



NEWS AT THE TOP

February 2014

From the Editor:

Pat Rizzuto's comments further along in this newsletter regarding the poor meeting attendance are quite correct. The fact is, there were only 22 club members out of a total of approximately 150 currently on our Top of New Jersey roster that attended the February meeting. We hope to see more of you at our March 20th meeting.

Although George Polazzi won ARF-of-the-month, Bill Mitchell presented a nice Flyzone Tidewater electric seaplane as well.

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President's Comments

It has been a while since I last addressed some comments to the club membership but I did want to take this occasion to make some noise, friendly noise.

First I would like to extend a personal invitation on behalf of all of the officers to make an effort if you have not been coming to the club meetings, to please drop by to say hello and check out what's happening. Attendance at club meetings has been rising steadily and new activities are being planned by Scott to make the meetings more interesting and hands on. At the last meeting cards were passed out to the members to ask for their input on what they would like to see at the meetings. There many good suggestions from "stifle yourself Pat" to a discussion on battery maintenance and radio set up for electrics.

The new flying season is not too far away, hopefully you all working on a project to fly this season and that your problems are few. Remember it is ok to take it apart and do it over; just don't wind up with any leftover pieces. Surprising how easily a hot knife helps to part an epoxy joint. Just make sure to clean it up when you re-glue. When you are done bring your new "hangar queen" to a meeting and tell us about it, you may just win something for your efforts.

Earlier this month, the WRAM show was held at the Meadowlands Convention center, it

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George Polazzi won the ARF-of-the-month.

Pictured below is George's 1937 Fieseler Fi-156 Storch V2– outfitted in German version. With the unusual front-wing flaps, this electric model, like its full-scale counterpart, should be able to land on a dime! It was a Maxford USA kit and featured landing gear struts to cushion those rough landings.

The following Fantasy of Flight website has some nice pictures and specs of the full-scale aircraft:

<http://www.fantasyofflight.com/aircraft/wwii/1937-fieseler-fi-156-storch>



Treasurer's Report

The January opening balance is \$9,407.48.

Collections for the month totaled \$7,465.00 and were as follows: Dues \$7,280.00, Fuel \$60, Fifty/Fifty \$25.00, and Donations \$100.00.

Expenses for the month totaled \$880.00 and were as follows: AMA \$210.00, State of NJ \$100.00 Field Maintenance – Squatrito \$500.00, Web Site \$70.

The result is an ending cash balance of \$15,992.48 per below:

Reserved for Club Activities	\$ 6,525.00
General Reserve	3,592.00
Warbirds Reserve	1,863.00
Laser Reserve	2,534.00
Fuel Reserve	<u>1,478.00</u>
Total cash	\$15,992.00

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 Return

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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was easy to get to and the parking was free and close by. The past two events had been progressively better and I was pleased with this one as well. It was great way to spend a Friday off or a Saturday or Sunday looking at what is new and seeing the building efforts of some very good modelers. The WRAM show woke *up the need to fly and to start getting ready for the coming season.*

January 2014 meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Scott Geller was absent.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers report. The opening balance for January was \$9407.48. The closing balance was \$15,992.48. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Committee reports:

Field: Both fields are snow-covered and are closed until further notice. The town is still considering recapping Hardyston field.

Membership: There is open enrollment into the club. We are looking for members who are new to the hobby and are interested in getting involved in the club. We also voted in one member from last year's membership drive.

Safety: We had no safety issues this month.

Ways and means: Frank ran a 50-50 raffle.

Old business:

Tony went over the member of the year award proposed by Bill Reynolds last month. Details are in January's newsletter and on the website.

New business.

Tony sanctioned for 2014 events. We are having two events in 2014. The War Bird event will be on June 14 and 15th. It will be at Trinca airport with overnight camping with accommodations for trailers.

Our second event will be at Squatrito field. It will also be a two day event. On the first date we will have an electric fun fly. The second day we will allow only 3-D flying.

George Polazzi won our monthly contest.

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Event Schedule for 2014

Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 16, 2014	Model-of-the-Month
February 20, 2014	ARF- of-the-Month
March 20, 2014	Project-of-the-Month
April 17, 2014	Model-of-the-Month
May 22, 2014	ARF- of-the-Month
June 19, 2014	Project-of-the-Month
July 17, 2014 Squatrito	Model-of-the-Month
August 21, 2014 at Hardyston	ARF- of-the-Month
September 18, 2014	Project-of-the-Month
October 16, 2014	Model-of-the-Month
November 20, 2014	ARF- of-the-Month
Club Events	Dates
Warbirds Fun Fly	June 14-15, 2014
Fun-Fly	TBD
Christmas Party and Raffle 7PM Sharp	December 4, 2014

***The next club meeting will be
on March 20th at 7:30 pm at
the Sussex County Technical
School.***

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