

NEWS AT THE TOP

November/December 2014

From the Editor:

It's that time of the year again! Taxes are Due!!!

Actually, you still have four months before the IRS gets you, but TONJ dues are due by January 31st.

Bring cash or check to the January 15 meeting, along with your AMA card, and you'll be updated immediately.

See the Secretary's report for mail-in instructions.

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President's Comments:

On behalf of the officers of Top O New Jersey, I would like to wish you all very Happy New Years. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our January meeting and hope that you will make an extra special effort to attend and to bring a fellow club member along with you. I don't think it is a secret that we have seen our attendance numbers dwindle at our meetings over the past year and your club officers are concerned about this. A while back when we had more builders in the club we could have specialized activities on building, but with the coming of ARFS and electric foamies, interest seems to have dropped off in this area. Even so we will try to have some activities that lend themselves to ARF construction, radios and Gas engines. Also I know for this meeting Mike is planning an indoor Quad copter fly-in and

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Secretary's Report:

Dues are Due!

If you have not done so already, renew your AMA membership. You have to have your new AMA membership card so that you can renew your club dues.

Please complete the form in the newsletter, and send it along with a check for \$70 and a copy of your AMA card to Craig Miebach at 5 Hickory Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. Please send in a SASE so that we can mail you back a membership card. <u>The deadline</u> is January 31st.

November's meeting minutes:

The meeting was called order at 7:30 PM, Pat was absent.

Both fields are in good flying shape. We may go back to the old lock at Squatrito in the (continued on page 3)



Another of our longtime members, Peter Toms, shown above, passed away in November. Safety and training at Hardyston were some of the jobs he did at TONJ. R.I.P

Treasurer's Report:

The October opening balance is \$10,453.89.

Collections for the month totaled \$80.00 and are represented by the Christmas Raffle.

Expenses for the month totaled \$515.66 represented by Mowing \$340, and Porta Jons \$176.

The result is an ending cash balance for October of \$10,018.23 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 2,000.00
General Reserve	2,205.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,439.00
Laser Reserve	2,616.00
Christmas Raffle	145.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,613.00</u>
Total cash	\$10,018.00

Based on the above, our ending General Reserve is projected to be \$2,205.00

Training Officers

Hardyston Field Monday late afternoons

Training Officer: Craig Miebach (973) 764-2862 Training Officer: Mike Shauger (973) 271-1170 Training Officer: Charles Lis (973) 827-2440

Squatrito Field Wednesday late afternoons

Training Officer: Scott Geller (973) 464-5995 Training Officer: Bill Reynolds (908) 876-5357 Training Officer: Len Davis (917) 656-0086



Key Keturn Squatrito Field access keys can be returned to Craig Miebach at 5 Hickory Road, Highland

Lakes, NJ 07422. Please send in a SASE so that we can mail you back your three dollars.

It is a good idea to place the key between two pieces of cardboard. I have used padded envelopes without a problem.

You can also return your key to any club officer.

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spring.

Membership: There was a roll call. Two members were voted in - Robert Lorenzo and Devon Puglis.

Fuel: There was fuel for sale. We will not be ordering anymore.

Old business: The Christmas party will be on December 4 with a snow day of the December 10th.

New business: there may be new rules from the FAA regarding RC. Tony Curcuruto cast one vote necessary to confirm the current slate of officers.

At the close of the Meeting Len Davis made an excellent presentation on setting up gasoline engines for model airplanes. (continued from page 1)

wants you all to practice.

While it is cold, cold, cold outside some of our more intrepid members continue to fly; remember if you fly all 12 months AMA has a patch for you. For those who want to get out of the cold, let's get started on those winter projects. I am sure that many of you are well along on projects started earlier, if they in the "bones" and transportable bring it in for project of the month.

Look outside and remember that spring is only a few short months away, so let's also make checks of our models for cracks, loose hinges, frayed battery connections, dried hoses and finicky retracts. Also remember to cycle your batteries if needed or replace if they are aging. Look especially hard at your switches. If they look old to you, they probably are and it's better to replace than lose an aircraft for a switch.

Hope all of you are well, looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting and bring you name tags.

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Event Schedule for 2015

Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 15, 2015	Project-of-the-Month
February 19, 2015	Model-of-the-Month
March 19, 2015	ARF- of-the-Month
April 16, 2015	Project-of-the-Month
May 21, 2015	Model-of-the-Month
June 18, 2015	ARF- of-the-Month
July 16, 2015 Hardyston	Project-of-the-Month
August 20, 2015 Squatrito	Model-of-the-Month
September 17, 2015	ARF- of-the-Month
October 15, 2015	Project-of-the-Month
November 19, 2015	Model-of-the-Month
Club Events	Dates
Warbirds Fun Fly	June 13 2015
Fun-Fly	TBD
Christmas Party and	Not Scheduled
Raffle 7PM Sharp	
Monthly Meeting	Contest

The next club meeting will be on January 15 at Sussex County Vo-Tech.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



2015 Membership Renewal Form

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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 _____