



NEWS AT THE TOP

September, 2017

Editor's Comments:

Each month we receive the AMA magazine and, many of us also receive an email from the AMA which contains internet links to websites that contain instructional articles, building tips, and information regarding other flying clubs.

September's email contained several articles that I found interesting:

A flying club in Las Cruces, New Mexico, just moved to a new field and "thanks to the efforts of several local agencies, the Las Cruces community had repurposed what was once a landfill into a brand-new flying field—and the results are beautiful. Construction crews installed two runways, each 100 feet wide by 600 feet long, as well as an adjoining parking lot and other flyer friendly commodities". Sound familiar? Follow this story at:

<http://air.modelaircraft.org/3874-2/>

Another great article – for both beginners and advanced flyers, is about putting together the right match of engine, airplane, etc. for your new airplane: "this matchmaking process proposes a logical engineering approach to selecting a model, engine, and propeller, and the combination's performance and flying characteristics will be a match for the

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President's Comments:

I was very pleased that so many members were able attend our September meeting. The single biggest question that was raised at the meeting, and whose answer continues to elude us, is "what about the groundings brought about by the President's presence in Bedminster". I truly understand your frustration and wish that I could bring you good news other than the President will probably start spending more time in Florida. AMA is clearly perplexed by this problem and they continue to try and resolve it through their Washington contacts. How long this will take is still a question. The first club to be vetted is in Boonton, and I am unaware how far along they are in that process. By the time of the next meeting, I will have spoken with Eric Williams and hope to have some better news.

Reynolds field looks great! The grass is continuing to grow, but the recent lack of rain has slowed growth and demonstrates how fortunate we were in the early spring and summer to have had enough rain to create a good turf. Plans continue to be made for refinement of the field and removal of trees. We continue to try and have of this work completed by the end of this fall and early winter. If you have

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Secretary's Report:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. All of the club officers were present. Anthony presented to the officers the 2017 AMA pins (better late than never). The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurers Report:

The old balance was \$12,232.49. The new balance is \$10,857.96. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field Reports:

Reynolds Field:

Reynolds field is in good flying shape. More work was done on the road at Reynolds field. The bend after the barn was made wider to accommodate larger vehicles and trailers.

Hardyston Field:

Hardyston is in good flying shape. It is hunting season so follow the procedure if you plane goes down on the farmer's property.

Membership: Only one of the applicants was present.

Safety:

There are hunters present at the fields near Hardyston. If your plane goes down on the farmers property, call the farmer and wear the safety vest. Hunting can be done near Reynolds field also. Reynolds field is very isolated. Use the buddy system when flying there. Let friends or family know where you are and when they can expect you back.

Old Business:

There have been a lot of TFRs lately preventing us from flying. The AMA is looking into a waiver process. There are 26 clubs affected when there is a TFR in Bedminster. The Land Management Review is over. The DEP made some recommendations. To sum it up, we can carry out all of our plans as long as we do them late fall and before the spring. We may be a candidate for the District II fly-in in 2018.

New Business:

Nominations for club officers were opened up. Anthony nominated the current officers for the current positions. No other nominations were made. Nominations will open up again next month.

Bill Mitchell brought in a model and made a presentation.

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pilot's flying-skill level—or for a beginner with no flying skills at all. This article includes simple formulas involving public-school arithmetic that are easy to solve on an inexpensive pocket calculator. It needs to be the “scientific” type, which has square (x2) and square root (√) buttons.

The article is divided into sections that cover the model, the engine, estimating thrust, selecting a propeller, and information sources. It is aimed toward the beginner but contains information that will be of interest to the expert.

Follow this story at:

<http://modelaviation.com/matchmaking>

A third article I found interesting – although I'm WAY too poor a pilot to try – is about the jets that so many pilots are moving to. As the article states: “Most of the larger segments of RC are seeing event attendance stabilizing or reducing, but the jet community is seeing substantial growth. This is largely because jets are just so cool, and are now heavily supported by the explosion of decent-quality, highly prefinished ARFs. Turbine operation has become easier and there are more options for the consumer.”

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any questions, please call Tony.

It looks like no other club has stepped up to work with the AMA on sponsoring the District II picnic. I will be discussing this and verifying requirements with Eric prior to the meeting and will report to you at that time. Since we have already approved this event we can begin the planning process and make the necessary applications and magazine announcements. Please begin to think about the last time we held this event and how we can improve it. And, yes, we will get a better bluegrass band - let me know if you have any contacts!

Keep flying - the weather has been great.

Pat

In case you don't remember, the slate of TONJ club officers are pictured below: Mike, Pat, Tony and Craig.



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Event Schedule for 2017

Monthly Meeting	
January 19, 2017	
February 16, 2017	
March 16, 2017	
April 20, 2017	
May 18, 2017	
June 15, 2017	
July 20, 2017 Hardyston	
August 17, 2017 Reynolds	
September 21, 2017	
October 19, 2017	
November 16, 2017	
December 21, 2017	

***The next club meeting will be
on October 19th at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report: September, 2017

August's opening balance was \$12,232.49. There were no collections for the month.

Expenses for the month totaled \$1,374.53 represented by: Mowing \$1,085, Porta John \$228.40 and Reynolds Field work of \$61.13. The result of the above is an ending balance of \$10,857.96.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 3,202
General Reserve	\$ 2,000
Event Reserve	\$ 2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	\$ <u>3,656</u>
<u>Total :</u>	\$10,858