



# NEWS AT THE TOP

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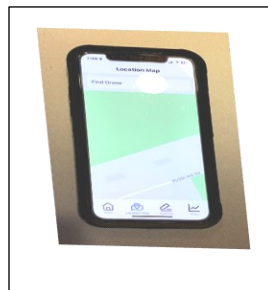
## From the Editor

Our Water Fun Fly is scheduled and sanctioned. Pat Rizzuto will be the Contest Director. I sent out over 650 emails inviting people to attend. I created a flyer that I passed around at the Lebanon Flea Market. I still have more work to do.

I have asked members to help and got a few responses. Basically, I need help the week prior to the event to make sure the venue is ready for us. It might mean clearing some debris from the beach so bring some rakes if you are planning on helping. If the weather is amiable, you might try your hand at flying off of the water prior to the event to avoid embarrassment if we can get a boat that day. Aside from that, we will talk more about the event at the meeting.

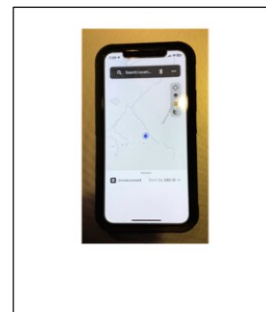
In the last newsletter I talked about Remote ID Broadcast modules. As I mentioned, I will be giving a demo of one that I purchased. It came with an App and I downloaded one also from Apple. In the next column, there are photographs of the device and screenshots of the Apps

**Hope to see you flying soon.**



The App on the left is the Veenix RID. The one on the bottom is Drone Scanner.

It's hard to see the Apps, but I hope you get the idea.



# January 2025 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. All of the officers were present. There were 14 members. The minutes from the previous meeting were read without corrections. One of our founding members was present at the meeting – Jack Squire. It was great to see him. He is 91 years old and is still very active God bless him.

**Treasurers Report:** The December beginning balance was \$10350.12. The ending balance of \$10,303.12. There is a more detailed report further in the newsletter. An annual report was filed with the State of NJ.

**Field Reports:** There were no field reports; however, Pat mentioned that Frank Fanelli will need some help mowing Hardyston this coming flying season.

**Membership Report:** Our annual membership drive is underway. We have two applicants so far this year. Brad Noble and Eric Cussen (the grandson of Jack Squire).

**Unfinished Business:** Frank Fanelli is going to start the STEM program soon. Watch for NOTUM's indicating that we cannot fly due to Trump in the area at his Bedminster golf course.

## New Business

- A committee was formed to go over the club constitution and bylaws and update them.
- An audit of the treasury will be done soon.
- The next meeting will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Anthony talked about a Facebook Group be formed for club members only. It will be a forum for members to communicate and form meetups etc.
- Lee Bender donated a picnic table to Hardyston Field
- Eric Cussen is going to look into getting Mountain Lake for a Float Fly. If we get the venue, we have a few volunteers to help run it. Of course, we need a few more members.
- Brad Noble talked about having an indoor flying facility. Mike Srsich is going to look into getting a facility.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

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## **Meeting Schedule for 2025**

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

**The next meeting will be on April 17th at 7:30 pm at the Andover Borough Senior Center.**

## **Treasurer's Report January 2025**

The December beginning balance was \$10350.12. There were no collections for the month. Expenses for the month were \$47 for field maintenance at Reynolds Field.

The result is an ending balance of \$10,303.12

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2024 Operations	\$1456
General Reserve	3,847
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Business Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$10,303

Summary: We stayed within budget. Saved a little money on mowing because of the dry spell.

**Our Annual Report was filed at the beginning of the month.**

# Water Fun Fly

The Top O' New Jersey is having a Water Fun Fly at the Liberty Township Beach at Mountain Lake.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Landing fee is \$10**

Bring a float plane to fly off the scenic lake.

Bring R/C Items to Sell or Trade.

Spectators are welcome.

More information is to come as the event gets closer.

**Location: 137 Lakeside Dr W, Belvidere, NJ 07823**

Pat Rizzuto is the Contest Director.

Email us if you have any questions to [toponewjersey.org](http://toponewjersey.org)