



# NEWS AT THE TOP

June, 2017

## Editor's Comments:

There were a couple of guys who have electrics that did have fail safe turned on, so that if they turned on their receiver before the transmitter, or turned off their transmitter before turning off the receiver, the motor will turn, causing a safety issue.

The article below was copied from an instruction manual for a 'Crazy Wing' electric plane:

**!!! WARNING !!!**  
**Set the Failsafe**

With electric planes, once the motor battery is connected to the ESC, the motor can come on at any time, causing damage or serious injury. If the failsafe is not set and the transmitter is switched off before the motor battery is disconnected, the motor could come on. Review the instructions included with your radio system for setting the failsafe.

### Setting the Tactic TR625 receiver failsafe:

- 1. Switch on the transmitter and connect the motor battery to the ESC.
- 2. Make sure the throttle stick is down.
- 3. Press and hold the "Link" button on the receiver until the red LED goes out and then release the button, and the red LED

## President's Comments:

I would guess the number one concern that club members have on their mind right now is when are we going to be able to fly with these ridiculous Notem's that keep shoved in our faces. You all have every right to be concerned and angry at this sudden change in our flying schedules. As club members you all worked hard to accumulate the money to prepare our new field and now we are finding our flying schedules are being restricted.

Your officers have discussed your concerns as well as ours; we are all affected and have brought these concerns to the AMA. They are hopeful that their efforts to have these Notem's withdrawn for R/C aircraft will be successful, unfortunately they do not think they will be able to see these changes until sometime next year. I would ask that you come to the next meeting at Reynolds' field and I will try to explain a bit more clearly why it is so difficult to move things along more quickly.

As I am sure that you are all aware through notices to the club, Squatrito is no longer open to us for flying. Doing so will only create severe problems for the club and yourself should you choose to fly there, flying is no longer permitted. However Reynolds field is open for flying and I would suggest that you familiarize yourself with this new facility. Tony has done a wonderful job in spearheading its development and he along with a number of other club members, Mike Shauger, Charlie Liss, Ron Zielinsky and Joe Florio have spent many hours in readying the field for flying. Work still needs to be done but I am sure that after spending some time there you will be pleased with the progress.

Our next meeting is at Reynolds field and I invite all members to attend, look at our new flying home and offer your comments as we move forward. Certainly

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**Note: because the meeting at Hardyston was cancelled due to rain, I am simply repeating the June, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Pat, Craig and Mike were present. Ron Zielensky read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were read and approved with no changes or corrections.

**Treasurers Report:**

March's opening balance was \$17,245. After debits and credits, the closing balance was \$15,779. A more detailed report is in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted, seconded, and approved as read.

**Field Reports:**

Squatrito is in good flying shape. Hardyston is also in good flying shape. Reynolds Field's grass is growing well, has been cut several times, and is progressing on schedule.

**Safety:**

Check for ticks before you get into your vehicle. Also, there have been bear sightings at Hardyston, so check frequently when flying. The 'buddy' system would be a help while your plane is in the air!

**Membership:**

No report. New member David Gary was present.

**Old Business:**

Pat is selling insecticide infused clothing that may help keep ticks off you. He passed around brochures with details and took orders for 10+ shirts.

Because of AMA lobbying of the federal government, there is no longer a need to register yourself with the FAA. However, keep your number if you've already register in case this changes in the future.

We have no lease or permit to fly at Squatrito. We have been asked by Josh to leave by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Pat will try to get this extended into the fall. Please note that we still cannot fly when there is an event scheduled at Waterloo.

**New Business:**

Ron Zielensky and Frank Costello will refurbish and install the old frequency board at Reynolds field.

Please also note that when the President is in Bedminster, we cannot fly because our fields are all located within the 30-mile restricted area. A NOTEM is always sent when this occurs, but since many members do not receive this official NOTEM emails, Anthony will send out notices when future restrictions occur.

A work party is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> at Reynolds Field to rake and remove rocks from the

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should come back on.

4. Check the failsafe operation.

To arm the motor, the throttle stick must be in the down position.

If the throttle stick is not, the motor will beep.

Once the throttle stick is moved to the down position the motor is ready to run.

With the transmitter switched on and the motor battery connected, move the throttle stick so that the motor is running slowly.

Switch off the transmitter and the motor will stop if the failsafe is set correctly.

If it does not stop, repeat the failsafe setting up procedure.



AMA Foundation Jet Rally is less than three weeks away! Our team is excited to host its first event, the AMA Foundation for the Future Jet Rally, August 24-27, in Ottumwa, IA. Some of the greatest model pilots in the country will be in attendance for four days of open-flying and all the entertainment provided by the city as part of 2017's Fly Iowa event being held in Ottumwa.

Here are some things you can expect!

- Four days of open flying on a 100 x 3,500-foot runway.
- Two huge full-scale air shows.
- Four bands onstage for your entertainment throughout the weekend.
- Friday night barbecue.
- Saturday night steak dinner.
- Sam Wright as emcee.
- New: Marvin Mauricio Alvarez will be the flight line air boss.
- Much, much more!

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we need to set a date for dedicating the field and how we plan to do it. So please give this some thought and be ready to offer the as plan this exciting occasion.

Certainly I would be remiss if I did not offer a well-deserved thank you to John Hagedorn President of Wawayanda Flying club and to its members for making their field available to Top of New Jersey Club members while our fields are restricted. Please contact Tony and Mike for clear guidelines on when members will be able to fly there.

Minutes: (Cont

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field and move the tables and flight stands from their temporary place. Coffee and donuts will be provided. It was suggested that we wait for 6 additional cuttings before we use the field.

We discussed the possibility of having the district fun fly at Trinca Field in 2018. Rick Andrese moved that this be done, seconded by Frank Costello, and passed. Pat will follow up.

No models were brought in.

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## Event Schedule for 2017

Monthly Meeting	
January 19, 2017	
February 16, 2017	
March 16, 2017	
April 20, 2017	
May 18, 2017	
June 15, 2017	
July 20, 2017 Hardyston	
August 17, 2017 Reynolds	
September 21, 2017	
October 19, 2017	
November 16, 2017	
December 21, 2017	

***The next club meeting will be  
on August 17<sup>th</sup> at  
New Reynolds Field***

## Treasurer's Report: June, 2017

June's opening balance was \$15,779.14. Collections for the month totaled \$14.00, represented by the June Fifty / Fifty. Expenses for the month totaled \$771.56, represented by: Mowing \$745, and Hardyston field Maintenance \$26.56. The result of the above is an ending balance of \$15,021.58.

After repairing the road in Hardyston, there was \$353 remaining from the original reserve. With the club's approval here tonight, I have reallocated this balance to the Reynolds Field reserve.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 5,176
General Reserve	\$2,000
Event Reserve	\$2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	<u>\$5,846</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,022</b>