



# NEWS AT THE TOP

October 2020

## From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

**A dues increase is eminent.** After virtual discussions, there will be a dues increase of \$10. The portajohns are going to stay at each field. Monies for them will come from the dues increase and the treasury reserve.

**Mask Up and be SAFE**

## At The Fields by Anthony Curcuruto

The flying season is just about wrapping up. We were blessed with some great weather these past few weeks. I was at the field more times this year than any other year.

At this time, I want to thank two members who keep our fields in tip top shape – Mike Shauger and Joe Florio.

Mike mows the fields and while he gets paid, he often does work above and beyond what he gets paid for. Joe is often at the field cutting the weeds around the driveway to the field. Over the past couple of months, he cut paths to the top of the ridge making it easier to retrieve downed planes.



**Figure 1** Joe Florio trimming a path he made on the ridge.

## President Comments by Pat Rizzuto

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As we draw to a close on our 2020 flying season such as it was, I would hope that one of us or a group of us have planes powerful enough to latch on to this year and help pull it out of here. I think we will all agree we have had better years yet fortunately I have not heard of any loses in our club due to the COVID-19 virus. Let's hope that the coming year will bring us all light winds, sunny days and good flying.

Our last meeting was not too well attended and I would ask that members try to attend the upcoming meeting and let us know what we can do to make the meetings more interesting and worthwhile to attend. We have a number of excellent flyers and builders who belong to our club and I am sure quite ready to share their knowledge of this hobby with other members.

As a note of concern, long term member Bob Boswell was seriously injured in an accident outside his home requiring hospitalization. Apparently, he is convalescing at a friend's home and currently his not able to be reached by phone. If you have a moment, I am sure that a quick note or get-well card would be greatly appreciated. Bobs address is: 12 Woodland Trail, Hamburg, NJ 07419

This month we will have elections of club officers and with no other members running it looks like the current slate will be reelected. Perhaps it may seem presumptuous to comment now but I believe I can speak for Tony, Mike and Craig in saying your confidence in us is appreciated. As a club we have faced some serious challenges and together we have come through them well. While our numbers are fading due either to passing of members, physical incapacitation, financial inability or loss of interest in the hobby, we have a solid group of members enjoying flying with the Top 'O New Jersey.

## October 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Andover Senior Center. Craig was absent. There were 12 members and one guest at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with one correction. The minutes stated that the last meeting was at Hardyston Field. The meeting was held at the Andover Senior Center.

**Treasures report.** No Report. Craig was absent and did not send a report in.

**Field reports. Reynolds Field** has a mole problem. Mike tapered down the mole tunnels.

**Hardyston** is in good shape also. The town added millings to the road and is storing machinery and other items near the road leading to the field.

**Membership.** There was one guest at the meeting - Gary Brink. It looks like he will be joining our club next year.

**Old business.** Pat opened the floor for nominations. Tony asked if there were any nominations for any of the club officer positions; there were none. Other than the incumbent officers, there are no other nominations for officer positions this year.

Pat commented on low member attendance. He again asked for ideas for topics for discussion at the meeting. Tony mentioned that he had lined up a few members for that evening to talk about the models they brought in.

**New business.** Tony encouraged members to bring to the meeting hobby items to sell. He also mentioned that he will send out emails and put items in the newsletter advertising hobby items to be sold by members.

**Presentations.** Three members brought in items for a show-and-tell. Bob Grodeska brought in a New Jersey Skiff. Mike Shauger brought in a Tucano and a Timber. Bruno Gubelmann brought in a newer version of the Timber. Frank Costello brought in a good number of items to sell.

A motion was made to end the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

**Be Smart and Stay Safe Mask Up!**

## Member Presentations



Bob Grodeska's New Jersey Skiff. Bob talked in length about the boat and his experiences racing a full-size New Jersey Skiff.



Mike Shauger (left) and Bruno Gubelmann (right) with their eFlight Timbers. Mike has the older version and it has forward wing flaps and he also has a wing without the forward flaps. Bruno has a newer version which is more aerobatic.



Pictured above is some of the items Frank Costello has for sale. He has a large collection of R/C items and is reducing his inventory. If you are interested in any of the items above, contact Frank at (973) 361-4451.

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## Event Schedule for 2020

Monthly Meeting	
January 17, 2020	
February 20, 2020	
March 19, 2020	Canceled
April 16, 2020	Canceled
May 21, 2020	Canceled
June 18, 2020	Canceled
July 16, 2020	Reynolds Field
August 20, 2020 Hardyston	Hardyston Field
September 17, 2020	
October 15, 2020	
November 19, 2020	
December 3, 2020	

**The Next Meeting is at the Andover Senior Center on 11/19 at 7:30 PM. Social Distancing will be followed. Masks must be worn.**

## Treasurer's Report (reprint from last month) September, 2020

August's beginning balance is \$10,282.50

August spending totals \$702.62 represented by Mowing \$510, Meeting BBQ \$86, Reynolds field maintenance \$106.62 resulting in an ending bank balance of \$9,579.88.

Current reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 2,439
General Reserve	2,141
Event Reserve	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$ 9,580

## Top O' New Jersey Member Items For Sale

<p>Sergio Zamora (973) 865-5481</p> <p>33% Edge 540 with a 3W60i engine. All servos and Jr. Receiver included.</p> <p>Only flown once by the original owner. Wing bags included. There is about \$2,000 in it. Asking \$600.</p>	<p>Anthony Curcuruto (908)256- 2342</p> <p>Kits</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> Century Shrike \$65 Sig Wonder \$75</p> <p>Convert to electric or build for glow.</p>	
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