



NEWS AT THE TOP

October, 2019

President's Comments

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My comments last month mentioned great fall flying weather and as it turns out the temperature dropped and the winds picked up; so much for weather prognostication. Our last meeting was a review of field conditions and status of what needed to be done at Reynolds field. To that end our new Reynolds field manager Jon Ace pointed out that the olive bushes were beginning to encroach on the run way areas of our new field and needed to be cut back. Jon agreed to undertake this project and within a week it was taken care of...thank you Jon.

Our November meeting will have a guest, John Wayne, who will be giving a talk on his Taranis R/C radio system. I don't know if is familiar with some of the other radio systems but why not plan to attend and hear his comments on this quality system. He may have some points of comparison.

New Product Review

Horizon Hobby E-flite MiG-15 28mm EDF Jet BNF Basic With AS3X and SAFE Select

When I picked up this model for review, my first reaction was to assume that this would end up as a nice static display model. I assumed that there was no way that such an aircraft could successfully keep my attention at the flying field and perform well.

I'm happy to share with you that I was completely incorrect. This newly rereleased E-flite MiG-15 EDF (electric ducted-fan) jet from Horizon Hobby is a real winner! It looks great, and it flies just as well.

When I opened the box, I was impressed by the detail on this model. The decals were well attached and eye-catching. The molding of the aircraft panels is nicely done. My first impression about it being useful as a desktop model is justified.

The landing gear with steerable nose wheel is easily removable for more scale-like flights. If you have a smooth surface that you'd like to take off from, leave them on! They work well and it's always nice to complete some touch-and-gos!

Setting up your transmitter is easy. Depending on what transmitter you use, you can set up multiple rates, as well as the ability to turn the SAFE on and off via a switch. Instructions for setting up the model are well stated.

I would have to disagree with the headline detailing the installation of the cannons for the model. They state that they are "optional." I would humbly contend that if cannons are offered, there isn't really an option. One simply says, "thank you" and smiles broadly.

Secretary's Report – August 2019 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. There were 13 members present. Mike was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without corrections.

Treasurers Report:

There were no transactions this past month. The club treasury balance is \$9,302.57.

Field Reports:

Reynolds Field:

The road is in good shape; some work needs to be done in spots. Work needs to be done as you approach the barn - a swirl to divert the water is necessary. Work needs to be done behind the barn at the last turn before the gate. Jon Ace is going to rent a brush hog to clear the vegetation around the runway.

Hardyston Field: is in good shape.

Pat commented that both fields are in good flying shape so get out and fly before the season comes to an end.

Field Report Safety: no issues.

Membership:

There was only one prospective member present.

Safety:

Hunters were seen at Reynolds Field. Be careful and wear bright clothing if going to look for a downed plane. At Hardyston, follow the protocol for going on the farmer's property.

Old Business:

We got a letter from the IRS approving our Federal Tax Exempt status. The letter was then forwarded to the DEP to secure our five-year lease.

There were no new nominations for club officers.

New Business:

There was some discussion on how to increase the membership.

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Jon Ace was at Reynolds Field doing a great job cutting the brush surrounding the runway. Joe Florio was there for support and cut down a few of the Russian Olive bushes. Thanks again Jon and Joe.

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Anthony Curcuruto brought in a number of products from Joe Gonzales. This included building tools and supplies, kits, balsa wood, field supplies, and planes. They were raffled off and the proceeds went into the club treasury. Next month we will have a guest speaker, John Wayne, talking about programming a FrSky Taranis radio system. The FrSky Taranis is a full function, cost effective alternative to other high-priced popular systems.

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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 15, 2019	
August 15, 2019 Hardyston	
September 19, 2019	
October 17, 2019	
November 21, 2019	
December 21, 2019	

***The next club meeting will be
on November 21 at 7:30pm
At Andover Senior Center***

Treasurer's Report – October, 2019

Repeated from last month.

August's opening balance was \$10,662.57. Expenses for the month totaled \$1,360.00, represented by Mowing. The result of the above is an August-ending balance of \$9,302.57.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 1,462
General Reserve	\$ 2,500
Event Reserve	\$ 2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	\$ 3,341
Total	\$ 9,303