



NEWS AT THE TOP

February 2024

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

Rapidly approaching on March 9th is the Central Penn Aeromodelers Association RC expo aka the Lebanon RC Flea Market. The location is Lebanon Valley Exposition Center & Fairgrounds 80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042. The gates open at 8:30. Vendors set up at 7:30. Get there early for the best deals. It's a good place to find a new plane if you were too busy to build or assemble on this winter.

I am just about finished collecting dues this year. There were over twenty members that did not pay on time of which eleven are leaving of the club. I will report on the full status of the membership at the April meeting.

Our membership drive is under way and I hope to recruit new members. I so far have one new member that sent in an application late last year and one saying he will join this year. As usual if you have a friend in another club that wants to join, please tell me and I will send him an application.

I know most of you are not interested in building scale like planes; however, I included a flyer I received

about a seminar that is going to held on March 23 in Poughkeepsie NY. There was a time when the club had a lot of scale builders. Now there is only a very small few.

In an effort to increase attendance at the club meetings, aside from me serving coffee and cake, I have lined up someone for the April meeting. There will be more information in the March newsletter.

Lastly, in late March or early April, there will be work done at Reynolds field. I will be sending out a notice as to the days and asking for the membership to help in the form of a work party. The field will be closed on those days.

**Note that there is
no Club Meeting
in February or
March.**

January 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. All of the club officers were present. There were a total of ten members at the meeting. There were no guests at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Treasurers Report – We ended 2023 with a bank balance of \$10,496.81. We have an outstanding mowing charge for Hardyston which will be paid when a proper bill is submitted.

Field Reports

Reynolds – Fred Graff did a nice job repairing the Reynolds Field Road at his own expense and time.

Hardyston – the field is wet. There was no additional equipment store at the site.

Safety Report – be safe while building this winter. Be careful while handling tools and glue.

Membership Report

Our annual club Membership Drive starts in January. Membership Renewal Forms were emailed after Christmas. There were some minor changes to the form – cell phone number and main field you fly at were added. We also asked for donations from life members. Also, everyone is to mail in renewal forms – even life members to show they are still interested in the club. If Life Members do not send in the form, they will be dropped from the roster.

Old Business – None. Pat asked if there was anything from the floor.

New Business

Tony Submitted our annual report to the state at a cost of \$33. Tony also renewed our annual AMA charter at a cost of \$300 up from last year. Next meeting will be on April 18th. The following four meetings will be at the fields starting with Reynolds, then Hardyston etc. There are two RC flea markets coming up in March. Lebanon is on March 9th and Hamburg is on March 16.

John Morgan bought up flying off of water with the advent of flying in a FRIA area – you need a transponder. You need a transponder if you fly anywhere other than a FRIA area for that matter.

Continue to bring in items to sell or present to the membership.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 pm

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Meeting Schedule for 2024

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

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

Treasurer's Report

(reprint from January)

We ended 2023 with a bank balance of \$10,496.81 broken down as follows:

Balance from Operations:	\$2581.69
General Reserve:	2915.12
Event Reserve:	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$10,496.81

We have a potential cost for mowing at Hardyston for 2023 not figured in going forward.

The \$481.69 balance will be added to the general reserve for 2024 bringing it to \$3,396.81.

Going forward, 2023 Reserves are:

General Reserve:	\$3,396.81
Event Reserve:	\$2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>\$3,000</u>
Total	\$8,396.81

Found it on the Web

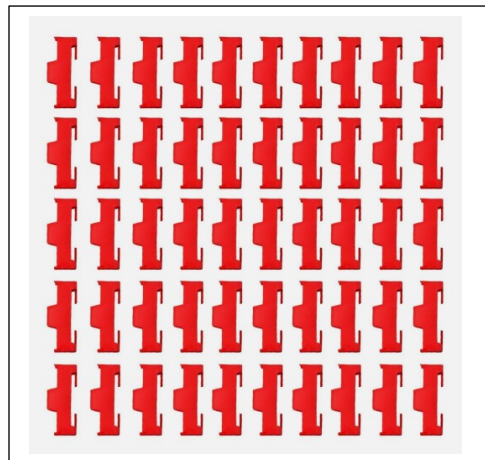
I came across some interesting items on the Internet. The first item is SEALIT pen. It can be used to seal the edges of any vinyl covering. The website is [SEALITPEN](#) You can order it from Amazon.



Another item I saw was servo extension clips sold in bulk on ebay.

[Skrnrhery Servo Cable Clip Lock, 50 Pcs Servo Extension Cable Safety Connect... | eBay](#)

They work well with standard cables. For heavy duty ones, I took a file fo the slot on the side and made it wider.





Mid-Hudson
Radio Control Society

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National Association of Scale Aeromodelers

RC Aircraft Scale Building Seminar

Saturday March 23, 2024

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (with lunch break)

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Recreation Hall
2381 New Hackensack Road (RT. 376) Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Join us for an interactive forum of motivational demonstrations and discussions.

Topics include:

- Building with metal. Design and fabrication -Soldering and brazing.
- Custom Fuel tanks
- Balancing large aircraft using scales
- Fabric finishing techniques and materials.
- Spektrum transmitter programming for scale flight
- Open discussion



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