



NEWS AT THE TOP

December, 2016

Editor's Comments:

Please note that due to the meeting of December, 2016, no official business was conducted – unless you count the eating of donuts and drinking of coffee. I've therefor repeated both the minutes and financial reports from the prior, November 16th, meeting.

However, the dates for all the monthly meetings have been updated.

As a reminder, for the days of our winter months' meetings:

The winter is now here and meetings may have to be canceled.

If the Andover, Allamuchy, or Newton schools are closed, we will not have a meeting. Tony Curcuruto will both post a closing announcement on the web site and also send out email notifications.

President's Comments:

I would like to wish all of our members a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Due to the forecasted weather, many of you were unable to attend the coffee and dessert party that was held at the beginning of December. I can reliably report to all of you that the desserts were rich and delicious and were very enjoyable.

As we move into 2017, I am sure that many of our members are working very diligently on the winter projects. Please try to remember to bring some of them to our upcoming meetings to share with the members and provide some impetus to those who can't seem to get going on that new plane for next season.

As we move into the New Year, please give some thought as to what you would like to have discussed at the meetings or some programs you like to have presented. We have a number of very proficient builders, and I am sure they would be happy to share their knowledge with you.

Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year!Pat

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.

AMA announces 'WRAM' show dates:

Tons of exhibitors, as well as aviation and aerospace experts, will greet thousands of attendees at the AMA Expo East in Secaucus NJ, February 24-26, 2017, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center.

The three-day AMA Expo East provides a "whole family" experience for longtime modelers and newcomers to the hobby, as well as enjoyment for all who love flight. The Expo offers the latest products in radio-controlled model aviation, demonstrations, interactive displays, and exploration of the intricacies of flying model airplanes, helicopters, rockets, gliders, and more.

Some announced 'online' news from the AMA magazine:

We're excited to announce "Generations of Flight," a new website devoted to showcasing *you* - your love for the hobby, photos of flying, and stories of time spent with family and friends. The website takes off today. [Take a look](#) and submit a photo!

Starting today, we're collecting photos and stories from across the U.S. Each month, we will feature a "Story of the Month" that best represents our shared love for the hobby of flying model aircraft. For a chance to win, simply submit your photos and let us know what the hobby means to you! Maybe it's a story of your first flight, your most recent visit to an airfield, or a memory that inspires you.

We want to hear from you. Be sure to visit our new website and submit a photo:

www.generationsofflight.com.

Best,
Bill Pritchett
AMA Director of Education

(To go directly to the website, hold down on the 'CNTL' key and click on the link above)

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Event Schedule for 2017

Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 19, 2017	Project-of-the-Month
February 16, 2017	Model-of-the-Month
March 16, 2017	ARF- of-the-Month
April 20, 2017	Project-of-the-Month
May 18, 2017	Model-of-the-Month
June 15, 2017	ARF- of-the-Month
July 20, 2017 Hardyston	Project-of-the-Month
August 17, 2017 Squatrito	Model-of-the-Month
September 21, 2017	ARF- of-the-Month
October 19, 2017	Project-of-the-Month
November 16, 2017	Model-of-the-Month
To be determined	Christmas Party

***The next club meeting will be
on January 19th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report – November, 2016:

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 December meeting and reallocated to provide as much funding for the new field as possible.