



NEWS AT THE TOP

August, 2016

Editor's Comments:

News from your AMA:

AMA appointed to a high-level advisory committee/team

We are excited to share that AMA has been appointed to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Drone Advisory Committee (DAC). Dave Mathewson, AMA executive director, will represent the AMA as he joins a small group of executive level stakeholders from across the aviation industry to discuss UAS integration into our nation's airspace. Together, we will work to set the path forward for further UAS integration, while at the same time maintaining the safety of our skies for all.

The FAA's DAC is a broad-based, high-level advisory committee/team facilitated by the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA) that will provide the FAA with advice on key UAS integration issues by helping to identify challenges and prioritize improvements.

President's Comments:

My sincere thanks and congratulations to all members who gave of their time and, in many cases, their money to make the 14th Annual AMA District II Fly-in the most successful event hosted by Top of New Jersey. Through your efforts, the event hosted 99 pilots, in from all over the tri-state area, and during two beautiful days, we had fun, met old friends, and made new ones. As your president and contest director, I was very proud of the way members of our club represented themselves to visiting pilots and spectators and worked diligently in the various areas to make it a success. I spent a lot of time walking the flight line by the tents talking to people, and to a person, they all loved the venue and were most complimentary to the club and its members. I hope that when the next occasion comes up that we have to make a decision to host an event that we remember what we as a club can do when we work together.

In discussions with Eric Williams AMA district II VP, he could not have been

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August, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at Squatrito Field at 7:30 pm. Craig was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report:

Craig was absent but sent in a report. Tony read the report. The opening balance was \$12,444.68. After debits and credits, the new balance is \$9,869. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Squatrito Field Report:

Squatrito is in good shape. When locking the gate at Squatrito, simply thread one chain into the other. There is no need to wrap the chain so tight that it is difficult to undo.

Hardyston Field Report:

Hardyston is in good shape also.

Old Business:

The club and District II Fly-In are featured in the Mt. Olive Chronicle (the August 18th Issue) and ten of the online 'Patch' listings on the internet.

District II Fly In. The NJ Herold will be there along with SCTV. We need more volunteers for parking. John Skewes will be the food chairman. Food will be served from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Coffee and Danish will be available for breakfast. The event will start at 9am; volunteers, please arrive at 8am. The Boy Scouts will open the event; Rick Andrese will sing the Star Spangled Banner. There will be lunch time demonstrations. There will be a raffle on Saturday and 50/50 on Sunday. There will a BBQ on Saturday with a band - cost is \$20. The BBQ will start about 5:30 and the band will come on at about 6:30. Pilots will get a free lunch on Saturday. Take down on Sunday starting at 3:30.

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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

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New Business:

Fireworks near the Andover Senior Center on August 27th. After you leave the Fly In on Saturday, head over to the Senior Center.

Eric Williams is running for AMA President. He has supported our club so please support him in November.

The pig roast has been canceled.

There were no entries in the monthly contest.

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.

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more complimentary to the club and its members. Each facet of the event, from parking, flight line safety, registration, food preparation, set up and take down, demonstrated outstanding support from members - and it was very evident to Eric. He wanted me to extend to all of you his thanks and best wishes for making this event so successful and for promoting great r/c flying. Special thanks to our members; Scott Geller and Jake Arnold who put on outstanding lunch time demonstrations. Also a special note of thanks to Mike Shauger for his help in arranging the setup and take down, his efforts were well noted by the people from Green Township.

Work on the new field is proceeding, summer hours and limited manpower at the park department have delayed some work, but I will be in contact with the ranger and see what we can expect. The officers and field managers were at the field and have laid out the runway. I will also be appointing Bill Reynolds to head up the field development committee. He will be asking for assistance from other members, and we will look forward to hearing recommendations from this committee as to timeline, recommendations and budget.

Pat

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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 September 15th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report:

For the 2 months June and July

June's opening Balance is \$12,444.68. Collections for the two months totaled \$19.00 represented by a 50/50. Expenses for the two month period totaled \$2,594.93 represented by Mowing \$1,360.00, Porta-Jons \$160.92, rolling Squatrito \$529.65, Green Township – AMA Picnic \$470.00 Hardyston BBQ \$50 and Miscellaneous AMA Picnic Expenses \$24.36. The result is an ending balance of \$9,868.75.

A recap by category follows:

Encumbered for Club Business	\$2,768.00
General Reserve	\$4,166.00
Warbirds	\$ 945.00
Laser/Electric/AMA Picnic	<u>\$1,990.00</u>
Total	\$9,869.00

The encumbered amount of \$2,768.00 is about enough to meet the clubs remaining operating expenses but not enough to cover the Pig Roast.