



NEWS AT THE TOP

June, 2018

A note from Tony regarding Reynolds Field Maintenance:

The work party that we had on June 30th at Reynolds field was a huge success. About 25 dedicated members (some brought children) ascended on Reynolds field and did a fantastic job ridding the pit area and extended runway of rocks.

Two members did more than expected—Joe Florio cut down weeds on the side of the full road during the blistering heat. Jim Munley donated two more (totaling four so far) flight benches. We set up the flight benches in the new pit area. The grass for the most part is coming along nicely. We are going to give it a little more time before we open the field for general flying.

Aside from that, more work was done. Scott Geller and John Skewes worked on the road the following week. A new member—John Thomas— tackled the tall grass in the parking area with Mike Shauger.

Good News! Reynolds Field was opened for flying on July 9th. Pat saw the progress made and opened the field.

Our next club meeting is on July 19th at Reynolds Field. This is a change from what was mentioned at the June meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30. Come early, because we will be having a Club BBQ—hot dogs and burgers. Bring an airplane also and try out the new field.



Shown at left is a photo of our June meeting at the Andover Senior Center – luckily there were no mosquitoes!!

Shown at the right is Eric WilliamsAMA Vice President District II



Secretary's Report - June 2018 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. Mike and Pat were present, Craig and Tony were absent. Because there was no one to open the Senior Center, the meeting was held on the steps of the center. About 20 members attended the meeting. Ron Zielensky took minutes in Tony's absence. It was a beautiful evening to hold an outdoor meeting, but no hotdogs were available. The minutes from the previous meeting were not read.

Treasurers Report: See details on page 4 of this newsletter.

Field Reports:

Reynolds Field:

There are still a lot of rocks at the field, so many that Mike is still striking them even with his mower set at its highest setting. A work party is scheduled for June 30th. Ron reported that new drain pipes in several places across the road for better drainage is also scheduled for June 28th. Pat took guest Eric Williams to tour both Hardyston and Reynolds Fields. He thought that Reynolds needs water badly and possible a reseeding might be needed. The road is passable though.

Hardyston Field:

Hardyston is in good shape, has lots of clover, and has been mowed and is in good flying shape. Refreshments will be at the next meeting, which is at Hardyston.

Membership:

We took in one new application.

Old Business:

SECTV will be at the fun fly in August. Mike reported that he has already acquired \$500 in donations to the fun-fly. Pat encourages everyone to try to also solicit donations from businesses in their town.

New Business:

Eric Williams attended this June meeting. He and Pat had toured both Hardyston

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and Reynolds Fields, and Eric thought Reynolds is looking like a great place to fly.

Eric spoke at length at the meeting about several points:

1. The Bedminster VIP/TFP is still in effect when the President is present. Things move slowly through the Secret Service. Usually the TFP is announced only a week before. We hope that the AMA will be able to coordinate an exception for our AMA event in August, but we will only know a couple days in advance if it is granted. Although the Washington DC clubs can fly – it's in a 'special' area, not so much so at our remote location.
2. Possibly linking our AMA event in support of a veteran's organization might increase our chances to get clearance to hold it in the event of President Trump is in Bedminster that weekend. It was agreed to make a donation "a portion of our proceeds" to the Vietnam Veterans Cemetery in Sussex County. We hope that some of the veterans will attend.
3. Fun-fly waivers have been given in Florida, Maine, and California, but are have to come by.
4. The AMA has pledged \$500 to our club if the event is cancelled due to TFR.
5. The Green Township administrator and airport manager are working with us on the event – possible help to grant us a waiver from the TFR.

Announcements:

1. Pat asked for a moment of silence for member Joe Russo who has passed away.
2. On June 23rd, the Bridgewater club is holding a giant-scale fly-in.

Bill Mitchell brought in a model Piper Tri-Pacer. A second – beautiful ARF – was also at the meeting, but I didn't get the pilot's name.

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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 Reynolds	
August 16, 2018 Hardyston	
September 20, 2018	
October 18, 2018	
November 15, 2018	
December 20, 2018	

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Treasurer's Report – April/May, 2018

April's beginning balance is \$13,879.64. Collections for April and May totaled \$283.00, represented by Dues \$140, Reynolds Field Assessment \$60, 50/50 for \$58, and Applications \$25. Expenses for the 2 months totaled \$1,095.34, represented by Mowing \$255, Hardyston Field Maintenance \$400, Meeting Room Rental \$200, Web Site \$40, District 2 Picnic Sanction \$140, and Reynolds Field \$60. The result is an ending balance is \$13,067.30 defined as follows:

Encumbered for club operations	\$6,016
Reserve for Reynolds Field	\$3,191
Reserve for Events	\$1,860
General Reserve	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	<u>\$13,067</u>