



NEWS AT THE TOP

February 2023

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

While there was no meeting in February and March, I will still send out newsletters and when the time comes remind the membership about our April meeting. I am busy working on two projects and will bring one to the April meeting.

One of the projects I am working on is recovering a favorite plane of my that was poorly covered by the vendor. The plane looked great when I started to fly it, but soon after a dozen or so flights, the covering started to come off. I thought the covering was Monokote, but it was not. It was a crappy covering that has some adhesive backing and the seams were covered by the same material. After fuel seeped under the seams, the seams and covering came loose and I patched it with packaging tape.

After I ran out of packaging tape it was either trash the plane or recover it. I decided to recover the plane and I stripped off the covering. I was not surprised to see that a portion of the right wing and tail were oil soaked.

In the past, I used Balsarite to ensure that the covering sticks to the oil soaked parts of the plane. I had a can from god knows when, and to my surprise,

It was hard as a rock and a lot available anymore. Another product, called Stick-It was available as a replacement, but not around anymore either.

I scanned the internet and found came across a product from Deluxe Materials called Cover Grip. It says it will stick plastic covering to any material. I gave it a try and was pleasantly surprised that it worked really well. I got the product from Amain Hobbies.

Come to the next meeting and check out the plane.



AMAINHOBBIES.COM
Deluxe Materials Cover-Grip Covering Film Adhesive
[DLMAD22]

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.

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.

Members That Left the Club

The following members are no longer in the club. If your name is on the list in error, Please respond by email to: toponewjersye@gmail.com or call me at (908) 256-2342.

Last Name	First Name
Gerald	Scott
Hagedoorn	John
McDaniel	William
Kozak	Walter
Barclay	Mark
D'Ottavio	Nick
Kreutz	Charles

While we lost the aforementioned members, we have one new applicant and two more that I interviewed and sent applications.

Our club membership drive starts in January and ends at the end of May. If you know of anyone that will be interested in joining our club, please let

(continued from the previous column) me know.

A New Tick to Worry About

I was bitten by a tick last year and got a rash. While I didn't get lyme, I still had to take an antibiotic. There is a new tick in NJ – The Asian Longhorn Tick.

- Not normally found in the Western Hemisphere, these ticks were reported for the first time in the United States in 2017.
- Asian longhorned ticks have been found on pets, livestock, wildlife, and people.
- The female ticks can lay eggs and reproduce without mating.
- Thousands of ticks may be found at a time in grass or shrubs or on an animal.
- Researchers are looking for these ticks to find out where they live and if they prefer wooded or more open areas.

Save the ticks in rubbing alcohol in a jar or a ziplock bag, then and contact the health department.



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Meeting Schedule for 2023

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