



NEWS AT THE TOP

February, 2016

Editor's Comments:

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

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

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 on page 3 and page 4 to see this display.

President's Comments:

February, 2016

It looks like the 2016 flying season is just around the corner. The weather is getting a bit warmer and the snowstorms seem to be passing us by. Let's remember to check the aircraft we put away last season for battery life, any structural problems we ran into last season and said I have to "glue that" and have yet to do so. Batteries can degrade during the winter and may have to be replaced. Also let's remember to put those ID numbers in our planes, name and address and AMA number as well as the FAA number as required by the FAA and Top O NJ.

At our next meeting in March, let's see if we can begin to establish lists for volunteers, I know that many of you have already made your preferences known. I will lists at the meeting so we can begin to formalize the committees and see where we need more help. At the WRAM show Craig and I spoke with Eric Williams and they are anxious to begin promoting the event, we left the flyers with them and they thought they were great. Through Mike's efforts we are set with the governing body for Trinca so all is a go for the field.

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February 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:

January's opening Balance is \$7,727.14. The ending balance is \$13,163.38.

Committee Reports:

Field Problem at Squatrito with cars parking blocking entrance. If the person does not want to move, just call a park ranger at 1-800-warn-dep. On a different note, Joe Florio flew off of the snow. No issues at Hardyston.

Membership: There was a roll call.

Old Business:

AMA District II Fun Fly: Tony brought in flyers for the District II fun fly. Pat talked about advertising for the event.

FAA: as of 2/20 you have to be registered with the FAA to fly any R/C craft before flying at the field or at the Fun Fly. Some think they may not have to because they are not flying quad copters. 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. All club

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Treasurer's Report –February, 2016

January's opening Balance is \$7,727.14. Collections for the month totaled \$5,556.00 as follows: Dues \$5,460, Fuel \$60, and \$36 for the Christmas party. Expenses for the month totaled \$119.76 represented by signs for our display at the Chatterbox Restaurant and our WEB Hosting. The result is an ending balance of \$13,163.38

A recap by category follows:

Encumbered for Club Business	\$5,436.00
General Reserve	\$4,166.00
Warbirds	\$945.00
Laser/Electric	<u>\$2,616.00</u>
Total	\$13,163.00

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

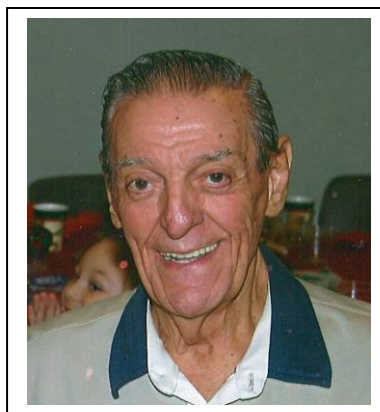


Key Return

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.



Aldo Mattioli, a former member of the Top O' New Jersey R/C Club, passed on April 9th. He was 88 years old. Remember him in your prayers.

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members must forward a copy of his certificate to the club secretary (Tony) at: toponewjersey@comcast.net .

New Business:

There was a problem sending out emails to Optonline and Embarqmail the week

NY Army National Guard: the NYANG will be landing helicopters on the Waterloo field occasionally. They may use our field. We will be notified when they will do so.

Waterloo Village: Craig talked about volunteering at Waterloo Village. The club should get involved as an entity. We need a group of 3 to 5 to represent the club at Waterloo and the State. Their charter should be to represent the club with this group and commit the club to participate in events and participate in planning that are taking place throughout out the area.

FUEL: While the club has no fuel and the club does not intend to purchase any, Tony may take up a list of people interested to pre-purchase fuel. Minimum order will be 48 gallons. More information will be 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 March 17th at
Andover Senior Center***

