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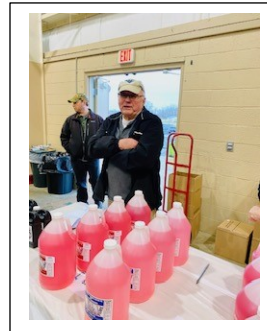
From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

I have been attending the Lebanon RC Flea Market, as it has been called by RC enthusiasts for a long time. First with Tony Zaremba, a couple of years by myself, and the last few years with Joe Florio. It's a good place to declutter your airplane/hobby room. I sold many planes there along with engines and other RC items over the years. This year not many.

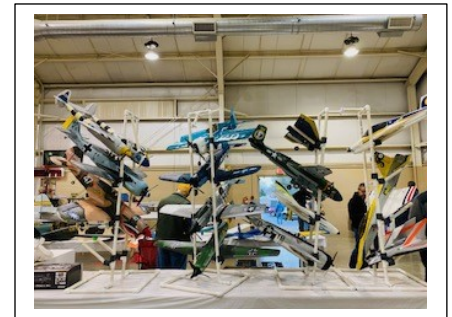
This year I saw a lot of people I have not seen in a while and met a few new people that I had good conversations with. I saw Stan, the guy I have been getting fuel from since I started with the club in 1986. I saw Tim, that was a participant at our Sussex Air Show event in the past and worked at Trains and Lanes. I also saw a few past members and RC folks that I came to know over the years.

I realized at the end of the event that the best part of the event is seeing these people and talking to them. I took a few pictures so that you can get an idea what the event has to offer.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter as it has some good information in it.



Stan on the left and Tim above.



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



Picture from last year at the Lebanon RC Flea Market

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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

FAA Grants National Authorization for AMA Sanctioned Events

AMA is happy to share that on February 24, 2024, the FAA granted AMA members the ability to operate without broadcasting remote ID information at AMA Sanctioned Events.

Contest Directors/Event Managers of these Sanctioned Events are required to issue a NOTAM (Notice to Air Missions) for their event no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the event. It is best to file no more than 7 days prior to the start of the event in order to get a NOTAM number immediately. To learn how to file a NOTAM, see below:

To issue a NOTAM for your event, you need to:

1. Call 1-877-487-6867 between 24 hours and 7 days prior to your event.
2. The NOTAM system will recognize your state by the phone number from which you are calling.
 - If it is not the same as the location of the event, press 1 and follow the prompts to enter the correct state.
3. After your state has been confirmed, you will be directed to a representative. It is possible that the information you will be asked to provide will vary slightly depending on the state/representative. Likely questions include:
 - What is the NOTAM being issued for?
 - Answer UAS operations
 - Have you issued this NOTAM in the last 30 days?
 - Is the NOTAM going to be at an airport, or would you like to provide latitude/longitude?
 - Answer latitude/longitude and then provide it in degrees, minutes, seconds.
 - How high are you looking to go?
 - How much is the nautical mile (nm) radius for the NOTAM?
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ nm radius is sufficient for most events, but $\frac{1}{2}$ nm radius may be needed for very large flying sites.
 - What is the date of the NOTAM?
 - What is the start time?
 - They will need a specific time with time zone. If your event is multiple days long, using the same start and finish time for each day will allow you to issue one NOTAM. However, different start/finish times each day will require multiple NOTAMs. AMA would encourage you to issue the NOTAM for the same start/finish time for every day of your AMA sanctioned event.
 - What is the end time?
 - See above “start time” information.
 - The representative will then likely put you on hold while they verify location. They may have additional questions when they return regarding the location.
 - You will then provide your initials and be asked if you are an individual or representing a group.
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4. At the end of the call, the representative will give you a NOTAM number. Be sure to write that number down and email it to waivers@modelaircraft.org. AMA needs this number in order to issue your RID authorization certificate.

Once issued a NOTAM number, the Contest Director/Event Manager must then provide that number to waivers@modelaircraft.org, informing AMA Headquarters that pilots at the event will be operating under the Remote ID authorization.

If you have any further questions, please [reference the FAQs here](#).

To remain current with the most recent government-related news, regularly [visit the AMA Government Affairs blog](#). If you have any further questions or concerns, contact the Government Affairs department at (765) 287-1256 or amagov@modelaircraft.org.

FAA Remote Identification

The **FAA Remote Identification (RID)** ruling for unmanned aircraft, including RC airplanes and drones, has been finalized. Here's what you need to know:

1. What is RID?

- RID provides information about the aircraft in flight, such as location, altitude, and unique identity, as well as the location of the controller or take-off location.
- It allows authorized public safety organizations to identify the aircraft owner as needed.

2. Compliance Options:

- **Standard RID Drone:** These drones have built-in RID broadcast capability, transmitting identification and location information about the aircraft and control station.
- **RID Broadcast Module:** You can add this module to an existing aircraft to retrofit it with RID capability. It broadcasts identification and location information.
- **Operate without RID:** If you choose not to use either of the above options, you can fly only in FAA-recognized identification areas (FRIAs), such as AMA model flying fields/clubs.

3. Compliance Deadline:

- As an operator, you need to start complying after **March 16th, 2024**.

4. Horizon Hobby's Solution:

- To make compliance easy, you can add the **Spektrum™ Sky™ Module** to any aircraft. [Register on the FAA website, and you're ready to go!](#)

Remember, RID is essential for safe and responsible flying. Choose the option that suits your needs and enjoy flying your RC aircraft! ✈️ 🛩️

Click the link below for more information on RC Remote ID
[Remote ID Explained - Academy of Model Aeronautics Blog \(modelaircraft.org\)](#)



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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