



# NEWS AT THE TOP

May 2020

## From the Editor

Very sad news, another one of our distinguished members passed in May. Bill Reynolds Jr died from complications from surgery. He was a member of the Top O' New Jersey for over 30 years. He is in heaven with his son who passed in 2016. The obituary and pictures are on the next page.

## President Comments

I hope this newsletter finds our membership well AND Covid Free. I am sure that all of us are pretty frustrated with the current situation and happy that we can get back into the air. Hopefully the recent stand down was put to good use in bringing some new models to completion. We will be having our July meeting at Reynolds field so let's be sure to bring some of these new hangar queens out for maiden flights.

This spring has not been great for flying, cold weather, rainy weather punctuated by periods of snow and high winds have made great flying days kind of rare. Hopefully the month of June will start to provide some better flying opportunities. But as we get into the flying season at both our fields please pay attention to the conditions of the roads and pits. The club has spent a considerable sum of money in developing Reynolds field and it really would be a shame to have to spend more money repairing the field because we could not wait one more day to fly. Let's try to come to the July meeting at Reynolds field, get there early so you can get some flying time and say hello to club members you have seen in a few months. Mike is back so the fields should be in great shape.

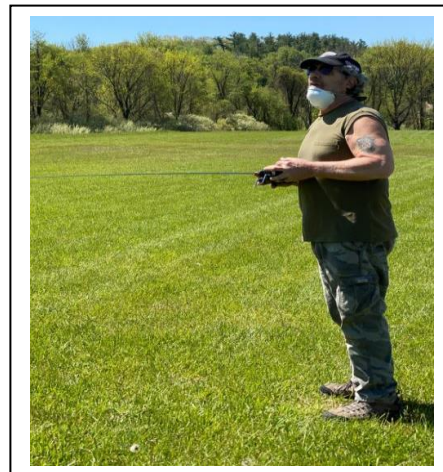
## Flying Fields

Mike is back from Florida and he has mowed both flying fields. The grass was very high and it may take a few cuttings to get it really cut well.

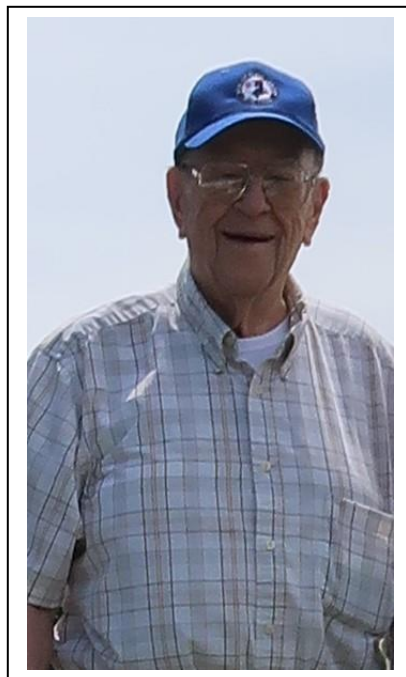
There have been many members flying at Reynolds Field this past few weeks. I did a maiden flight for a couple of members and got in a few days flying myself. Members have been following the Social Distancing rules and wearing masks.

It's alright to pull it down a little when you are flying and are a good distance from other flyers. I noticed that if you wear sunglasses or prescription glasses, they do fog up. Below is Anthony Cupo, one of our new members, enjoying a flight with a beautiful P51. I didn't get a picture of it. Maybe next time.

Since I don't usually fly at Hardyston, I don't know what the activity there is. Hopefully, I will get some input for the next newsletter.



**In Memory**  
**Bill Reynolds Jr**



With heavy hearts, we announce the death of William Reynolds (Caldwell, New Jersey), born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, who passed away on May 20, 2020 at the age of 89.

He was loved and cherished by many people including: his spouse Rina Reynolds; his children, Wendy LeFevre, Timothy Reynolds, Helen Tekel (Andy) and William R. Reynolds; and his grandchildren, Scott LeFevre, Katherine LeFevre, Megan Medd, Kristen Tekel and Andrew Tekel. He was also cherished by four great-grandchildren.

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### Event Schedule for 2020

Monthly Meeting	
January 17, 2020	
February 20, 2020	
March 19, 2020	Canceled
April 16, 2020	Canceled
May 21, 2020	Canceled
June 18, 2020	
July 23, 2020	Reynolds Field
August 20, 2020 Hardyston	Hardyston Field
September 17, 2020	
October 22, 2020	
November 19, 2020	
December 17, 2020	

***Meetings have been canceled  
until further notice***

### Treasurer's Report May, 2020

Hope all are staying healthy. The best way to approach this report is a year to date summary covering January through April activity.

Collections for the 4 months total \$5,733.00 represented by Dues \$5,600, Applications \$50 Fifty/Fifty \$18 and a Donation \$65.

Spending so far totals \$772.10 represented by AMA \$280, Andover Borough, Room rental \$200, NJ –Lease \$135, Christmas Part Food \$106.60, NJ – Annual Report \$30.50, IRS Form 990N filing fee \$20 resulting in and ending bank balance of \$12,051.81

This year remains to be a tight budget year even with the delayed start to the flying season. After mowing and porta jons we will be looking to our cash reserves to cover any remaining general operating expenses.

Current reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 4,911
General Reserve	2,141
Event Reserve	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$12,052