Field: Both fields are in good shape.

Membership: There was a roll call and we took in a few applications for next year.

Safety: It is hunting season. If a plane goes down at Hardyston, call the farmer and wear the safety vest if you venture on his property.

Old business: Pat talked about the two radios given to us – a report/testimonial is due. Pat also talked about some recent public issues with quad copters.

New business:

Pat was approached by Eric Williams to sponsor another District II fun fly in August 2016. This 2 day event would be larger than the last with a pilot's dinner and band on Saturday.

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Treasurer's Report – August, 2015.

June's opening Balance is \$13,307.08. Collections for the months of June and July totaled \$773.00 as follows: Donation \$200. Dues \$140 Application \$25, 50/50 \$33 Warbirds \$300 and Fuel \$75. Expenses for the 2 months totaled \$2,143.56 represented by: Mowing \$1,020, Wed Mowing \$272, Porta Johns \$164 and Warbird expenses \$688, resulting in an ending balance of \$11,936.72

A recap by category follows:

Encumbered for Club Business	\$4,193.00
General Reserve	\$2,375.00
Warbirds	\$1,020.00
Laser/Electric	\$2,616.00
Fuel	\$1,733.00
Total	\$11,937.00

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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Scott Geller's Aunt. For this event Eric wanted me to let you know that the AMA wants to move this event to a higher level with a greater infusion of money. At the last event, pilots' lunches were funded by the AMA, and the following is what they want to do for the 2016 two-day event:

- Continue to pay for pilots lunches
- Provide a live Blue Grass band for entertainment following a pilot's dinner Saturday night. This dinner may have to be catered due to the possible size.
- Try to hold off sanctioning any events that might conflict.
- Increase advertising in the AMA magazine and local contacts.
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Gentlemen it is up to you. As I told Eric, a vote would have to be held at the October 15 meeting. I will not be able to attend this meeting due to a previous commitment, but ask that you give this request serious consideration. Being asked and holding this event brings a lot of prestige to the club and is indeed a feather in our cap. If you have thoughts one way or another regarding this event, please come out and be heard and vote. Should you be in favor of this event and it passes, we will need a great deal of volunteer effort,

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Before we bring it to a vote, Pat will check with Green Township.

Tony nominated the current slate of officers for 2016. The floor was then opened up for additional nominations. None were made.

Summerset Signal Flyers is having an event on the weekend of 9/19.

There will be an event at the Waterloo Concert Field on 9/19-20. They may park cars on the field adjacent to us. Tony Curcuruto will go over in the morning. There will be another food truck event on 10/3. Again cars may be parked.

Starting in January 2016, no printed copies of the newsletter will be mailed. All notifications and newsletter will be done by email.

Official Training Night has been suspended for the 2015 season.

It Was Model-of-the-Month. Tony Curcuruto talked about his OMP Edge 540 that he purchased a few years back as a kit and over the years built. He also talked about its maiden flight etc.



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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 October 15th at Andover
Senior Center***

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