



# NEWS AT THE TOP

August, 2017

## Editor's Comments:

A reminder to all members that Reynold's Field is also located on state park-owned property, and as such, TONJ members must still abide by all the rules and regulations of the state of New Jersey, just as we had to follow them at Squatrito Field.

This especially applies to NOT flying drones of any sort on Reynolds Field.

Although there probably won't be as many visits to Reynolds Field by state authorities, due its more remote location off the main road, all rules and regulations still apply. Park police and state officers can stop by at any time to inspect and check on any activities by our TONJ members at our new field, so please abide by all rules all the time.

This also applies to flying when the U.S. President is in Bedminster and the FAA has issued a NOTAM and TFR (Temporary Flight Restrictions) are in effect! Any flying of models during this time can VERY adversely affect both you as an individual and also, by extension, Top of New Jersey.

Please don't put yourself and the club under any extra scrutiny by breaking the state rules and getting caught.

## Reprinted from our secretary, Tony:

In a previous correspondence, I mentioned that your club officers were looking into the feasibility of asking a neighboring club that was out of the Trump no fly zone, to allow us to fly at their field. Mike Shauger explained the situation to the members of the Wawayanda Flying Club (WFC) and at last night's club meeting they voted in the affirmative to allow Top O' New Jersey members to fly at their club field during the period from August 4th through August 21st. What follows is a note from Nancy Hagedoorn, the WFC secretary, extending an invitation and requirements.

*Top O NJ Members,  
Due to the restrictions implemented by the Bedminster NOTAM, Wawayanda Flying Club would like to extend an invitation to Top O NJ members only to fly as our guest, at our field, between August 4th through August 21st 2017. In order to do so you will need to follow our WFC Safety Rules & Regulations along with our Club By-Laws, which are attached. We strictly enforce our rules. You will be able to fly as a guest only 3 times within this time span. There must be a WFC member present at the field while you are flying. You must sign your name in our sign in book designated for Top O NJ guests, put your 2017 Top O NJ Club card up on the club card board in the clubhouse and sign a release waiver. Just to note, there are no turbines, helicopters or drones allowed to fly at our field and any engine over and including 85cc must have canisters. After August 21st anyone who would like to join our club is more than welcome to do so. If you have any questions feel free to contact John Hagedoorn at [presidentwfc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwfc@gmail.com) or 973-626-1137.*

*Regards,*

*The Wawayanda Flying Club*

## August 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Pat and Craig were absent; Mike and Anthony ran the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction: Ron Zielensky and Joe Florio, not Frank Costello, will refurbish and install the old frequency board at Reynolds field.

### Treasurers Report:

Craig was absent, but he did send Anthony a report. The report could not be rendered on Anthony's iPad so it was not read. The full report is included, below, in this newsletter.

### Field Reports:

**Squatrito Field: is now officially closed. Do not fly there. If you enter the field, you are trespassing.**

#### Hardyston Field:

Hardyston is in good flying shape.

#### Reynolds Field:

Reynolds field is in good shape also. More work was done on the road. Weeds were cleared along the full path to the flying field. More work on the road is scheduled.

### 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:

The TFR is still in effect because Trump is still in Bedminster. Flying is to resume at both fields on August 21st. Also note that TFRs are going to be a constant interruption due to our President's frequent stays in Bedminster, NJ. In addition to TFRs being sent by FAA to all members who signed up previously for the FAA registration, Anthony will continue to email TONJ members whenever he receives official FAA notifications.

The Land Management Review is underway and is scheduled to be completed by DEP agencies by the end of the month. Work on the runway and tree removal are will be pending the results of the review.

New Business: None.

**The following is text of a letter from the AMA to the Department of Homeland Security requesting the TFR and NOTAM restrictions be re-considered or modified for model aircraft flight:**

***The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) represents more than 142,000 model aviation enthusiasts and nearly 2,500 chartered model aviation clubs throughout the United States. I am writing today concerning the detrimental affect Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) in the National Airspace System impose on model aviation.***

***As you know, model aviation has been identified as one of the activities restricted by some TFRs, and AMA believes that in most cases these restrictions are unnecessary and overly onerous for the modeling community.***

***AMA sanctions upwards of 3,000 aeromodeling events each year ranging from local club events to regional, national, and international gatherings and competitions. Many events are planned months in advance and require a sizable financial investment on the part of our local clubs. Numerous events are conducting solely to support the needs of the community and AMA clubs often donate a portion of the proceeds from these events to local charities. TFRs affecting model aviation have the potential to curtail these activities and create a significant economic and social hardship.***

***AMA has implemented a process to alert our members of an impending TFR. However, the typical short notice of a TFR coupled with, in many cases, the constant modifications to the TFR make it difficult for us to meet the level of awareness in our membership that we believe is necessary. Given today's environment, AMA recognizes the need for safety and security during times of VIP travel. However, the current process makes it difficult for model aviation enthusiasts to be made aware of, and comply with, short notice TFRs. In spite of our best efforts, the current process leaves the door open to the possibility that modelers may find themselves unintentionally in violation of a TFR and subject to penalties simply because of the mechanics of the process.***

***AMA believes the threat attributed to model aviation is overstated and we ask that the current TFR process be reviewed. We also offer our assistance in this review. Our expertise and knowledge of model aviation can play an important role in developing a workable solution and creating a TFR system that ensures the appropriate level of security while, at the same time, allows recreational modelers to continue to enjoy their hobby without the imposition of excessive restrictions.***

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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	
<b>September 21, 2017</b>	
October 19, 2017	
November 16, 2017	
December 21, 2017	

***The next club meeting will be  
on September 21<sup>st</sup> at  
Andover Senior Center***

## Treasurer's Report: August, 2017

**July's opening balance was \$15,031.58 There were no collections for the month. Expenses for the month totaled \$2,789.09 represented by: Mowing \$660 and Reynolds Field work of \$2,129.09. The result of the above is an ending balance of \$12,242.49.**

**Reserves are as follows:**

<b>Encumbered for Operations</b>	<b>\$ 4,525</b>
<b>General Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
<b>Event Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>
<b>Reynolds Field Reserve</b>	<b>\$ <u>3,717</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,242</b>