



NEWS AT THE TOP

May, 2018

President's Comments

I would like to extend a personal invitation to all club members to attend our next meeting in June. We will have, barring any unforeseen difficulties, Eric Williams, AMA District II VP, in attendance. Please bring your questions and other comments for him that you wish to address. Eric knows and understands the time and effort that we will be expending for the AMA Fly-in and wants to address the many questions we all have, from funding through waiver sanctions.

We had a very good meeting this month and, hopefully, I was able to clear up some concerns. One concern that was raised at the meeting was the subject of refunding fees by Green Township in the event the Fun-fly had to be cancelled due to no waiver. I checked with Green and they will refund the fees if the event does not take place. They do hope we hold the event because they consider it a very positive use of the airport and they would like us to promote it in the township.

Another issue, which is of concern to all of us, is the status of Reynolds Field and when it will be available for flying. A lot work and money has been put into the field, and it is coming along very well. The efforts that club members have put into this field are appreciated. We now need to wait to hear from Tony about when he will call for a work party to remove small rocks from the field that might hinder take-offs and landings. Please understand that the field is closed to flying! Work needs to be done on the road to make it passable, as well as waiting for the grass to grow. Flying at Hardyston is only a ½ hour away from Reynolds and is a beautiful site for all flying. Come try it.

Please remember to come to the next meeting. We will have refreshments for our guest. This would also be a great meeting to bring some models and or projects for discussion.

Secretary's Report - May 2018 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. Craig was absent. All of the other officers were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report: None - Craig was absent and he did not send in a report.

Field Reports:

Reynolds Field:

Final grading was done at Reynolds field by Harrington Construction. Scott Geller and John Skews supervised the grading. Following that, Scott and John York-raked and used a Rock Hound to remove most of the rocks on the newly graded area. Tony Curcuruto and Joe Florio planted 400 lbs. of grass and fertilized that same area.

Hardyston Field:

Hardyston is in good shape and has been mowed.

Membership: There was a roll call and we took in a new applicant, totaling 4 for the year.

Old Business: Marcin Kryszak brought in some event flyers for the District II Fly-In.

Pat spoke to Eric Williams about getting a flying waiver when the President is in the area. An event waiver is pending for the District II Fly In. We will find out two weeks prior to the event. If the event is canceled, the AMA will post the money laid out. Pat asked if anyone knows of a Blue Grass band to play at the event. If so, let Pat know. Chairmen are needed for the event. Some volunteered already. If you are willing to help, again see Pat.

Eric Williams may attend the June meeting.

New Business: There was a moment of silence for the passing of Howard Hatton. Tony Curcuruto talked a little about Howard to the members present.

Nick Stecky brought many planes to sell. A list was in the last newsletter. Contact Nick at: nstecky@aol.com.

News from the AMA

Government Affairs Update, June 7, 2018:

The AMA Government Affairs team continues its work in Washington, D.C. to represent and protect our hobby. We want to share with you more information about our activities in recent weeks.

As the Senate prepares to focus on FAA reauthorization legislation, members of our team have conducted numerous meetings with senators and staff sharing the importance of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft (Section 336). These Senate meetings have allowed us to build upon the positive language in the House bill to further strengthen and protect model aviation. As the language for Section 336 progresses, we will continue to meet with legislators and stakeholders to advocate for our members. If the Senate moves forward with a bill, we anticipate it may happen before the July 4th holiday. Once a Senate bill is introduced, it and the House bill will go to a conference committee who will reintroduce a combined bill for a final vote before September.

This year, we have seen fewer problematic bills proposed in state legislations, as state representatives are becoming familiar with our hobby and reach out to us for guidance. We have engaged with legislators in various states regarding eighteen proposed bills, most recently in Ohio. As introduced, House Bill 685 would further restrict the airspace and impose record keeping requirements that would burden unmanned aircraft system (UAS) retailers and operators. Our team has been in contact with the bill's sponsor and will continue to engage with Ohio legislators as the bill goes through committee. We are optimistic that we will be able to shape this legislation, ultimately removing restrictions that could impact our members.

We are also excited to share news from the state of Pennsylvania. Our team was recently contacted by members in the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania area concerning a proposed ban on UAS in public parks. We immediately went to work and contacted the town council with our concerns. Fortunately, the council took the time to listen to our message and to local members that attended the meeting. The Chambersburg Borough Council Voted unanimously to table the recommendation indefinitely and have no plans to address this matter in the future.

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Event Schedule for 2018

Monthly Meeting	
January 18, 2018	
February 15, 2018	
March 15, 2018	
April 19, 2018	
May 17, 2018	
June 21, 2018	
July 19, 2018 Hardyston	
August 16, 2018 Reynolds	
September 20, 2018	
October 18, 2018	
November 15, 2018	
December 20, 2018	

***The next club meeting will be
on June 21st at
Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report – April/May, 2018

February's beginning balance is \$17,628.39.

Collections for February and March totaled \$1,888.00, represented by Dues \$1,190, Reynolds Field Assessment \$630, 50/50 \$18 and Applications \$50.

Expenses for the 2 months totaled \$5,636.75, represented by grading Reynolds Field \$5,331.25, AMA charter and Insurance \$280, and NJ Annual Report \$25.50.

The result is an ending balance is \$13,879.64 defined as follows:

Encumbered for club operations	\$6,689
Reserve for Reynolds Field	\$3,191
Reserve for Events	\$2,000
General Reserve	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$13,880