



# NEWS AT THE TOP

April, 2016

## Editor's Comments:

We were all delighted to see so many (34) members at our meeting. Let's please continue our participation next month as well.

Rick Andrese brought this electric to the meeting showing his skill at building:



## President's Comments

I am sure that by now you have all heard that a meeting was held with the NJ Park Rangers and the club officers concerning the use of Squatrito Field. While a large number of the club members attended our last club meeting, I wanted to also make sure that an accurate recounting of that meeting with the Rangers was passed along to the entire membership. But before you read any further please understand that we will not be losing the use of this field.

As you probably have become aware, the state is trying to resurrect Waterloo Village in to a self-sustaining venue for cultural and historical events. These events may require additional parking and if that happens then the over flow will be shunted to our field. This is nothing new and has happened in the past and we were able to deal with it. During the meeting, which was very friendly, the Rangers understood the need to protect our runways and pit areas and assured us that they would make every effort to see they were not be damaged. They also agreed with our suggestion that we be allowed to police the parking and assist them in making sure that parking was in the appropriate areas to avoid damage to our run ways and pit areas

It is essential that we cooperate with these people, they represent the state, which is our landlord, and while understanding our

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## April, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The old balance was \$13,163.38. After debits and credits, the new balance is \$13,501.68. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

### Committee reports:

**Fields:** Squatrito is in good flying shape. Weed and Feed and Tick Rid will be put down this coming weekend. Maintenance work will be done at Squatrito - benches repaired or replaced, the hut will be power washed, and the fence repaired.

**Hardyston:** is in good shape also. Both fields were mowed. The road to Hardyston will be repaired by the town at no cost to the club.

**Membership:** There was a roll call of probationary members. We took in 4 more applicants. This brings the total to 10. Membership is closed for the year.

**Training:** Flying training officially starts in May. At Squatrito training is Wednesday's and at Hardyston it is on Mondays. Please contact a trainer in advanced and be prompt as to the agreed training time.

### Old Business:

Pat thanked all that volunteered so far. We can still use a few more for parking and the flight line. Pat also asked to form a Flying Committee to get people and members signed up to fly. Tony will send out a note. Mike Shauger got some sponsors for the event.

### New Business:

Pat discussed a call he got from the new Superintendent of Parks for Waterloo Village. There are plans to restore the Village, increase use of the concert field with overflow parking near our field. We can co-exist; it will cut into weekend flying. There was no talk about losing our field.

There is no Drone Flying at any of the State parks. The club has an exemption for planes and helicopters. There is no FPV fling or Quadcopters allowed at our field. A motion was made and passed for the club to have a pig roast on 9/17 at Squatrito in lieu of a Christmas party, with a rain date of the 9/18.

## **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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position they must fulfill the dictates of their job mission. These requirements for parking will not come about overnight but gradually over the next 3-4 years depending on the success of the programs put together by the promoters.

The changes that you have seen at the field with the dozers and the expansion of the secondary road have taken place primarily due to the fact that the machines were available not because of any programs that will be taking place very soon. In fact some of the changes and improvements are very beneficial to us and have saved the club a lot of money in field maintenance. Rest assured that we will be given ample warning to notify club members of any restricted flying dates or programs that will require some parking or

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restricted use of the field.

Please, Please do not engage in any direct contact with any of the state personnel concerning this issue, they are just doing their job and we need work with them not confront them. Should you have any questions please speak with Mike, Tony or myself; we were all at the meeting with the Rangers and will be happy to talk to you about their plans.

Meanwhile let's fly have fun and continue to make plans to have a great AMA Fly-in, my thanks on behalf of the officers and myself for the members who have volunteered to help at the fun fly. Success comes from cooperation and commitment to the project, let's be sure to do all we can to make this a memorable event. If you have any suggestions please be sure to bring them up at the next meeting.

By the way guys, we must have projects underway or completed, please bring them in and tell us all about them.

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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 27 and 28 <sup>th</sup> 2016
Christmas Party	December 6 <sup>th</sup>

***The next club meeting will be  
on May 19<sup>th</sup> at  
Andover Senior Center***

## Treasurer's Report:

**February's opening Balance is \$13,163.38. Collections for February and March totaled \$1,632.00, represented by Dues \$1,610 and 50/50 \$22. Expenses for the same period totaled \$1,268.70, represented by meeting refreshments \$40.70, AMA Charter \$280.00, State of NJ \$100 Lease \$25, State of NJ Annual Report and Squatrito Field Maintenance \$848.00, of which \$308 was a balance due from last year. The result is an ending balance of \$13,501.68**

### A recap by category follows:

<b>Encumbered for Club Business</b>	<b>\$ 5,775.00</b>
<b>General Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 4,166.00</b>
<b>Warbirds</b>	<b>\$ 945.00</b>
<b>Laser/Electric</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,616.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,501.68</b>