



NEWS AT THE TOP

January, 2016

Editor's Comments:

Starting with this issue, the club newsletter will only be available online.

Note: There will be a swap meet at the next meeting.

During the winter, please note that on the day of our club's meeting, if the Newton school district is closed due to a weather emergency, we will not have a club meeting. Please listen to radio news casts or TV listings for information

Please stop by the Chatterbox Drive-in Restaurant at the intersection of Routes 15 and 205 in Augusta to see several R/C airplanes being displayed there by club members. See photos below.

The WRAM show will be held on Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, at the Meadowlands Arena, Secaucus, NJ.

President's Comments:

I want to thank all of the members who were at the last meeting, it was one of the best meetings we have had in a while. The discussion concerning Drones was spirited as well as informative and gave all of us some food for thought. I think that it is vitally necessary that each of us write the letters we discussed to our congressman, Scott Garrett, our federal senators John Menendez and Corey Booker and express our extreme dissatisfaction with the FAA completely disregarding the law by enacting this directive equating our fixed wing aircraft with the Drones that have caused all of the problems.

The other matter that we discussed is the upcoming AMA picnic Fun fly to be held on August 27-28 at Trinca Airport. Mike has told me that he has presented the necessary documents the Town administrator of Green Township and is awaiting a reply, which is a formality. I would like to thank the members who have agreed to serve on the various committees and to invite other members to step forward take part in the activities of the day. As I have said previously with our numbers we have the capacity to make every event a success by taking part in the event and fly. If you haven't done so in the past why not plan to do so in August and have some fun.

I hope that your winter projects are well underway. I expect the next few meetings to see a lot of new models in various stages of completion. Also at our next meeting we will be having a SUPER SWAP meet. Please bring those excess planes that never seem to see the light of day or pieces of equipment that never seem to be used and turn them into some money.

Pat

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January 2016 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.

Treasurer's Report: The old balance was \$7,727.00. The new balance was \$8,043.00. A more-detailed report is below in this newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Field: Squatrito is in good flying shape. Kinney Road has a few large pot holes on it so be careful driving there.

Hardyston is in good shape also. The road needs some repairs and so do some of the benches.

Old Business:

At Hardyston, if a plane goes down on the farmer's property, follow the proper protocol - notify the farmer and wear the vest etc.

AMA District II Fun Fly:

The last time we hosted the District II Fun Fly, comments indicated that it was the best in years. We have a good venue. The details for the BBQ on Saturday night have been worked out. The AMA is going to pay for a band. The band will play from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

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Treasurer's Report –January, 2016

2015 was a breakeven year for the Top O' New Jersey RC Club. We began the year with a bank balance of \$8,043.00. Our ending balance for 2015 is \$7,727.00 representing a reduction in cash of \$316.00. A reduction in Warbird reserves of \$404 was partially offset by fuel revenue of \$165 for the year.

Membership was relatively constant year over year with 112 paying members compared to 113 last year. Lower than budgeted spending on the Christmas Party of \$690.00, Squatrito Field Maintenance of \$400, and meeting room rental of \$510.00 resulted in the breakeven cash flow for the year.

A recap by reserve follows below:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
General Reserve	\$2,375.00	\$2,388.00	\$ 13.00
Warbirds	1,439.00	945.00	(494.00)
Laser/Electric	2,616.00	2,616.00	0.00
Fuel	<u>1,613.00</u>	<u>1,778.00</u>	<u>165.00</u>
Total	<u>\$8,043.00</u>	<u>\$7,727.00</u>	<u>\$316.00</u>

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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Flyers will be distributed at the WRAM show and flea markets. Pat will ask Eric to send him a list of clubs to do an email blast to. There will be advertising at Green Township. SCTV will air the last event with information on the upcoming event. Event committees are being formed. You can pre-register for the BBQ diner.

New Business:

FAA Drone Registration:

Pat mentioned that all R/C pilots must register with the FAA. Some think they may not have to because they are not flying quadcopters. That is not the case. If you fly any R/C vehicle and it is over .55 oz.'s, you must register and put the FAA number on all of your flyable R/C vehicles.

FPV (first-person view): FPV flying is still banned at our club fields. We are waiting for guidance from the AMA.

Swap Meet: There will be a swap meet at the next meeting.

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Event Schedule for 2016

Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 21, 2016	Project-of-the-Month
February 18, 2016	Model-of-the-Month
March 17, 2016	ARF- of-the-Month
April 21, 2016	Project-of-the-Month
May 19, 2016	Model-of-the-Month
June 16, 2016	ARF- of-the-Month
July 21, 2016 Hardyston	Project-of-the-Month
August 18, 2016 Squatrito	Model-of-the-Month
September 15, 2016	ARF- of-the-Month
October 20, 2016	Project-of-the-Month
November 17, 2016	Model-of-the-Month
Club Events	Dates
District II Fun Fly	August 2016
Christmas Party	December 6th

***The next club meeting will be
on February 18th at
Andover Senior Center***

