



# NEWS AT THE TOP

November/December 2023

## From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

There was a great turnout out at the November meeting. I guess it was because the membership knew I was going to be there along with Pat - HaHa.

From the minutes, you can see we accomplished a lot at the meeting. We voted in new members, approved the budget for next year and confirmed the only slate of club officers.

The next meeting will be in January. Check the 2024 meeting schedule on page three and mark your calendar with the meeting dates for the year. Last year we scheduled some of the meetings on Saturday. They seemed to work well as members flew and enjoyed getting a few flights in. We can talk about it at the April meeting.

At the end of the newsletter, I reprinted some help on renewing your FAA permit. A few members called me about it. I am assuming more will expire soon and it is a little confusing to renew this year.

Also at the end of the newsletter is a membership renewal form for reference. Please refrain from mailing in your dues till after Christmas. **Note that you will be mailing your dues to Anthony Curcuruto not Craig.** As mentioned, I will send out a separate note about dues after Christmas with the membership renewal form in a few formats.

**On behalf of myself and the other club officers, I want to wish all of you and your families a Mery Christmas and a Happy New Year,**



## From the Treasurer

I will be mailing out membership renewal forms after Christmas. I hope all of you will be renewing your membership even if you were not very active this past year. A copy is in the newsletter.

There are a few changes on the form. First, I want to know where you fly mostly. The *both option* has been removed. So, indicate where you fly the most if you fly at both fields. Also, I am asking life and junior members to donate dues if they are financially able. With the loss of members, it helps keeping the club from dipping into the reserves or raising dues. Also, there is a spot for your cell phone number. Please complete the form fully.

# November 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Pat called the meeting to order – John Morgan was absent
- The Minutes from the Previous Meetings were read and approved without correction
- There was one guest at the meeting – Ivan DeCarvalho. He will be joining our club in 2024.
- Treasurers Report – Old balance was \$10,871.81. There was no income or expenditures last month. The new balance is the same.
- Field Reports
  1. Reynolds – was in good flying shape. Members have been flying there regularly.
  2. Hardyston – is in good shape also. There were some issues with the road. A member may fix it with some material at the field.
- Safety Report – take care while building your winter projects
- Membership Report
  - The status of the current membership was given. The counts are below.
  - Membership Drive Starts in January
  - Membership Renewal Forms emailed after Christmas – minor changes – cell phone number and main field you fly at – asking for donations.
- Old Business
  - Comment on October Minutes – clearing the ridge
  - Just prior to the meeting, Anthony receives a letter from the AMA indicating that Hardyston is not a FRIA field.
  - The following applicants were voted into the club: Tony Carvino, Jason Carvino, Christopher Orton, Mike Powers Kevin Powers
  - The Club Secretary/Treasurer casted the only vote necessary to affirm the only slate of Club Officers. For 2024 we have Pat Rizzuto as president, John Morgan as Vice President and Anthony Curcuruto as Secretary/Treasurer.
  - The AMA sent Anthony a letter indicating that Hardyston is now a FRIA Field. A copy of the letter is in the newsletter.
- New Business
  - The Club Budget was voted upon and passed. There is no dues increase in 2024. There was some discussion.
  - Next Meeting – January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Andover Borough Senior Center. Please bring in a plane or project.
  - Wish Everyone – Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year
- Presentations – Craig Miebach brought in his current project – a Cassena 195 powered by a DLE 40. Pictures are in the newsletter
- On Behalf of the Club Officers, Pat wished all of the members a Happy Thanksgiving, A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Membership Breakdown

<b>Full Member</b>	71
<b>Applicants</b>	4
<b>Junior Member</b>	3
<b>Life Member</b>	11
<b>Club Officers</b>	3
<b>Misc</b>	1
<b>Total</b>	93

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## Meeting Schedule for 2024

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

**The next meeting will be on January 18th at 7:30 at the Andover Senior Center.**

## Treasurer's Report

November 2023

The October beginning balance was \$10,871.81. There were no expenses for the month. The result is an ending balance of \$10,871.81

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2023 Operations	<b>\$2,957</b>
General Reserve	2,915
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Event Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$11,247

### **FRIA And Remote ID Information**

Check out these two YouTube videos that give good information on Remote ID and FRIA's.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOWzoal8Pqc>

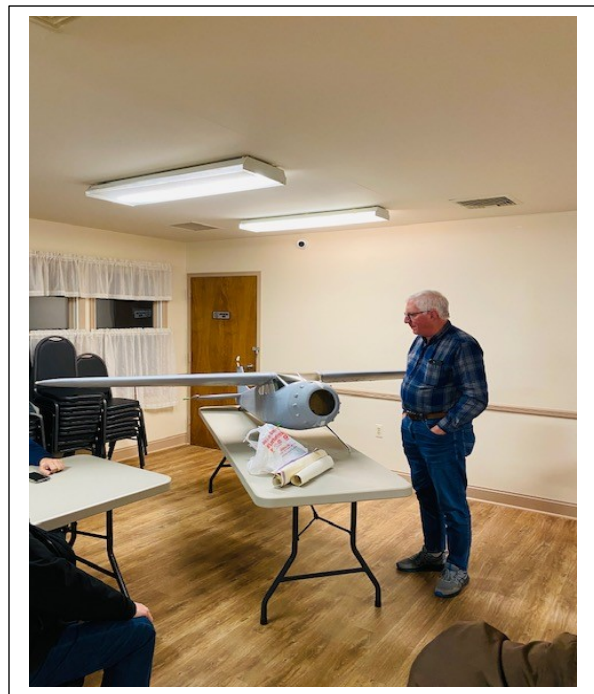
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eWA5Zgg-DY>

## After the Meeting

At the end of each meeting, we usually have some sort of presentation. After the November meeting, Craig Miebach brought in and talked about a plane that he has been working on for some time.

The plane he brought in was a Cessna 195. It is going to be powered by a DLE 40. The finished plane will look like the photo below. You can see the size of it in the other photos

Craig did a lot of the fabrication for a lot of the features on the plane and talked in detail about it. Craig built the plane from plans, covered it with Dacron, and filled the weave with Evercoat Easy sand. I hope he brings the finished plane to one of our summer meetings.



## FAA Renewal Help

In order to renew your Recreational Flyer registration, all you need to do is login [here](#) and proceed to the recreational flyer dashboard. You will see the link to renew just below your registration number.

When you initially registered, we did not request any aircraft information. Now you will see that there are no devices currently listed in your inventory. We ask that you add at least one device by clicking the blue oval button.

When you get to the question asking if your drone has remote ID question, answer appropriately (go [here](#) to see if your drone has an FAA-approved Declaration of Compliance for remote ID).

If the device you enter is a standard remote ID aircraft, enter the remote ID serial number. If the device is a remote ID broadcast-only module, enter the module's serial number and list all aircraft that will fly with that module.

If the device is an aircraft not equipped with remote ID, the serial number is N/A.

Below is what I added:

Nickname	UAS Manufacturer	UAS Model	Serial Number	Registration	Issued	Expires	Status
Planes	Home Built	Planes	N/A	FA3EEYKFRE	06/15/2023	06/15/2026	ACTIVE



# TOP O' NEW JERSEY R/C CLUB

## 2024 Membership Renewal Form

Please complete this form, and send it along with a check for \$70 to **Anthony Curcuruto at 8 Townsbury Road, Great Meadows, NJ 07838. Make the check payable to the Top O' New Jersey RC Club.** Please send in a SASE so that we can mail you back a membership card. You will not receive a membership card if your AMA dues are not paid. **The deadline to pay your dues is January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Life Members and junior members are exempt from paying dues; however, a donation of dues is appreciated.**

Please check if any of your contact information from last year has changed.

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**e-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**AMA Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FAA Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer all of the follow questions.**

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

**What field do you fly at – Hardyston or Reynolds**

**Do you still fly – Yes No**

**Do you have a hobby related topic you wish to share or want presented at a meeting? If so, what is it?** \_\_\_\_\_

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** \_\_\_\_\_

