



# NEWS AT THE TOP

March, 2016

## Editor's Comments:

Mike Shauger suggested I reprint the following article by Dave Mathewson, AMA Executive Director, in this month's Model Aviation magazine:

AMA Headquarters every day is looking for information and guidance on how they can create a program that will allow them to engage in aeromodelling and educational outreach in their communities. Many clubs recognize the value in becoming locally involved.

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## President's Comments:

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Club members I would like to thank those of you who stepped forward to help and assist at the upcoming AMA Fun Fly August 27-28, 2016. Your assistance will be invaluable but we need more help especially in the areas of parking, set up, and takedown, flight line safety and Food prep. The "more the merrier" and "more hands makes for less work" and whatever other old sayings Tony can come up with. Seriously we can use all the help we can get in all areas including the above one listed, come on out, register to fly, help out and have some fun.

Flying season is under way; remember we are a self-policing club, which means if you see someone flying irresponsibly please advise him in a nice way to be careful. We also need to be sure that those flying are members or probationary members with a member in attendance. Club cards must be on the frequency board and FAA card must be held along with AMA card to fly. Please be sure to look out for the new flyers who may need some assistance and offer to be a co-pilot and spotter.

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## February 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Craig was absent. All of the other club officers were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report – Craig was absent.

### Committee Reports:

Fields: Squatrito Field is in good shape. A work party will form soon for general clean up and to repair benches. A new lock was installed; the old one was giving some members trouble. Hardyston is in good shape. If the road is wet, do not drive on it. Note that if a plane goes down on the surrounding field, follow the safety process.

Membership: There was a roll call of applicants. There were three guests at the meeting. We got two new applicants.

Safety: Keep your fingers out of the prop is the general message. There has been a bear at Squatrito. Follow safety precautions when charging LIPO's. A former member burned down his house because he was charging LIPO's unattended.

### Old Business:

Pat talked in depth about the District II fun fly scheduled for August 27-28. Pat is going to be the CD for that event and he put out sign-up sheets for members.

Tony talked about the fuel issue. While we don't supply fuel any more, Tony tried to secure another vendor to purchase from. The cost was too high.

Now that you have your FAA number, put it on all of your R/C vehicles and carry the card with you at all times. You can be fined if you don't!

### New Business:

As mentioned in the field report, there is a new lock at Squatrito.

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## 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 road to Hardyston Field needs repairs. Mike was going to buy quarry process to fill the holes and ruts. The town is going to do it for free. Mike suggested to *tip* them – cost will be approximately \$100.**

**This coming weekend is the Hamburg flea market. What you don't sell at Lebanon, sell at Hamburg.**

**Monthly Contest – Bill Reynolds talked about his Horizon Hobbies T28 bind and fly he just purchased.**

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**The major advantage, of course, is that if your club is visible in its efforts to provide something of value to the community, the community will be there to support the club when that time comes-and at some point it will. We often hear from a club that is on the verge of losing a flying site. Our first response is always, "Tell us about your involvement in your community." If the club reports that it is not involved, or that it has been *thinking* about getting involved, then it's almost always too late. Parents like it when someone does good things for their children. We've seen club after club that conduct community outreach programs. Clubs that are active in their communities have received support from friends and neighbors when it was needed and it was the result of the club being active in its community. If your club is thinking about developing a community outreach program, or is considering enhancing what it's already doing, a good source of information can be found on the AMA Education website at [www.arnaflightsschool.org](http://www.arnaflightsschool.org). There you will find information and ideas about a number of programs from simple one-day model builds to more complex, multi-week programs. Give it some thought and if you think you'd like to create a program for your club, visit our Flight School website or call the Education department at AMA Headquarters. The staff would be happy to help.**

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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 April 21<sup>st</sup> at  
Andover Senior Center***

## Treasurer's Report – March, 2016 (repeated from Feruary)

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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,163.00</b>