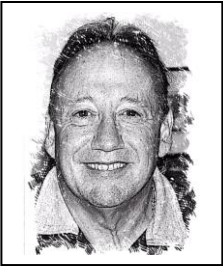




NEWS AT THE TOP

March, 2017

Editor's Comments:



I'm Back. No not really, Ron is on vacation, so he asked me to do the newsletter this month.

I put together this newsletter with a heavy heart. For this month, we had to vacate Squatrito Field. We acquired this field in 1975 and it was known as Panek Field then. It had a runway large enough to accommodate planes to .60 size. A lot of pilots flew .40 size planes then.

Soon we got benches to sit on and wire spools for plane setup. The name changed over the years to Squatrito Field in memory of a member that did a lot for the club. The spools were replaced with plane benches and a hut sprung up. The runway was lengthened to accommodate larger planes and even Jets.

We got a new field. No, it's not as good as the old field, but it is a field in progress none the less. In a year or two it could be as good. A lot of members showed up to help vacate the old field; I suspect we will have as many to get the new field in order.

We can still use Squatrito Field until the new field is ready or until we are told not to fly on it.

More to Come.

President's Comments:

The new flying season is upon us, the wind is still playing games but I am sure a number of you are out there getting ready to test this past winters project. Please be sure to let your fellow club members know how the first flights went.

Just to update you on the flying fields, Hardyston has been a little muddy so take care on the road and the pits. Mike has been talking about a work party for the road we will see what he has to say at the upcoming April meeting.

Squatrito field has been cleared and I want to thank the club members who were involved in removing the structures and the poles, you guys did a great job and the ranger was pleased, and thank you Tony for heading up this project. All of the field equipment was moved to Reynolds Filed in anticipation of placing there for use. Flyers may still continue to use Squatrito Filed unless other wise notified. Please remember to pick up any litter and take it out with you.

Further discussion about the new field will take place at the meeting especially concerning the road in certain spots and how to resolve the problem.

Items for Sale

See Page 5!

March, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Craig Miebach was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report: January's opening balance was \$11,130.00 The ending balance is \$17,985.00. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Fields: Both fields are snow covered. Joe Florio flew off of the snow at Squatrito.

Old Business: None

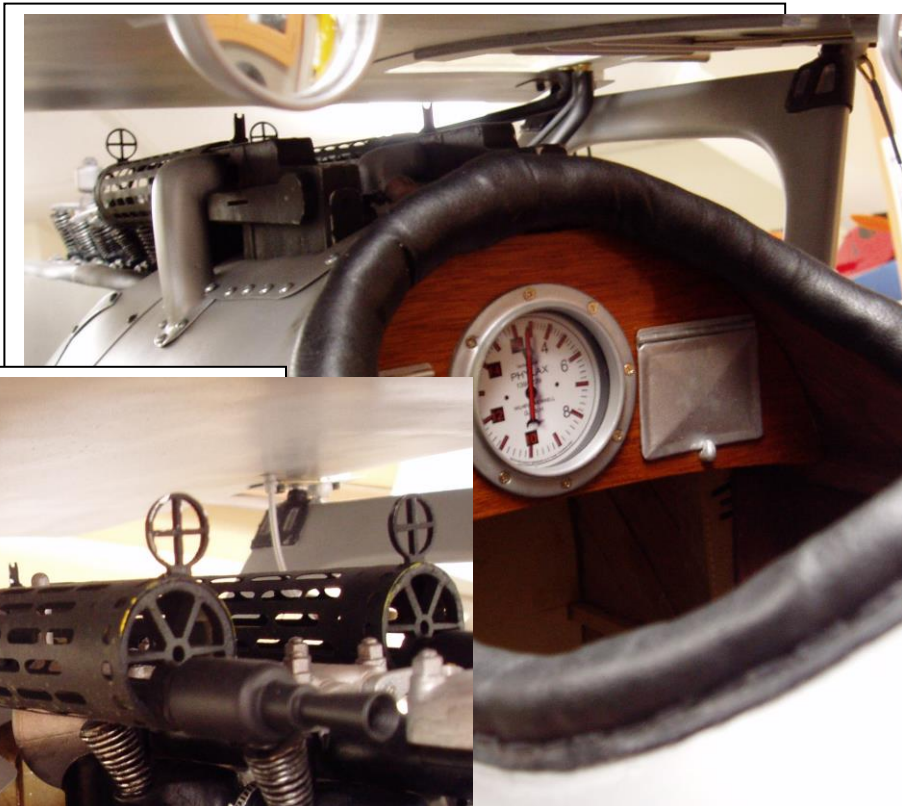
New Business: Josh tried to fast track our field acquisition. We still need a use permit and eventually a lease. A Land Management Review needs to be done before any further work can be done. There are problems with the access road. There is \$6000 set aside for the new field for 2017. More may be needed. A \$20 assessment may be possible.

AMA expo was not that great. The Lebanon Flea Market was pretty good. A couple of members sold goods there.

[August 12th](#) is Modelers Day. The club may have a picnic and fun fly.

Monthly Contest: Seth Hunter brought in a WW 1 1/4 Scale Pfalz D III - scale inside and out. All the parts were custom made except the engine, guns and wheels. He spent 3 years researching the plane for the plans and details. He spent about 2000 hours building it. It was powered by a DA50 and he flew it in 2007 and retired it.

Seth is a builder like I have not seen in a long time. See photographs of his Pfalz on the next page.



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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 April 20th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report

February / March 2017

January's opening balance was \$11,130.00 Collections for January and February totaled \$7,105.00 represented by Dues \$7,000 Membership Applications \$75 and Fifty / Fifty \$30. Expenses for the 2 months totaled \$250.00 for Meeting Room Rental. The result is an ending balance of \$17,985.00.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations \$ 6,855

General Reserve 3,000

Event Reserve 2,000

Reynolds Field Reserve 6,130

Total \$17,985

For Sale

WACO Biplane

Yellow and Black - New, Never Flown

High Tech Servos 645MG

Built - No Engine - **\$350**

Hanger 9 Tiger Moth - New, Never Flown

DLE 30 CC Engine (needs muffler), Extra Cowl

Custom Wing Cradles Included - **\$500**

Top Flight Giant P-51

DLE 55 Engine w/Custom Muffler to Fit in Cowl

Robart Electric Retracts w/ Aluminum Wheels and Tires

High Tech (9) 645MG - **\$650**

Great Planes Escapade 30CC New in Box - **\$225**

All priced to sell - Moving.

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