



NEWS AT THE TOP

September, 2018

President's Comments:

It looks like a number of our members forgot that our September meeting was held at the Senior Citizens Center as our attendance was a little light.

A number of issues were discussed, and we had the pleasure of meeting some prospective members as a result of the Fun Fly.

I was pleased to be able to report that even though we had about 50% per cent fewer pilots, a good time was had by all who attended. I was able to walk among the participants, and I really did not hear any major concerns. Everyone loved the venue, food and the chicken dinner for those who choose to attend.

Comments from Eric Williams were very positive and despite the reduction in registered pilots, we were still able show a profit of over \$1,200.00 even after presenting the Viet Nam Vets a check for \$500.00, for which we received a nice letter thanking us for the donation.

Final numbers are not in as we are waiting for reimbursement from AMA on a couple of issues.

Another matter that was discussed was the dedication of Reynolds field. While I asked members at the meeting to keep it mind, Tony talked with Scott and secured a date with Bill's Family. On **Saturday October 27th at 2 PM**, we will have a dedication ceremony at Reynolds field for all club members as well as Bill's family. Refreshments will be served, and a beautiful plaque designed by Scott in addition to a Reynold's Field Sign designed and built by Ron Zielensky and Tony Curcuruto, will be presented to commemorate the field in honor of Bill and his dedication to our club. Please try to attend and honor our deceased club member and the work he did on behalf of Top O' New Jersey.

As per by-laws at the September meeting, the floor was opened for nominations for club officers. No nominations from the floor were brought forward. The Nominating committee did present the current slate of officers for the upcoming 2019 year. We will again open the floor for nominations at our October meeting.

Secretary's Report - September 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at Andover Senior Center by President Pat Rizzuto. Club Treasurer Craig Meibach was also in attendance. Absent were VP Mike Shauger and Secretary Tony Curcuruto.

8 members were in attendance, including 4 prospective new members.

Treasurers Report:

See details on page 3 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:

Prospective new members were told to contact Tony for applications and to arrange for flight training at Reynolds field with a club trainer.

Old Business:

Report was given on the AMA fun fly. General comments were good, but most members felt that there could have been greater club involvement. Follow-up report will be given at the next meeting. Thank you letter from the Viet Nam Vets was read to the members in attendance.

Discussion of the TFR also ensued and comments were made as to the involvement of the AMA. I pointed out what I have been trying to do with the AMA and the letters to the newspaper.

New Business:

Nominations for club officers were opened. No nominations from the floor were offered. Nominating committee officer nominations were brought forward – the slate to be same as the current slate of officers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Treasurer's Report – September, 2018

July's beginning balance is \$11,710.28. Collections for August totaled \$3,585.00, all from the AMA Fun Fly. Expenses for the month totaled \$4,555.36 represented by Mowing \$1,105.00, BBQ \$114, Porta Jons \$278.13, District 2 Picnic \$1,992.23, and Reynolds Field \$1,066.00. The result is an ending balance is \$10,739.92 defined as follows:

Encumbered for club operations	\$4,219
Reserve for Reynolds Field	\$1,277
Reserve for Events	\$3,244
General Reserve	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$10,740

Fun Fly Summary:

Although all activity for the Fun Fly is not complete, here is where we stand as of the end of August:

Revenue:

Pilots	\$1,120	
Chicken BBQ	\$560	
Food	\$315	(excluding pilot reimbursement)
Parking (Gate)	\$990	
Donations	<u>\$600</u>	
Total	\$3,585	

Expenses:

Sanction	\$140
Green Township	\$180
Chicken BBQ	\$600
Food	\$500
Donation	\$500
Rentals & Misc.	<u>\$420</u>
Total	\$2,341

Still outstanding are the reimbursements from the AMA for the pilots' lunches and the newspaper article along with the bill for the port Jon rental.

Our intention once all transactions are complete is to restore the Event Reserve to \$2,000 and re-class the balance of the proceeds to the Reynold Field Development Reserve.

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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
on October 18th at
Andover Seniors Center***

Plane for sale:

Great Planes Giant Aero Master 72 inch wingspan biplane

Zenoah G62 Engine w/spring start and building plans

Asking \$325.

Reply to Don Picot at barnstormer@comcast.net

From the AMA:

President Trump today signed the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 into law, which contains several provisions relating to our hobby. As we previously mentioned, AMA championed some of the provisions included in the bill on behalf of our nearly 200,000 members. Other provisions will require closer dialogue and coordination with the FAA in the months and years to come.

With your help, there are no changes that members need to follow immediately. AMA members should continue to fly in accordance with AMA's safety guidelines as we have for decades. Existing agreements between AMA clubs and the FAA should be followed until further notice.

AMA's leadership met with the FAA's leadership in Washington this week, and we are encouraged by the positive tone of the dialogue. The FAA recognizes AMA's commitment to safety and support of national security and has already initiated steps to draw from our institutional knowledge and work collaboratively, ensuring that our hobby can continue to thrive for generations to come.

For our part, the passage of the FAA reauthorization bill marks a new chapter in our organization's history, and one that has many positive benefits. For the first time ever, AMA stands to gain official recognition as a community-based organization, including having our safety programming formally coordinated and recognized. Meanwhile, as a community, we now have an even larger role to play in lending our decades of expertise to the FAA, helping to educate the broader recreational community and working together with the FAA to promote and enhance safety and security in aviation.

We will provide further updates as we embark on this new chapter of cooperation with the FAA and greater AMA leadership in Washington. Thank you for your passion, engagement and support for our beloved hobby.

Thank you,
AMA Government Relations Team