



# NEWS AT THE TOP

July, 2019

## **IMPOTANT NOTICE:**

**This Thursday's meeting will NOT be at Hardyston Field, but will be at the Andover Senior Center  
At 7:30pm since we cannot fly due to the TFR notice.**

## **Safety First – Lipo:**

Rumors abound about safety, or lack thereof, when using LiPo batteries. Much of that is left over from the early days of LiPo packs and the lack of information available to the user at the time.

Incorrect chargers were used, incorrect voltage cutoffs were used, and they were being discharged at levels that the packs couldn't support. As chemistries, protective circuits, and information improved, LiPo batteries have become a safe and suitable source of power. Here are a few simple rules for increasing your safety:

- Always store batteries in a fire-safe container.
- Always charge with an appropriate charger designed for LiPos.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for charging and discharging rates.
- Always size a pack according to its usage.
- Never overcharge.
- Never overdischarge.
- Never use a puffed pack.
- Never use a pack that has visible damage (dents, cracks, etc).
- Never charge a pack unattended.
- Never disassemble or reconfigure a damaged pack.

Most accidents involving LiPo packs are the result of not following one of these rules. Understand the charger you're using and follow the manufacturer's guidelines and they will serve you well. Charge safely

## **Secretary's Report - June 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Andover Borough Senior Center. There were 12 members present and all of the club officers. The Minutes were approved as read.

### **Treasurers Report:**

The old balance was \$14,413.56. The new balance after debits and credits was \$12,086.77. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

**Field Reports:** Both fields are in good flying shape.

### **Field Report Safety:**

Members are parking below the pit area as indicated in the May newsletter. Also, two more Flight station fences were added totaling five are now in use. Officers thought that was not enough, so a fence will be added.

### **Membership:**

We have two applicants for membership so far. There was a guest at the meeting who also will submit an application.

### **Old Business:**

Pat mentioned that all had a good time at the field dedication. He thanked all that were able to attend. He also thanked Scott Geller, John Skewes, Joe Florio and I for getting the field in great shape for the event.

Pat attended the Greenwood Airshow. It is a great event. We will look into having a static display there next year.

### **New Business:**

Keep an eye out for poachers. There are rare reptiles near our field.

Warbirds over Delaware is next month.

## **Aviation Memorabilia for Sale.**

Remember the days of the Sussex Airshow. The planes and the performances were the best. Aside from that, you had the food trucks serving great comfort food. Lastly, you had vendors selling aviation memorabilia.

A Sussex, NJ local used to sell his wares at the airshow and still has quite a large collection of aviation memorabilia. He has a collection of old airplane engine cylinder heads, instruments, navigation units, model planes, magazines and many books. If you are interested, give this guy a call. His name is Steve Maciag. His address is 90 Sherman Ridge Road, Wantage, 07461.



## **Another item for sale:**

**I have an OS120AX with 2.75" spinner and APC prop I'd like to sell.**

**It's a low use engine with less than 3 gallons through it. It was pulling a sort-of-pattern plane I designed. I shelved the plane/engine when I switched to gas. I'd like to re-engine the plane with a DLE30 and sell the engine to someone who could use it. With the prop and spinner they're about \$340 new. I'm thinking \$150 to help me finance the DLE.**

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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	
<b>July 15, 2019</b>	
August 15, 2019 Hardyston	
September 19, 2019	
October 17, 2019	
November 21, 2019	
December 21, 2019	

***The next club meeting will be  
on August 15 at 7:30pm  
At Andover Senior Center***

## Treasurer's Report - July, 2019

April's opening balance was \$14,413.56. Collections for the 2 month period totaled \$933.56, represented by one application \$125.00, AMA field reimbursement \$783.56 and 50/50 \$25. Expenses for the same period totaled \$3,261.35 represented by IRS \$600 exempt status application, Mowing \$850 and Reynolds Field road improvements \$1,811.35. The result of the above is a May ending balance of \$12,086.77.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 4,246
General Reserve	\$ 2,500
Event Reserve	\$ 2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	\$ 3,341
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,087</b>