



NEWS AT THE TOP

February, 2019

President's Comments - February 2019

During our last meeting, a number of questions were raised concerning both of our flying fields and their readiness for flying, now and in the coming season. Field reports indicated that both the fields were not in good shape for flying, as both were either very wet and or snow covered. Also, the access roads to the fields were muddy, and, in the case of Reynolds Field, the road was very wet and traveling on the road would destabilize whatever base has been established. With this information in mind it was decided to close both fields to flying until further notice.

The question of whether or not we would have a club event this year was raised from the floor. I mentioned that I had not planned to raise the question to the club since we had the AMA picnic last season, and sponsoring an event is a lot of work that seems to always fall on the same shoulders. It was suggested that we wait until the March meeting to discuss this and to decide if we wanted to utilize the end of August date, which has traditionally been our time for an event, or move to an earlier time.

Since we have scheduled May 5th for a dedication of Reynolds Field along with the celebration of the 50th year of the club's existence, perhaps we will want to do another event later on in August besides the field dedication. Please give it some thought.

Winter projects should be coming to completion. Please bring them to the next meeting and show us your newest addition to your hangar. At the recent AMA Expo East, we saw a number of great looking aircraft that really made you want to get ready for the coming season. Let's see what has been going on with our members as they get ready for 2019.

Secretary's Report - December 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Mike was the only officer absent. The minutes were read. There were no corrections to the minutes and they were approved as read.

Treasurers Report:

The opening balance for January was \$8,838.10. The closing balance was \$13,574.10. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field Reports:

Both fields are closed due to the fact that they are muddy and the roads are wet.

Membership:

We have a membership drive till May. We are accepting applicants new to the hobby or applicants new to the area that do not belong to another club. Dues were collected in January. Eleven members dropped out; two members did not respond to emails or phone messages and three will pay in February. There were no guests at the meeting.

Old Business:

FAA – Due to the fact that the Government was closed, all FAA Drone certificates were extended till 2020.

Lease – Tony and Pat signed a lease for Reynolds Field and Tony is putting together all of the documents required for the agreement.

Field Grant – The deadline for the AMA Field Grant is March 1st. Pat and Tony are putting together documents to get a \$750 grant from the AMA (10% of the \$7500 spent so far on the field in the past year).

New Business:

We discussed having some sort of event in August. The same weekend we had the District II last year. More next month.

We discussed the availability of Trinca Airport. Pat tried to get the AMA interested in leasing it.

Tony asked for volunteers for flight training at Reynolds. Tony read from an ad he put in the newsletter.

Incident Weather: Tony will send out an email before 5pm on the day of the meeting or the night before if the forecast is certain. Be smart, if the weather is bad where you live, don't drive.

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Wanted – Flight Instructors

There were a few members that joined the club that did not get out to learn to fly this past year at Reynolds Field. There were a few reasons – field was closed in the early part of the season, Trump visits, and a lack of instructors.

If you are a seasoned pilot with good flying skills, and of course patience, contact me at toponewjersey@comcast.net if you are interested. Training days at Reynolds field are Wednesday afternoons.

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Membership Drive – Tony mentioned that he put out a post on our Facebook page and web site and will continue to try to solicit for new members.

Monthly Project – Rick Andrese brought in a Fokker DR1. It was designed for a 3-channel electric; Rick modified it to a 4 channel. It weighs 7.8 ounces and it is covered with tissue.

Here are 3 photos of Rick's Fokker.



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Event Schedule for 2019

Monthly Meeting	
January 17, 2019	
February 21, 2019	
March 21, 2019	
April 18, 2019	
May 16, 2019	
June 20, 2019	
July 18, 2019 Reynolds	
August 15, 2019 Hardyston	
September 19, 2019	
October 17, 2019	
November 21, 2019	
December 21, 2019	

***The next club meeting will be
on March 21st at
Andover Seniors Center***

Treasurer's Report - December, 2019

January Opening balance is \$8,839.10.

Collections for the month totaled \$\$4,795, represented by Dues \$4,760, 50/50 of \$17, and a donation back to the club of \$18.

Spending for the month totaled \$60 to the State of NJ.

The result is an ending balance of \$13,574.10