



NEWS AT THE TOP

January, 2017

Editor's Comments:

I'm including several articles below regarding the AMA Expo event coming up on

February 24th, 25th, and 26th

at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus NJ. This is the 'replacement' event for the old WRAM show and is being touted as being bigger and better than ever.

The AMA is offering reduced prices on advanced ticket purchases that can be picked up at the 'will-call' window at the venue. (see below)

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. Anthony Curcuruto will both post a closing announcement on the web site and also send out email notifications.

President's Comments:

It was good to see so many of you at the last meeting. I guess I have to bring donuts all the time. It was very helpful to Craig as well, as he was able to hand out membership cards to the members who paid their dues. As you all know dues were due by the end of January I would hope that all of you renewed your membership for the upcoming flying season.

Scott gave a detailed report on Reynolds field, assuring us that the contractor would be bringing machinery in to complete the work necessary on it prior to spring. Once that is done we can proceed with seeding and look to bringing the field along so that it is flyable.

Please begin to give some thought to the upcoming year and the flying events that the club may wish to sponsor or that you may wish to attend. Spring is just a few months away, and we all look forward to getting out and flying our winter projects.

January, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Mike Shauger was absent. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Craig gave a recap of 2016. The beginning balance for the year was \$7,727.00. The ending balance was \$11,130. His complete report is in the newsletter.

Field Report:

Squatrito is in good shape. Hardyston, according to Pat, is still there. The rest of the grading work on Reynolds Field will commence in the new year.

Membership:

We accepted a new applicant to the club. This brings the total to three.

Safety:

There were no safety issues.

Old Business:

The December meeting was a "Bring Your Own Desert" meeting. Only eleven members were present due to the inclement weather.

New Business:

Our meeting-place building is in a park. The insurance provider for the park asked the town to pass an ordinance to not allow the use of drones in the park. As of the meeting, only about 65% of the dues-paying members paid their 2017 dues. Over the years, there is a membership decline. Many members are older. Pat asked the membership present what do they want to see the club do at meetings. A discussion followed.

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

Great Reasons You Should Attend Expo East:

- See, touch and test the latest in model aviation products before you buy.
- Deals! Deals! Deals! Exhibitors have a special deal just for you.
- Flying demos showcasing Multirotor and FPV.
- Meet new AMA President Rich Hanson at the AMA membership meeting.
- AMA and FAA Panel. Learn the latest developments and ask questions.
- Meet AMA Ambassador and five-time space shuttle pilot/commander **Hoot Gibson**.
- Win a Soaring Introductory Flight (FAST) from Long Island Soaring Association.
- Win a space shuttle model signed by Hoot Gibson.
- Make n' Take airplanes and rockets for the kids.
- Discount admission coupons to Aviation Hall of Fame of New Jersey and Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome.
- RC Model Boat demos on the boat pond.

Buy Advance Tickets, Save Money and Avoid Waiting In Line.

When you buy advance tickets to AMA Expo East, you'll save money; pick up your tickets fast at will call and avoid the long wait to buy tickets. And the parking is FREE!

Advance Ticket Prices	Prices after Feb. 22
1 day \$13 Member SAVE \$2!	1 Day \$15 Member
2 day \$20 Member SAVE \$6!	2 day \$26 Member
3 day \$26 Member SAVE \$8!	3 day \$34 Member

Youth Ticket \$5 Ages 12-18. Age 12 & Under FREE! Adult Group Pass For 10 or more: \$12 per person. Admission is FREE for Active Military w/ ID, Uniformed Girl & Boy Scouts, Navy Sea Cadets, and Civil Air Patrol

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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 February 16th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report – January, 2017:

2016 was a year of change for the Top O' New Jersey RC Club. We began the year with a balance of \$7,727.00. Our ending balance for 2016 is \$11,130.00 representing an increase in cash of \$3,403.00. For the general budget, Dues and Applications for the year totaled \$8,127 while Operating Expenditures were \$8,806 and represent a reduction in reserves of \$679.00. The AMA Picnic yielded a gain of \$4,082 and was very successful. At the November meeting, we agreed to rebalance the reserves as follows: General Reserve \$3,000, a combined Event Reserve of \$2,000, and the balance of \$6,130 is allocated to the development of the Panther Valley field.

Membership showed a slight decline in 2016, with 109 paying members compared to 112 last year and 113 in 2014.

A recap by reserve follows below:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
General Reserve	\$ 2,388.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 612.00
Warbirds	\$ 945.00	0.00	(\$945.00)
Laser/Electric	\$ 2,616.00	\$ 2,000.00	(\$616.00)
Fuel	\$ 1,778.00	0.00	(\$1,778.00)
Panther Valley Field	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,130.00</u>	<u>(\$6,130.00)</u>
Total	\$7,727.00	\$11,130.00	\$ 3,403.00