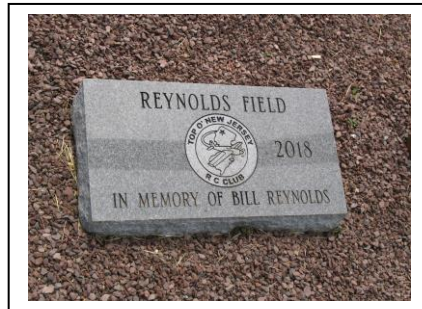




NEWS AT THE TOP

May, 2019

Some photos from the Reynolds Field Dedication ceremony!



Secretary's Report - March 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Pat, the only officer in attendance. Ron Zielensky stood in for Tony as secretary. There were 9 members present. There was one correction: Joe Florio was added as having worked on the road renewal with the others mentioned in the previous meeting. The minutes were then approved as read.

Treasurers Report:

February's opening balance was \$13,574.10. The ending balance was \$14,413.56. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field Reports:

Reynolds Field: was just mowed. The road has held up fine even with all the rain.

Hardyston Field: is in good shape and will be mowed tomorrow.

Field Issues:

- a. Don't use either field when conditions are wet.
- b. Don't park a car on the slope at Reynolds – the grass will be destroyed.
- c. RR tie stairs could be installed to help get up the slope.
- d. Safety issues were brought up by Pat and Mike regarding Reynolds – fencing should be installed for safety.

Membership: nothing

Old Business:

1. We got the field development grant from AMA - \$783 now in the bank!
2. Discussion of why so many members have dropped out: bad weather, the President's attendance in NJ, etc. The AMA is still working on a fix for when President Trump is in town, but flying when he IS in town would probably not

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From the AMA:

Earlier today, the [FAA issued a notice](#) that provides temporary guidance for recreational fliers. AMA is already working with the FAA to make accommodations for our members, and we wanted to let you know what to expect.

First, we'll share a bit of background. Throughout the past few years, thousands of new recreational drone users and more than 400,000 new commercial drone operators have entered the airspace. Late last year, Congress passed and President Donald Trump signed into law the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. This law gives the FAA more authority to address the surge of new users and changing airspace. Part of the law includes Section 349, which outlines eight statutory requirements for the recreational operation of all unmanned aircraft, including all drone and model aircraft hobbyists. The FAA is tasked with creating new rules in accordance with this law.

The guidance the FAA issued today is one step in a long process to create and implement the new rules for recreational fliers. It's important to note that at this stage in the process, the guidance does not constitute official rules and it's not legally binding.

Here's what you can expect: AMA is working with the FAA to accommodate our diverse, safe, and responsible community with future regulations. Together, we are working to ease the burden of compliance with the guidance issued today and, eventually, with the new rules. We regularly engage the FAA, including multiple meetings yesterday, to discuss the details of these solutions.

As a next step, we will begin working with AMA members and clubs located near airports to establish letters of agreement. These letters of agreement will formalize the special accommodations for our community and allow AMA members to continue flying at these fixed flying sites without interruption.

AMA members have flown safely in our nation's skies for decades, and the FAA recognizes that; however, we are entering a new era of unmanned aviation and with that come changes. We are doing everything we can to ensure that this transition is smooth, and our hobby is protected.

We will keep you updated on the FAA's process of creating and implementing new rules, as well as our work to find solutions for AMA members. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,
AMA Government Affairs

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3. be detected.

4. The weather really screwed up the dedication for Reynolds Field. It is now scheduled for Saturday, June 8.

5. To help get people into the hobby, perhaps a static display at the Greenwood Lake airshow on June 1st or 2nd. Pat will get more info.

New Business:

June is the last indoor meeting. July meeting will be at Reynolds Field and August's at Hardyston.

The Bridgewater Club got our date for our event in August. Next year we'll lock up that date very early.

50/50 - \$6.00 won by Dick Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

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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 2190, 2019	

***The next club meeting will be
on June 20th at
Andover Seniors Center***

Treasurer's Report - April, 2019

February's opening balance was \$13,574.10. Collections for the 2-month period totaled \$1,506, represented by Dues \$1,470 and 50/50 \$36. Expenses for the same period totaled \$666.54 represented by AMA \$280, State of NJ \$166.54, and Andover Borough \$200. The result of the above is an ending balance of \$14,413.56.

Loss of members has created a dues shortfall of \$1,120.00 compared to budget. As a result, we will have to keep a close watch on spending for the year.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 5,575
General Reserve	\$ 2,500
Event Reserve	\$ 2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	\$ <u>4,339</u>
Total	\$14,414

Safety at Reynolds Field

Pat spent a lot of time at the last meeting talking about being safe at Reynolds Field. Aside from the usual safety protocol, parking and flight stations were covered. Park your car on the lower part of the field as shown in picture number one. Do not park past the field sign or in the pit area near the flying benches.

When it's your turn to fly, position yourself behind one of the white safety barriers as indicated in the second picture. If they are not set up, take the time to do so.

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Park as indicated in the picture.

The club is not trying to make life difficult for the membership, we are just trying to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Position yourself behind one of the white barriers.