



NEWS AT THE TOP

May, 2016

Editor's Comments:

Bill Reynolds brought in his new 40% Cub, done up in Military colors. It has a 15-foot wing-span, and is powered by a DLE 111. And hhheerrrrree's Bill:



President's Comments:

As I and the officers had promised you, as soon as we received any additional information on the Squatrito field issue, we would bring it to your attention. The previous newsletter advised you that we would not be losing Squatrito in the foreseeable future, and that we should continue to work with the Ranger and NJ State to review any potential sites that they wished to present to us. In the meantime we could expect to have occasional conflicts due to their use of the field and our requirements to keep an eye out for the field during these events. In fact, this is what is going on and, apparently, we have run into some problems with a former club member who has limited knowledge of what is going on and is spreading incomplete information.

The former member wanted to fly a drone to take photos for a company employed by a company putting on a fireworks show for a promoter of an Italian Festival. When told that the State prohibits this he proceeded to make certain statements to the effect

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May, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurers Report:

The old balance was \$13,501.68. After debits and credits, the new balance was \$13,423.68. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

There was an audit of the club's books. Bill Reynolds went over the records with Craig and found no issues.

Squatrito Field Report:

Squatrito is in good shape. It was recently rolled at a cost of \$425.

The pile of gravel blocking the access road will be moved. For now go around it. There was a work party at Squatrito. John Skewes repaired the shingles on the roof of the hut. Bill Reynolds power washed the hut. There were repairs done to some benches and fences. Squatrito has a new grill. The cost was \$180. If you want to use it, bring your own tank and clean it up after you use it.

Hardyston Field Report:

Hardyston is in good shape also. Tick Rid and fertilizer were put down. There were a couple of new umbrellas purchased. If you use them, put them down when you are done.

Membership:

There was a roll call. Probationary membership cards were given out to those in attendance. No guests were at the meeting.

Old Business:

Still no fuel vendor. I may look into S&W fuel.

Tony will send out notices for events at Squatrito.

NO FPV or Quad Copters at Squatrito. We have permission as per our use permit to fly fixed wing aircraft and helicopters only. There was some discussion on this issue.

New Business:

The road to Hardyston will be repaired soon.

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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that we won't have this field much longer. This is not true. Before any loss of use of the field comes to pass, we would have a substantial warning and a more than suitable alternative field.

Mike and I have been meeting with the Ranger to examine some potential sites but no site has been finalized, approved or selected. As we told the membership all decisions would take place **AFTER** presentation to the membership and their concerns considered. We will have some information for presentation at the

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June meeting and would ask that as many members as possible attend to make known their concerns and be apprised of what has transpired.

I would also like to thank John Ace for the very professional way he handled the confrontation with the former club member, as well as Mike Shauger. Their actions were correct and placed us on a strong footing with the state. If the State wants to give permission to fly Drones, that is their prerogative, but our last conversation with them was a very loud "NO". The state's policy is that the flying of Drones on state park land is not permitted. We must uphold that policy until advised otherwise.

I will have more to say about this issue at our next meeting, but I assure you that we will be flying at Squatrito in 2016. What happens next year is subject to the State's needs as I have advised the membership earlier?

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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

***The next club meeting will be
on June 16th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report:

April's opening Balance is \$13,501.68. Collections for the month totaled \$477.00 represented by Dues \$280, Applications \$100, Donations \$50 and 50/50 \$24 plus Donated 50/50 winnings of \$23 to the District 2 Picnic. Expenses for the month totaled \$555.00 represented by Hardyston Field Maintenance \$400.00 and sanctions and advertising for the AMA Picnic of \$155. The result is an ending balance of \$13,423.68

A recap by category follows:

Encumbered for Club Business	\$5,829.00
General Reserve	\$4,166.00
Warbirds	\$ 945.00
Laser/Electric/AMA Picnic	<u>\$2,484.00</u>
Total	\$13,424.00