



# NEWS AT THE TOP

January 2023

## From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

The weather has been warm as of late. Many of you, myself included, have been itching to go out and fly. I have been to Reynolds Field a couple of times and the field is in good flying shape. However, if you go to any of the club fields and the ground is soft or wet, please do not drive on the road or field areas.

Please note that we will not be having any club meetings in February or March as voted upon last year. A complete meeting schedule can be found later on in the newsletter.

I have renewed our club charter with the AMA and I am in the process of providing the DEP with the documents needed as stated in our lease agreement so that we can continue to use Reynolds Field. Aside from the yearly payment, which I mailed in with how we will typically use the field, the DEP wants proof that we filed our club taxes and that we have liability insurance. Craig has been working on getting the taxes done and has been working on an issue with an agent from the IRS. It seems he has a problem with the new system put in place last August. As I mentioned before, I completed renewing our club charter and

Our insurance certificate will be provided then which I will send to the DEP.

Lastly, in the newsletter is some information provided by the AMA on FRIA requests. I filed a request last year and recently, the AMA got back to me to finish the process and submit my request to the FAA. While I only submitted one field as allowed, I will submit for our the other when notified by the AMA.

## New Email Address

Our club email address is changing. Aside from issues sending out email from the old address, the old address is getting way too much spam email. A while ago, a new one was created on Gmail. While it may take a good long time to switch over, please use the new one and update your contacts. I know the suspense is killing you, the new email is [toponewjersey@gmail.com](mailto:toponewjersey@gmail.com)

**See you at the Meeting**

## January 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. All of the club officers were present. There were 16 members at the meeting including the officers. Coffee and donuts were served prior to the meeting. Joe Florio. Rough tin the donuts. The minutes from the previous meeting were read without correction.

Treasurers Report: The closing balance for 2022 was \$7,915.12. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field Reports: While both fields are in good shape, the roads leading to them are wet. Don't drive on them if they are. I will close the fields if they get till muddy.

Membership: For 2023, we have one new applicant so far and we one member that left the club a few years back. Our annual membership drive starts in January and ends in May. If you know anyone that is into RC planes encourage them to join our club.

Old Business: Anthony mentioned that the AMA notified him that he can start the process to declare our fields as FRIA sites. He applied for Reynolds Filed to be a site and Hardyston will be next. On doing so, he saw that Hardyston information on the AMA site was incorrect and he had the AMA correct it.

New Business: Anthony mentioned that he has renewed our AMA charter and that he is in the process of supplying the DEP with their required documents for 2023. Pat mentioned that Hardyston is in a revitalization zone and it could be used for a solar farm. John Morgan will follow up and try to get more information. Craig brought up the budget for 2023. It was the same as last year with some minor changes. Upcoming in March are the usual flea markets. Lebanon on March 11th and Hamburg to follow. Anthony mentioned that Atom's RC club is returning to its traditional date of the second Saturday of February for its swap meet at the Hillsborough municipal complex in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Our next meeting is on April 20th. Pat proposed we have a swap meet as well as members bringing planes for show-and-tell.

Atoms RC swap meet is at the Hillsborough Municipal Complex, 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

At the end of the meeting, Jack Scancarella gave a very information presentation on 3D printing. He brought in a few projects he has been working on as well as describing the process of printing.

***Hello club officers,***

AMA has received nearly 900 FRIA requests from clubs so far. If your club assigned a FRIA primary point of contact and submitted your questionnaire to AMA, thank you. We are reviewing and processing each club submission as quickly as possible, and we greatly appreciate your patience throughout this process.

We wanted to address some common questions and encourage the remaining clubs to submit their flying field information to AMA to begin the FRIA application process.

**What is a FRIA?** An FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) allows our members to fly their radio control model aircraft as they always have, without the need for Remote ID broadcast equipment. Although Remote ID does not go into effect until September 16, 2023, AMA has already started the process to apply for FRIA status for many club flying sites.

**How will my club apply for a FRIA?** The FAA only allows educational institutions and recognized Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) such as AMA to apply for FRIA status. As the leading and first CBO, AMA was the first to work with federal agencies to start this process free of charge on behalf of our clubs that conduct radio control operations. Last year we asked clubs to submit a preliminary questionnaire to AMA so we can review and submit your application to the FAA to request your site's approval as a FRIA. Please designate a single primary point of contact (PPOC) within your club to act as the liaison between the FAA and your club. The PPOC should be involved in submitting the necessary information to begin the FRIA application process. To avoid delays to the process, please submit only one application per club.

**If you have more than one flying site affiliated with the club, we ask you to apply only for your main site at this time. We will contact you when we are ready to process additional locations.**

AMA staff will contact you if we need more information or clarification (e.g., flying site boundary), when reviewing your questionnaire; otherwise, we will submit the information you provided to the FAA. Your club FRIA PPOC will receive a confirmation email after AMA has submitted our application to the FAA. You can learn more about the application process by [watching this video](#).

***Dear Anthony Curcuruto,***

Thank you for providing us with the information necessary to request a FRIA for your current flying site at 1490 Route 517. We have officially submitted an application, on behalf of Top O' New Jersey Radio Control Club. Please note that the FAA has not yet started processing any FRIA applications, and may not do so until late spring/early summer. AMA will not be able to provide you with any updates until the FAA has completed processing your application.

Please remember that the Remote ID requirement will not go into effect until September 2023.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding through-out this process.

Best regards,

***AMA Clubs Department***

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## Meeting Schedule for 2023

<b>January 19th</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>February</b>	No Meeting
<b>March</b>	No Meeting
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>May 18th</b>	Hardyston
<b>June 15th</b>	Reynolds
<b>July 20th</b>	Hardyston
<b>August 17th</b>	Reynolds
<b>September 21st</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>October 19th</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>November 16th</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>December</b>	No Meeting

**All meetings start at 7:30, no matter what venue.**

## Treasurer's Report November 2022

September's opening balance was \$9,400.09. The only activity for September / October was mowing of \$680 resulting in an October ending balance of \$8,720.09.

Reserves are as follows:

Reserved for Operations:	\$ 974
General Reserve:	2,746
Event Reserve:	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$8,720