



NEWS AT THE TOP

November/December 2020

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

On page three of this newsletter there is a membership renewal form. Please fill it out completely. While I will be repeating myself, send it along with a check for \$70 payable to *Top O' New Jersey R/C Club* to Craig Miebach at 5 Hickory Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. **Yes, Dues are still \$70.** Please send in a **SASE** so that we can mail you back a membership card.

While I mentioned a dues increase in past newsletters, and since we could not have a meeting to discuss and vote on the potential increase, dues will remain the same for the time being.

Mask Up and be SAFE

President Comments by Pat Rizzuto December 2020

Once again, I am writing to you since we still unable to meet as a club. I hope that all of you are well and able to enjoy the Christmas Holidays with your families in safety. As I write this column for our newsletter, I am trying to put together some thoughts that all of you might find of interest but it seems that it always comes back to what a difficult year this has been. When we are together, we have the opportunity to voice our thoughts and start conversations about the hobby we all love and what we can do to make it easier to enjoy this hobby. Since we cannot do that let me try to share some thoughts with you for consideration until the next time, we are able to meet.

Normally we would have had the opportunity to vote for officers but since the November meeting was cancelled that vote was not taken. However, since no other members were nominated the current slate of officers will continue to serve through 2021. Thank you for the vote of confidence and on behalf of Mike, Tony and Craig your confidence is appreciated.

(President Comments – continued from the previous column)

One of the issues that we would have addressed is that of our dues. With the loss of membership our ability to meet our financial obligations becomes challenging since less members are able to contribute to the financial needs of the club. We are not in dire straits but we need to continually be aware of our needs. The club, through its ability to host successful events has enabled us to generate a cushion that we can use until we can meet to discuss this matter. Craig's judicious financial planning allows for the use to maintain our current dues schedule through spring without any loss of services. It would be most helpful if we could find some new members to offset those who have left us, please think of some of your good friends and if they might be interested in our wonderful hobby. If we are unable to meet after the new year Craig, Tony, Mike and I will meet in the early spring to discuss the situation and provide all of you with our thoughts on whatever decision is required to be made. I would hope that you would extend your trust to us with the understanding that we want to maintain a club at a very affordable price.

Dues are payable as they usually are by the end of January. If you would like your new card prior to our next in person meeting, please send a STAMPED self-addressed envelope along with your \$70 payment otherwise members will have to wait until we meet at a meeting to obtain a membership card. Please understand that we need to have payments sent to Craig before the end of January, Tony will list the mailing addresses in the newsletter along with a membership renewal form.



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!

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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	Canceled
December 3, 2020	Canceled

Meetings are suspended until further notice because of COVID-19.

Membership Renewal Form

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Life Members and junior members are exempt from paying.

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

e-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number _____

AMA Number: _____

FAA Number: _____

Age: Under 18, 19-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, Over 70

What field do you fly at – Hardyston/ Reynolds/ Both?

Do you still fly – Yes No

By signing, I agree to respect Top O' New Jersey's rules and bylaws and shall conduct myself in a manner that reflects the spirit of the club. I understand that membership is a privilege and that failure to comply may result in non-renewal.

Member Signature _____



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>21st Century Shrike \$65 Sig Wonder \$75</p> <p>Convert to electric or build for glow.</p>	
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