



NEWS AT THE TOP

August, 2018

President's Comments:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those many individuals who worked tirelessly on the recent AMA District II Fly-in. If we were to measure the success of this event solely by the amount of money that was raised, it might be a little less than the previous event. But if we consider the uncertainty that we were working under not knowing if a waiver was going to be required, that same uncertainty may have contributed to smaller number of pilots who participated. I believe the final count was 55 with 24 people who bought tickets for the BBQ dinner. Final numbers are still being calculated, but we did make money and Craig will give us a report at the meeting.

All members should be very happy and proud that this event, held to recognize the service of our veterans, enabled us to contribute \$500.00 to the Veterans Cemetery fund for the project in Sparta, NJ. This presentation was made on Sunday at noon, with the donation being given to Viet Nam veteran Mr. John McGowan. A photo of this occasion was taken and is available in the large number of photos taken by our member Kevin Meder. Based on this single act this event was a huge success. This was clearly noted in the comments by our state senator Steve Oroho at the opening ceremonies. Comments were made by Eric Williams AMA District II VP, who was very thankful and appreciative of the hard work to put on this event.

So many of our members were so helpful, that I am fearful that I will forget to mention them by name. Certainly, my very good friend and right hand our VP Mike Shauger, Scott Geller who gave so much to the success of the event with his personal commitment and with his flying demonstrations, and Tony Curcuruto for invaluable assistance. Many thanks to John Skewes, Jon Ace. Joe Florio, Ron Zielensky, John Morgan, Bob Grodeska, Gary Gutierrez, Rich Smith, James Strickland, Bill Strickland, Charlie Lis, and Frank Costello. My special thanks to Rick Andrese for his rendition of our National Anthem at the opening ceremonies. If I have omitted anyone who was present my sincere apologies.

Our September meeting will be held in the Senior Citizens center, and I would like to remind all of our members to try attending.

Secretary's Report - July 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM at Hardyston Field. Pat was absent. There were 18 members at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report:

The old balance was \$13,067. The new balance was \$11,710. See details on page 4 of this newsletter.

Field Reports:

Both fields were in good shape. Hardyston Field had a mud puddle in the middle of the field from all the rain.

Membership:

A roll call was taken. Only one applicant was present.

Old Business:

District II Fly In. Tony added our event to R/C Groups and Universe. He also added it to a few community web sites. Setup for the event is Friday at 9am. Some participants will arrive on Friday with trailers. Shop Rite and Weis will be donating paper goods for the event. Mike asked if you had a pop-up tent bring it along for the club to use. The AMA Simulator truck will not be at the event as previously promised.

TFR again this weekend.

New Business: A carport will be purchased and set up at Reynolds Field as shelter from the sun.

MODEL AIRPLANE SUPPLIES

Bob Bodner has various airplane supplies for sale, **not limited to**, the following:

Several big boxes of airplane stuff such as spinners, tubing, propellers, steel rods, etc.

Shelves loaded with such things as soldering irons, volt meters, and a heat gun

Band saw, drill press, and scroll saw

You must see to consider buying these things!

Please call Bob Bodner at 973-584-0463

COME ON OVER AND DO SOME SHOPPING

It's Time to Store Your Batteries

For many of you, flying season is over and it's time to store your flight batteries. Even if you fly throughout the winter, chances are that you fly less frequently and you need to store your batteries longer than usual.

Whatever the voltage level is at when you choose to store them, be sure it's not fully charged or fully discharged.

Arguments continue over the "proper" voltage level to use, but all agree it's somewhere between full and empty. Most of my chargers use something around the 3.8-volt level and I'm good with that.

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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	

***The next club meeting will be
at 7:30 on September 20th at
Andover Seniors Center***

Treasurer's Report – August, 2018

June's beginning balance is \$13,067.30. Collections for June and July totaled \$284.00, represented by Dues \$140, Reynolds Field Assessment \$60, 50/50 of \$34, and Applications \$50.

Expenses for the 2 months totaled \$1,641.02, represented by Mowing \$425, July BBQ \$100, District 2 Picnic \$209, and Reynolds Field \$907.

The result is an ending balance is \$11,710.28 defined as follows:

Encumbered for club operations	\$5,716
Reserve for Reynolds Field	\$2,343
Reserve for Events	\$1,651
General Reserve	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$11,710