



NEWS AT THE TOP

February, 2017

Editor's Comments:

Here's a sample of one upcoming event at Squatrito Field this spring/summer. We can continue using Squatrito until Reynolds Field is flyable, but when events like this are scheduled, no flying is allowed during the event.



FILE PHOTO

Robert Cray is scheduled to perform May 21.

Blues fest to revive Waterloo concert stage

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The wide-open field at historic Waterloo Village in Allamuchy — which hosted some of New Jersey's biggest concert events in the 1980s and '90s — is about to get rocked once again.

The popular Bourbon Street Blues Fest recently announced it is relocating to Waterloo for its annual two-day celebration of music, with blues greats Kenny Wayne Shepard and Robert Cray headlining on May 20 and 21, respectively.

Launched in 2006 and originally presented at Lebanon Township Memorial Park in Califon, organizers say they have moved north to accommodate their growing audience.

"The festival has grown in popularity and notoriety over the years and in an effort to keep up with the needs of the festival, a new home is necessary," orga-

President's Comments:

My apologies for not being able to attend the last meeting. I am sure that Tony did a great job in running the meeting and keeping all of you wild pilots under control. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 16 and will be a very important meeting as a couple of issues have come up regarding the new field. While not overly serious they will require some additional time. Please try to make the meeting so we can bring you all up to date. Flying season is just around the corner, and I want to make sure that all have the same information.

I saw a few members of the club at the AMA show in Secaucus a few weeks ago. I was there with Craig, Rick, and Bob Boswell, and our thoughts on it were similar. The show could get better with some AMA encouragement. Too many missing vendors to participate, but otherwise it was somewhat disappointing. What was very obvious was the lack of participants of static displays. In the past we saw a number of good-looking models that were presented and were very well done. This year there were only a few on display, although what I did see was very well done.

Look forward to seeing at our next meeting.

February, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Anthony Curcuruto was the only officer present and he ran the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report:

No report - Craig was absent.

Field Reports:

Joe Florio reported that Squatrito was snow covered and he flew his North Star off of the snow.

There was no report for Hardyston.

Reynolds Field - no new work was done due to the weather.

Membership:

There was a roll call of applicants. There were no guests at the meeting. It looks like we are losing about 12 members.

Old Business:

The AMA Expo is coming up on February 24th to 26th. To attract new members, a club member suggested going to Boy Scouts of America. Anthony mentioned that we have done that in the past and it can be revisited late spring in the form of a demonstration.

New Business:

Anthony explained the role of an applicant sponsor and asked for volunteers for that role for each field. No one volunteered. A motion was made and approved to dispense with the monthly contests and for members to bring in any type of entry at any given time.

Gary Gutierrez brought in an ARF from Maxford USA. It was a F.2B Bristol Fighter. He customized it for Glow and he did a nice job presenting how he assembled the ARF as well as his customization. Frank Costello did an open box for a Sig Rascal 80. He went into detail about the quality of the ARF and displayed some of the ARF components.



Above and above right are photographs of Gary Gutierrez's F.2B Bristol Fighter.

At the right is a photograph of Frank Costello and the Sig Rascal 80 that he brought to the meeting



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Event Schedule for 2017

Monthly Meeting	
January 19, 2017	Bring
February 16, 2017	
March 16, 2017	Any
April 20, 2017	
May 18, 2017	Plane
June 15, 2017	
July 20, 2017 Hardyston	For a
August 17, 2017 Squatrito	
September 21, 2017	Show
October 19, 2017	
November 16, 2017	And
December 21, 2017	
	Tell

***The next club meeting will be
on March 16th at
Andover Senior Center***

This is a repeat of last month's treasurer's report

Treasurer's Report – February, 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