



NEWS AT THE TOP

OCTOBER 2024

From the Editor

The November 21st meeting is the last meeting of the year. Please make an effort to attend. At the meeting, we are going to vote in two applicants to the club and confirm the one and only slate of officers. Additionally, we are going to vote on the 2025 budget. A copy of the budget is included in the newsletter.

By the way, attendance at the October meeting was poor. I was on vacation and Pat did not attend. John Morgan and two other members only showed up. So basically, there was no quorum and no formal meeting!

The two members that will be voting into the club are Ivan DeCasvalho and Rich Murphy. Ivan has been flying at Hardyston and Rich at Reynolds Field.

On another note, Pat has asked members what do they want to see at meetings. I have brought in planes and asked members to make presentations. If anyone has any ideas for a presentation at a meeting, please say so. Also, if you have a plane to sell, bring it to a meeting. I will take pictures of it and send it out in the next newsletter as a plane for sale.

Over the winter months, traditionally modelers would build a plane. Well, for the majority, those days are gone. Now, you buy an ARF and assemble it in a few nights and do nothing for the rest of the winter. Whether you build an ARF or a complicated project, bring it in for a show and tell at one of the early meetings next year.

Oh wait, I have one last thing to share. Since Trump won the 2024 Presidential election, our club as well as many other clubs in the area, will suffer a major hardship. Every time Trump is at his Bedminster Golf Course, we cannot fly out models. As you may recall, this affects both fields as both fields are in the no-fly zone. As in the past, I would receive a NOTUM from the FAA indicating that we can not fly on certain days and times. I will pass that along via an email. That's all I have for now.

See you all at the next meeting.

Product Recommendation

A friend from another club that knew I have a few foam planes told me about this product - Foam Finish Gloss or Matte. Saw it at Tower Hobbies.



Brush these highly adhesive resins onto foam models to improve appearance, surface toughness and protect vulnerable foam skin from damage. May be used with glass cloth for an even tougher surface. They will also seal trim, decals and most paints and are over-paintable once dry. These resins require no mixing, have little or no odor and will keep your models looking like new for longer.

October 2024 Meeting Minutes

There was no quorum for the October meeting. There were only two members and the John Morgan present. How sad!

Top O' New Jersey 2025 Budget

	Budget	Notes
Income		
Membership Dues	4,950.00	66 members @ \$75
Membership Application	0.00	
50/50	0.00	
Misc Income	0.00	
Donation to Club	0.00	
Ways & Means	0.00	
Total Income	\$4,950.00	
Expenses		
Mowing Hardyston	2,100.00	28 Mows
Mowing Reynolds Field	2,100.00	28 Mows
Picnic / Fun Flys	200.00	
DEP/US Treasury	135.00	
GoDaddy - Domain	75.00	
Bank Charges	0.00	
AMA	300.00	
Field Maintenance - Hardyston	250.00	
Field Maintenance - Reynolds	250.00	
Annual Report	35.00	
Meeting Room	100.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 5,545.00	
Ending Balance	-\$595.00	

Above is a proposed budget to be voted upon at the November 21st meeting. Note that it includes a modest dues increase of \$5. Dues for 2025 will be \$75. With that said, we will still have an operational deficit of \$595 or more depending on the income for the year that is based on the number of members in the club and the approximate cost of mowing and field maintenance. Funds will be drawn out of the operational reserve of \$5,350 if needed.

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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 November 21st at 7:30 pm at the Andover Borough Senior Center.

Treasurer's Report October 2024

The September beginning balance was \$11,475.12. There were no collections for the month or expenses for the month. No mowing expenses were submitted for the month.

The result is an ending balance of \$11,475.12

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2024 Operations	\$2,628
General Reserve	3,847
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Business Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$11,475

ZEEE Batteries



[Zeee RC Lipo Battery official store](http://zeeebattery.com)
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I have had a lot of luck with Zeee batteries. They are better than any I bought so far. Check them out by clicking the line in the illustration above.