



NEWS AT THE TOP

November, 2016

Top O' New Jersey 2017 Budget

The chart on the right side of the page represents the 2017 Budget for the Top O' New Jersey as voted on at the November meeting. Craig went into detail on some of the items and talk in length about the monies we have in reserve.

Basically, we have \$3000 for the general reserve, \$2000 for the event reserve and \$6500 in reserve for the new field. \$4500 of the \$6500 has already been allocated for the new field.

Notice: On the bottom of page 3 is a photograph of our club officers. If you care to purchase a 4 x 6 print, send a note to Anthony Curcuruto at toponewjersey@comcast.net.

Top of New Jersey 2017 Budget

		Budget 2017
Income		
Membership Dues		7,700.00
Membership Application		200.00
50/50		100.00
Donation to Club		
Miscellaneous Income		
Ways & Means		
Volunteer Discount		
Total Income		8,000.00
Expenses		
Mowing Hardyston		1,955.00
Mowing Squatrito/Panther Valley		1,955.00
Weed Control - Hardyston		300.00
Picnic, Fun Fly		300.00
Misc.		0.00
Donations		400.00
Postage		0.00
Roll Field		
Porta - Jons		1,450.00
Web Site		75.00
Bank Charges		0.00
AMA		275.00
Frequency Board		0.00
New Field Maintenance		
Field Improvements - Hardyston		500.00
Field Improvements -Squatrito		500.00
Office Supplies		75.00
State of NJ		150.00
Movie Purchase		0.00
Club Patches		0.00
Meeting Room		
Event Reserve		
Total Expenses		7,935.00

November, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and all of the club officers were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction. Add Newton School district to the list of school closures to determine whether or not to attend a meeting.

Pat called for a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Bill Reynolds. Pat suggested that we will name the new field "Reynolds Field" in his honor. Everyone agreed. A few members expressed their feelings about Bill at this time.

Treasurer's Report: The opening balance was \$13,045.11; the closing balance was \$12,580. We will come close to breaking even for the year.

Field: Both fields are in good shape.

Membership: We had one guest at the meeting. We also voted in ten new members. The new members are: Robert Ayers, Pat Bent, Carlos Correa, John Guerrucci, Rick Gurlacz, Chris Hoffman, Seth Hunter, Kevin Meder, Richard Schrum, and Derek Wyatt.

Safety: There were no safety issues.

Old Business: There was an offsite meeting on October 29th. There is a problem with the pit area. There was not enough dirt to do it justice. We looked to fly from the opposite side. Scott, Bill, John Skews, and Tony gave it a shot. Scott flew with the others took note. It was not good; Scott was flying over the road and well as buildings. There was also a noise issue. The end result was that we will move the fields do to the right a little with a slight cantor. A motion was pass for \$4,500 to right the runway. Note that we must have all of our structures off of Squatrito by May 1st, 2017. We still will be able to fly there at the discretion of the DEP.

The December meeting will be on December 6th. We will have a BYOD (Bring Your Own Dessert) Christmas Party at that meeting.

Anthony cast the only vote necessary to confirm the only slate of nominees for club officers for 2017. For 2017, Pat Rizzuto will be President; Mike Shauger will be Vice Present; Anthony Curcuruto will be Secretary; and Craig Miebach will be Treasurer.

There are still about 30 members who did not pay their AMA dues. You can still pay your club dues, but you will not be issued a membership card until your AMA dues are paid.

New Business: Scott Geller will be the new field chairman for Squatrito Filed. Craig went over the 2017 budget. Dues will remain at \$70. There will be a \$500 reserve for the Hardyston Road. The town worked on it recently the reserve is for improvements if necessary. We have about \$11,500 in reserve. It consists of a general reserve of \$3,000, \$2,000 for an event and \$6,500 for the new field in which \$4,500 is already committed. Our current meeting place will cost \$15 a meeting. A motion was made to

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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: Len Davis (917) 656-0086

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accept the new budget - and it passed.

Richard Hanson is the New AMA president.
Eric Williams came in third.

Frank Costello brought in a nice ARF to the meeting. It was a Micro B-25 Mitchell and talked in length about it.

Speaking of your classic Rogues-Gallery!

Shown (left to right) is a photo of our newly-elected slate of TONJ club officers.

Note that they won both the popular and the electoral vote:

Mike Shauger as Vice Present

Pat Rizzuto as President

Anthony Curcuruto as Secretary

Craig Miebach as Treasurer



Rich Hanson elected as the next AMA President

The AMA would like to thank each candidate who participated in this year's election. We appreciate your efforts and your willingness to support the Academy. Congratulations to each of the selected candidates. Beginning January 1, 2017, Rich Hanson, former District XI vice president and current government and regulatory affairs team member, will serve as AMA President. "I am extremely proud to have been elected to serve as president of the AMA, and I would like to thank all that supported me through the campaign and everyone who participated in the election process. I would also like to commend and thank all of the candidates for their commitment to the AMA and their willingness to serve. It is my great honor to serve the members of this great organization and I look forward to working with the other members of the Executive Council and our dedicated headquarters staff, in upholding our aeromodeling traditions while moving the Academy forward." Election results are now available online. Thank you to each member who took the time to vote.

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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
December 6, 2016	Christmas Party
Club Events	Dates
District II Fun Fly	August 2016

*The next club meeting will be on December 6th
at
Andover Senior Center. We will be having a
BYOD Christmas Party.*

Treasurer's Report:

October's opening balance is \$13,045.11. Collections for the month totaled \$35.00, represented by the October 50/50. Expenses for the month totaled \$510.00 represented by Mowing. The result is an ending balance of \$12,570.11

A recap of balances by category, as they currently stand, follows:

Encumbered for Club Business	\$1,113.00
General Reserve	\$4,166.00
Warbirds	\$945.00
Laser/Electric/AMA Picnic	<u>\$6,346.00</u>
Total	\$12,580.00

The encumbered amount of \$1,113.00 is very tight, but should just about cover the remaining club expenses for 2016.

The reserves will be reviewed at the November meeting and reallocated to provide as much funding for the new field as possible.

Bill Reynolds
Always to be remembered

