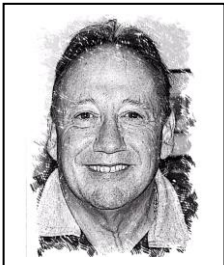




NEWS AT THE TOP

March, 2017

Editor's Comments:



We are just guests at Squatrito Field. As of May 1st, we had to remove all of our fixtures from the field. We are still allowed to fly there as long as we have permission or until our new field is ready.

Speaking of which, Waterloo is hosting a Jazz Festival on May 20th and 21st. The field is off limits from Thursday, May 18th until Sunday May 21st. I will keep the membership informed of future dates in which the field is off limits.

While we have permission to fly there, if you are asked to leave, get the name of the person asking, and politely pack up and go. Email me the name date and time at toponewjersey@comcast.net.

Mike will continue to cut the grass at Squatrito and tick rid was put down to keep the bugs in check. For your comfort, you might want to bring a chair to sit on between flights. I bought a small table from Sam's Club to set up my plane. I also bought a small rubber mat. We will not make a portajohn available. There are facilities nearby on Rt 206 and Hackettstown if you know what I mean.

As for the new field, there will be an update at the May meeting. There is work to be done there and work parties will be scheduled. The only work party scheduled is for Mother Nature to grow grass. See you at the meeting.

Notice

There is a Blues Festival at Waterloo Village on May 20th and 21st. Squatrito field is off limits from Thursday May 18th to Sunday May 21st.

President's Comments:

It looks like the weather for the flying season is starting to turn in our favor. I hope that all of our members are getting ready to go out the fields and get their first flights of the season. Please remember to check your batteries with a meter sometimes they do go bad as well as checking your hinge points on control services. Don't be afraid to give them a good tug, you want to catch a glue failure before it catches you.

Mike will be putting down weed killer and tick treatment at Hardyston and Tony for Squatrito. Mike told me that when he was cutting noticed there has been an increase in ticks over last year. Please remember to check yourselves periodically for ticks during the day and especially before you enter your homes.

As members who were at the meeting may recall I told them about insecticide infused shirts and ranger hats, which are very effective against insects of all kinds. Up to a 94 % per cent kill rate according the tests performed by the US Army who licenses the process to a company that I work with. I will have some literature photos and hopefully a sample of the shirt and pricing for anyone who wishes to purchase the shirts, we will be able to apply a logo, I am checking to see if that logo can be the emblem or just the words Top of New Jersey.

For those that cannot make the meeting and would be interested I will see if Tony can post the photos on line on our web site along with pricing,

I would like to thank Tony and Joe Florio for working on Reynolds Field to spread seed and tweak the runway areas. The club greatly appreciates your help. Also, a chain has been placed across the entrance, the combination is the same as the lock at Squatrito field. The filed is coming along, the weather has been helpful for growth and once a base has been established we should begin to think about a program of fertilization. Additional work remains to be done on the road and we will keep you informed via the newsletter and reports at the meeting.

Brochure sent via email.

April 2017 Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurers Report: None.

Committee Reports.

Field: Hardyston is in good shape. If the road is wet, do not drive on it. All of the club's property has been removed from Squatrito Field. There were three work parties organized by Anthony Curcuruto. At the first work party, the fencing and the hut were taken down; at the second the benches, tables, frequency board, grill and wind sock were taken to the new field. The debris was taken to the landfill. At the third work party, all of the posts (50 of them) were pulled out of the ground and taken to the new field. Each work party lasted about two hours. Paperwork for the new field is complete. The runway was prepped for seeding and will be seeded soon.

Membership: There were three guests at the meeting. They were all sent applications. There was a roll call of existing applicants.

Safety: Several members got ticks at Squatrito Field. Use spray and check yourself when you arrive home. Pat is selling clothing that is infused with insecticide. He is looking into getting the club logo on the clothing. He will report back at the next meeting.

Old Business: There is a Blues Festival at Waterloo Village on May 20th and 21st. Unless you have tickets to the event, the club field is off limits from Thursday May 18th to Sunday May 21st.

New Business: On Friday, April 28th, there will be a State Police helicopter demo at Squatrito Field at about 5pm weather permitting. It is to benefit a local Cub Scout troop. Bring a plane or helicopter to fly – no quadcopters. Kevin Meder is sponsoring the event.

Jim Munley built two flight benches to be used at our new field. If you want to build one, google "AMA Safety Starting Bench".

Bob Bodner brought up a topic as to why can't we let members from other clubs fly at our fields for extra money. It would be hard to manage and control. The individuals would not be properly vetted. We could run the risk of losing our fields for a safety issue.

Rick Andrese brought in a project he is working on. Rick is a fine builder and is building an S.E.5 from plans. He made several modifications to the plans. There are several pictures at the end of the newsletter. Note the engine configuration in one of the pictures. Rick is using a prop reduction drive. A Prop Shaft Reduction Unit will lower prop speed to increase efficiency. I have never seen anything like it.

Pictures are on the Last page of the newsletter.

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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 May 18th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report

Reprint from the last Newsletter

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

