



NEWS AT THE TOP

June, 2016

Editor's Comments:

The article at the right is information repeated from our AMA's website regarding small unmanned aircraft systems. The FAA and the governmental relations of AMA have been working closely together to compile a set of rules that benefit modelers and drone pilots, and still keep our full-scale aircraft and commercial aviation safe from (now) all drone and R/C aircraft.

Note: with the wildfire fighting ongoing out west, it was evident that some people have not read these new rules. I recently saw on the news that full scale fire-fighting helicopters and tanker aircraft had to be grounded for a while because of illegal drone activity near the fires.

Information on final small UAS rule

It is important to understand that the final small UAS rule does not change model aircraft operations for AMA members. In fact, the rule affirms Congress' intent in the Special Rule for Model Aircraft that the FAA not promulgate any additional regulations on our community. We are very pleased that the rule helps to maintain this exemption for model aircraft.

For more on the FAA's final small UAS rule, we encourage you to read this USA Today story, "[FAA completes landmark rules for commercial drones,](#)" which includes a mention of AMA's analysis of [UAS sightings](#) released earlier this month.

Below are some commonly asked questions:

Q. How does this affect me as a member? Do I have to take a special test, earn a permit, be capped at 400', etc...?

A: The FAA final rule primarily addresses commercial and civil operations and does not apply to hobbyists who "satisfy all of the criteria specified in section 336." If you are an AMA member operating within our community-based safety programs and are not conducting commercial or civil operations, you are exempt from this rule.

Q. Do I still need to notify airports within five miles of my modeling activities?

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June, 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurers Report:

The old balance was \$13,423.68.
After debits and credits,
the new balance is \$12,444.68.
A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Squatrito Field Report:

Squatrito is in good shape. There will be a Food Truck Event at Waterloo this coming weekend.

Hardyston Field Report:

Hardyston is in good shape also. Tick Rid and fertilizer were put down.
The town worked on the road.
Quarry process was put down on the road.

Old Business:

Pat praised Mike Shauger for the great job he is doing raising money via donations for the District II fun fly. Pat mentioned that we have a donation packet consisting of an explanation letter and sponsor information form.

New Business:

There was a presentation of some possible new fields for the club to use in the event we lose Squatrito.

The next meeting will be at Hardyston. The August meeting will be at Squatrito.

Monthly Contest:

Blake Kishpaugh brought in a 104" MXS-EXP Yellow/Dark Blue with a DLE 120 installed. It had MKS HV777 servos and Powerbox Mercury receiver.
Tony Curcuruto brought a PA Electric Shock.

Notice to all Members:

Going forward, whenever there is an event at the Waterloo concert field, Squatrito Field is totally off limits. There is no flying or spectating. Stay away from the field.



Herb Sanford, a long time member of the Top O' New Jersey R/C club, passed away on July 12th. Herb was a real nice guy and often contributed his time to the club. He will be missed.

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

Below is Blake Kishpaugh and the 104" MXS_EXP large-scale plane he flies.



For Sale: Lunar Aero Cub, 71", OS-45. Only needs servos and radio. Call Ron Zielensky (908) 850-9024 \$125



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A: Yes. This rule does not nullify the airport notification requirement.

Q: Do I still have to register with the FAA?

A: Yes. While the FAA reaffirms Section 336, the new rule does not preclude the registration requirement. This is something the AMA is still working on.

Q: Do I need to put my FAA number on my model aircraft?

A: Yes, you need to list both your AMA number and Federal registration number on your aircraft. We are advocating to allow members to exclusively use their AMA numbers. We believe an AMA membership already meets the intent of registration, but at this time place both numbers on your aircraft.

Q: Where do I go to register?

A: You can register at <http://registermyuas.faa.gov>.

Q: Where can I read more about FAA's final rule on small UAS?

A: You can read more at www.faa.gov.

Below is picture of Tony and his PA Electric Shock that he brought to the 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

***The next club meeting will be
on July 21st at
Hardyston Field***

Treasurer's Report:

May's opening Balance is \$13,423.68. Collections for the month totaled \$305.00, represented by Dues \$210, Applications \$75, and 50/50 \$20. Expenses for the month totaled \$1,284.00 represented by Hardyston Field Maintenance \$264.00 and mowing \$1,020.00. The result is an ending balance of \$12,444.68

A recap by category follows:

Encumbered for Club Business	\$ 4,849.00
General Reserve	\$ 4,166.00
Warbirds	\$ 945.00
Laser/Electric/AMA Picnic	\$ <u>2,484.00</u>
Total	\$12,444.00

President's Comments

As we move into the flying season I would like to thank all of the members who have stepped up and committed themselves to making the upcoming AMA Fly-in a successful event. As you know the event scheduled for August 27th and 28th at Trinca field is to be a major event, which will include a dinner for all wishing to attend with a live bluegrass band for entertainment. But it is STILL a flying event and in order to be successful we will need pilots and with the size of our club we can make it a very memorable event. Many of you have signed on various committees so why not bring a plane, register and fly. I assure you that you will have time to fly and a good time doing so.

We can still use help for the parking, cooking, take down and flight line safety. Our next meeting in July will still give you time to sign up and help you fellow club members put together a successful fly-in.

At our last meeting a great deal of time was devoted to the progress of the new field. Many good questions were raised and I hope answered satisfactorily by your officers. I know that all of you are very apprehensive about this change but I assure we will continue to keep you informed as we work our way through this project. Some of you took the time to come to the new site and walk it with the officers, please share your experience with your fellow club members.

REMEMBER, what you are seeing now is a field in its raw shape. We must take the time and effort to create our new field and allow it to become a new home to Top O New Jersey.

Have a great summer and fly safe!