



NEWS AT THE TOP

October, 2016

Remembering Bill Reynolds



Bill would call me or I would call him daily. We would share some thought about something or other, or maybe he would cheer me up when I was having a bad day.

Bill was one of those people that was there for everyone – whether you were an acquaintance, friend or family. You can always count on him to help.

I know Bill is in a better place. It's just sad he had to leave us so soon. He was a good friend never to be forgotten.

Bill will live forever in the memories we have of him.

President's Comments:

While the flying season is drawing to a close we should remember to take advantage of these beautiful fall days for flying. Planes look great against the foliage, engines run just a little better and we really appreciate the time spent with our friends. Both fields are in great shape and yes we are still flying off of Squatrito field so have a great time. Any changes in the Squatrito filed availability will be noticed on the web site and we post it at the filed.

As reported at the last meeting, your officers and field managers met with the ranger from the state and we were able to secure an agreement with him which allows us to continue to fly on Squatrito throughout 2017 until the new filed is flyable. We might however find it necessary to relinquish the field on some weekends for activities. The ranger told us we would receive adequate time post the field closure. The only requirement is that all structures must be removed from the field prior to May1, 2017, pop ups and portable stations will still be permitted.

Progress on the new field continues. Club members on the field development committee, John Skewes, John Ace, Mike Shauger, Craig and I met to review status

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October, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 at the Andover Borough Senior Center. All of the Club Officers were present. The meeting minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report:

The opening balance was \$12,295.71. The closing balance was \$13,045.00.

Field Reports:

Both fields are in good flying shape. Watch out for hunters at Hardyston field.

Old Business:

There were no new nominations from the membership. Nominations were closed for 2016.

Pat opened up discussion on the new field. He mentioned that we met with Josh. Grading the runway was completed, the field was raked, and seed was put down. The road and culvert are done. The runway is not real wide and there is a problem with the pit area. We will have to resolve with club funds.

We are permitted to use Squatrito while the new field is being developed. There is one stipulation. We have to have all of our benches and our hut gone by May 1st 2017. We can use pop ups and portable flight stations.

There will be a meeting on October 29th to develop a plan and budget.

Josh commented that a substantial amount of resources were committed to this project. Discussions followed.

New Business:

Anthony mentioned that you no longer need to send in a copy of your AMA membership card when renewing you club membership. He will provide a list of members who did not pay to Craig. While you can still pay your dues, you cannot fly or receive your new membership card until you pay your AMA dues. AMA membership policy has changed. Memberships are from when you join rather than January to December. Anthony will get a notice that AMA memberships have expired during the year. If you do not pay, you will receive notice that you are suspended from flying until you pay your AMA dues.

We will have a BYOD Christmas Party. It is a bring-your-own-dessert party and will be

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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: Len Davis (917) 656-0086

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held on December 1st.

We will also have a 50/50.

The winter is approaching. Meetings may be canceled. If the Andover, Allamuchy, or Newton schools are closed, we will not have a meeting. Anthony will post a closing on the web site and send out emails.

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of the field, a few weeks after our last meeting. Additional trees needed to be

removed and additional grading was required. Following that meeting a second meeting was held with Bill, Scott and John Skewes to review minor adjustments on the flight station areas that will be required.

By the way I did speak with Eric Williams about the fact that no article on the fly-in has appeared in the AMA magazine. He assures me that one will appear either next month or the month thereafter. Apparently there was a problem in formatting some photos, which has caused the delay. He again extends his best wishes to all members.

I apologize for the lack of refreshments at the last meeting, my fault, landed with the gear up, I forgot. I will not forget the donuts and coffee at the next meeting see you then.

AMA Request

This year, in addition to surpassing the 195,000-member mark, we launched new microsites for emerging technologies, built several strategic partnerships, expanded membership benefits and digital efforts, and began the process of building a virtual tour of the National Model Aviation Museum. For the first time, AMA clubs across the country hosted regional UAS4STEM competitions, helping AMA continue to be known as an industry partner in education through aviation.

We have accomplished a lot this year, but have much more that we would like to do. Because of that, we are launching our 2016 Year-End Campaign, with the following goals:

- Add new exhibits to the National Model Aviation Museum.
- Increase educational programs within the National Model Aviation Museum.
- Continue to increase AMA scholarship awards.
- Give more grants to clubs to assist with disaster recovery, and programs to encourage membership growth, activities, and youth engagement.
- Take our educational programs to the national level.

We have approximately \$60,000 to raise by December 31 to meet our fundraising goal of \$200,000 this year.

Would you be willing to make a special year-end donation of \$50, \$100, or whatever you can to help us meet our goal?

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Event Schedule for 2016

Monthly Meeting	Contest
January 21, 2016	Project-of-the-Month
February 18, 2016	Model-of-the-Month
March 17, 2016	ARF- of-the-Month
April 21, 2016	Project-of-the-Month
May 19, 2016	Model-of-the-Month
June 16, 2016	ARF- of-the-Month
July 21, 2016 Hardyston	Project-of-the-Month
August 18, 2016 Squatrito	Model-of-the-Month
September 15, 2016	ARF- of-the-Month
October 20, 2016	Project-of-the-Month
November 17, 2016	Model-of-the-Month
December 1, 2016	Christmas Party
Club Events	Dates
District II Fun Fly	August 2016

***The next club meeting will be
on November 17th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report:

September's opening Balance is \$12,295.71. Collections for the month totaled \$1,985.00 represented by AMA Picnic Revenue \$1,941.00 and 50/50 of \$44. Expenses for the month totaled \$1,235.60 represented by Mowing \$510.00, September BBQ \$56.00, mowing of new field \$170.00 and AMA Picnic \$499.60. The result is an ending balance of \$13,045.11

A recap by category as they currently stand follows:

Encumbered for Club Business	\$1,588.00
General Reserve	\$4,166.00
Warbirds	\$945.00
Laser/Electric/AMA Picnic	\$6,346.00
Total	\$13,045.00

The encumbered amount of \$1,833.00 is very tight for meeting the clubs remaining operating expenses and will be short if we have to mow in November. It is very possible we will need to use some reserves before the end of the year.

The AMA Picnic Revenue and Expenses represent the remaining balances deposited and expended during the month of September. A recap of the activity shows total collections of \$5,872 and expenses of \$1,790 resulting in a gain of \$4,082.

The reserves will be reviewed at the October meeting and reallocated to provide funding for the new field.