



NEWS AT THE TOP

October, 2015

Editor's Announcement:

As in prior years, our Club Christmas party for members and applicants will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at Sussex County Vo-Tech.

Note that the party is free ONLY for members and applicants.

This year, the cost for spouses, non-club members, and guests will be \$18.

Please remember to RSVP Mike Shauger that you'll be attending by November 20th. See below for 3 ways to contact Mike.

If you can, please bring a dessert to share.

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President's Comments:

I apologize for missing the last meeting due to a conflict in schedules, which should not happen again. Mike has filled me in on what occurred and I appreciate his filling in for me at the last moment. All of the officers had hoped that a change in the meeting place would have encouraged more members to attend yet we continue to have about the same amount as we had prior to the change. Please pass the word that we have new and closer "digs" and to try and attend.

Mike advised me that the issue of the AMA picnic fun fly was discussed, and although there were some comments to the contrary, no vote was taken. I have tried to reach Eric Williams but we seem to miss each other as I felt we owed him an answer or at least an update. If by the time of the next meeting I have not heard from Eric, I would like to have a final discussion and vote if the event is motioned from the floor. Quite likely we will have spoken and he will have told me if the event will be held in another place or if he will provide me with additional information, which seemed to be of concern for many members. In the end it will be you the members, the same 20-25 faithful will who make the decision.

Fall flying is well underway and the weather right now is fantastic. I hope you enjoy these last few weeks of fall flying before you get down to your winter projects. Great news for me, my daughter is in the process of buying a house, which will relieve me of much time spent taking care of my triplet grandsons - so I should have more basement time for building...if I can remember the way.

See you at the next meeting. Please plan to attend, as we will have election of club officers.

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Secretary's Report:

October, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Mike called the meeting to order at 7:30 at our new location in Andover. Pat and Tony were absent. Rick read the minutes from the previous meeting, which were approved

Treasurer's report: opening balance \$11,937 and closing balance \$10,427. Craig reported that since so many members now flying electrics, no fuel is going to be bought in the future. Also, with fewer events being held, the reserves can be absorbed. Another possibility is that dues might be able to be reduced.

Committee reports:

Field:

Squatrito is in good shape. There is still a problem using the combination lock. The membership voted to keep the combination lock versus the key lock. Because of problems setting the combination, a new combination lock will be bought.

Hardyston is also in good shape. It is hunting season. If a plane goes down, call the farmer and wear the safety vest if you venture on his property.

Membership: guest Bill Baldwin introduced himself and even brought an engine to give to a TONJ member – Sparky was the lucky one.

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Treasurer's Report –October, 2015.

August's opening Balance is \$11,936.72. Deposits for the months of August and September totaled \$221.00 a return of \$176 Hardyston field maintenance advance and Fuel \$45. Expenses for the 2 months totaled \$1,731.11 represented by: Mowing \$1,020, Porta Johns \$391 BBQ \$193, and the HS cafeteria rental for the Christmas Party \$127 resulting in an ending balance of \$10,426.62

A recap by category follows:

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| Encumbered for Club Business | \$2,713.00 |
| General Reserve | \$2,375.00 |
| Warbirds | \$945.00 |
| Laser/Electric | \$2,616.00 |
| Fuel | <u>\$1,778.00</u> |
| Total | \$10,427.00 |

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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The club will again be supplying some great food. Mike tells me that the menu is: chicken marsala, eggplant rolletini, roast beef tips and mushrooms, roasted potatoes, garden salad, asst.vegetable, roast pork carving station (mustard sauce), gravy stuffing with cranberry & sausage, penne vodka, breads & butter for table, coffee and tea decalf & herbal.

By the way, there will be no raffle this year, just a 50/50. You can participate if you wish!

RSVP: Mike Shauger by November 20th.

Mike can be reached by phone at:
(973) 827-9326

Or by email at: rcflyer57@embarqmail.com

Or by snail-mail at:
187 Main St. Franklin NJ 07416.

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Safety: nothing to report

Old business: the Chatterbox restaurant wants us to have a static display of planes there for the whole month of November. Volunteers are needed to donate planes. The (possible) AMA event next August 20 or 27 was discussed. Green Twp. is OK with the event. We need much more information regarding how much money the AMA will allocate towards both the band and the BBQ at the end of Saturday. The BBQ will have to be catered. Craig will set up a budget to track expenses. Many more members will have to participate, not the usual few. A suggestion was made to have a banner included in the newsletter for several months leading up to the event. Many other details were also discussed. Starting in January, 2016, no printed copies of the newsletter will be mailed, instead only available online. The current slate of officers for 2016 was nominated for next year. No other nominations were made.

New business:

The Christmas party at the Vo-Tech will be held on December 3 at 7pm. **Members only** will have their meals paid from the treasury, with guests to be charged \$18 to attend.

Project of the month: Rick Andrese showed his Pat Tribble model of a Newport 17.



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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 |
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| Christmas Party and Raffle 7PM Sharp | December 3 rd at 7pm |
| Monthly Meeting | Contest |

***The next club meeting will be
on November 19th at
Andover Senior Center***

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