



NEWS AT THE TOP

March, 2019

President's Comments - March 2019

Our past meeting in March was a very good one, with a number of members attending. We discussed a number of issues, including a fun fly in August. The question of having the fun fly was raised from the floor with the majority of members agreeing that we should hold an event during the week of August 25th and 26th. I was asked to contact Green township to see if the field was available and if so, file for a sanction. I checked and it is available, but when I filed for the sanction, I found that Bridgewater R/C had taken the date for a single day Warbirds fun fly. The event is about 26 miles from Trinca, and we would not have been able to get the sanction. At this point, I would suggest we pass for this year and take steps further into the year to protect this date for 2020.

I have spoken with Eric Williams of the AMA, and he has advised me they are putting on a big push with the FAA to get some kind of resolution on the temporary stand downs due to the President's presence at Bedminster. I will keep you informed as to any progress on this matter and will discuss it further at our next meeting.

Even better was our end-of-meeting discussion on modeling, and a promise from Gary to discuss batteries used in electric powered models, as well as associated issues such as speed controllers, motors, battery maintenance and battery selection. Please bring pencil and paper for notes; we will have a test afterwards. This was the fun part of the meeting, and we had a lot of fun talking about various modeling questions and various "how-to's".

Secretary's Report – March 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Pat was the only officer absent. There were 16 members present. The minutes were read by Ron Zielensky, filling in for Tony Curcuruto. 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:

Hardyston Field:

The field was in good shape, and Pat declared it open for flying.

Reynolds Field:

The road to the field from the road is still in bad shape and remains closed for flying.

With a short amount of time left to repair the access road, the dedication ceremony scheduled for the field for May 5th may have to be changed due to the poor road conditions.

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. There were no guests at the meeting.

Old Business:

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, a field grant for \$750 has been applied for to the AMA for our work in developing Reynold's Field.

The club is incorporated; the state requires paperwork filing regarding the corporation.

New Business:

We discussed having some sort of event in August on the same weekend we had the District fun fly previously. The District II fun fly is in New York state this year. Trinca Field would be the choice for our event Pat will check for its availability. The decision will be made at the next meeting. It was agreed that

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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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there would be open flying on Saturday and Sunday, no Saturday dinner, just lunches, and August 24th and 25th would be the tentative days. It was agreed that the \$20 landing fee was too high, and that it should be returned back to the prior amount of \$10, but with no food included.

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

the District II last year. More next month.

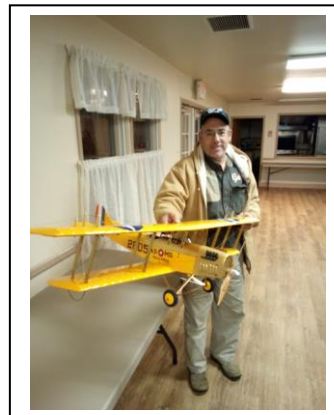
We discussed the availability of Trinca Airport. Pat tried to get the AMA interested in leasing it.

A check for the rental of the Senior Citizens hall is past due, and it will be mailed out before next month's meeting.

A discussion for 20 minutes at the conclusion of business regarding batteries, their sizes, and all things for electric flying was held – with member Gary giving a talk next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Gary Gutierrez brought a 17 Jenny Biplane he says is 90% ready right out of the box. A photo is shown here:



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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 April 18th at
Andover Seniors Center***

Treasurer's Report - December, 2019

No further dues so far.

Report is a short one.

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