



NEWS AT THE TOP

June 2020

From the Editor

As I mentioned in a previous correspondence, we are going to have a July and August meetings at the fields. We will start the meetings at 7PM instead of 7:30 PM. Bring a chair and your mask. Note that we will be following Social Distancing. You might want to bring a hand sanitizer.

Come early and bring a plane to fly. If you built something over the winter or the lockdown, bring it over and show it off.

On another topic, I got an email to renew my FAA registration. Information on how to renew is in the newsletter. It's rather simple. That's all I have. Be safe.

President Comments

I hope that summer is treating all of you well and that you are well into the flying season yet this has got to be one of the most dismaying years that I can remember. Between the virus, field shut downs, limited travel and business closures we should begin to think about 2021 now and not wait until December. Tony will continue to send you the current information from the state regarding flying restriction.

In my last comments to the membership I mentioned the status of the AMA district fun fly and that I continue to update the membership on this event. After much discussion with the other officers regarding this event it was decided that we would cancel the event for this year. Due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 virus situation and the response from the government, further commitment of club funds to this event was deemed unwise. I discussed this decision with Eric Williams District II VP and he understands it completely. He also said that if we wanted to host the event next year, he would be pleased to have us assume this responsibility.

Please remember the next two meetings will be at the club fields starting in July at Reynolds field. I look forward to seeing you there.

Flying Fields

Hardyston field is in good shape. Mike Shauger has been doing a lot of work there. Mike told me that the shed went down over the winter and was a pile of mess. All of the wood is going to the dump. The roof is going to be cut up and carried over to the recycling center in Newton I believe. The question is, do we replace it or get a tent like the one at Reynolds Field. A photo of the one at Reynolds Field is below.

Mike also cleared the brush around the gate. There was a berry bush there and some other bushes. When you went to unlock the gate, you never knew what you were sticking your hand in.

The farmer is doing some work on his field across the train tracks. He is clearing the Russian olive bushes. If you see him out there working, make it a point not to fly over his head!

Reynolds Field is in good shape also. Joe Florio cut all of the weeds on the road leading to the field. He also took his mower down the paths we made around the runway to retrieve downed planes.

The tent is up at Reynolds Field for shade. We had to remove the benches and picnic table per the COVID-19 Operational Plan. Bring your own chair and follow social distancing.





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Recreational Flyer Registration Renewals

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has important registration information for drone recreational flyers whose registration was automatically extended until December 12, 2020.

Your registration expires in 180 days and you can now renew it in your [FAADroneZone](#) dashboard:

HOME > RECREATIONAL FLYER DASHBOARD

Recreational Flyer Dashboard

Registration #
FA3KE7TPFT

ISSUED
12/12/2017

EXPIRES
12/12/2020

PHYSICAL ADDRESS
1201 Maryland Ave SW
Washington, DC 20024
United States

Print Email Cancel Renew

Mark Your Aircraft

You must mark each aircraft with the assigned unique registration number before it is operated.

Safety Guidance

To fly under The Exception for Recreational Flyers, you must:

- Register your drone
- Fly only for recreational purposes
- Follow the safety guidelines of a community based organization
- Keep your drone within the visual line of sight or use a visual observer
- Give way and do not interfere with any manned aircraft
- Get prior authorization before operating in controlled airspace
- Fly at or below 400' in uncontrolled airspace
- Comply with all airspace restrictions
- Pass an aeronautical knowledge and safety test

- Once you click 'renew' the process is the same as when you initially registered.
- Once you have renewed, to print an updated registration card: Login to the [FAADroneZone](#), select the Recreational Flyer Dashboard and select Print.

How much does it cost to renew a registration?

\$5 through the [FAADroneZone](#).

Why Was My Registration Extended?

The National Defense Authorization Act for 2018 restored the FAA's registration rule with respect to model aircraft and recreational flying. If you registered prior to December 12, 2017 and did not request to have your registration information deleted, the FAA extended the expiration date until December 12, 2020, which is three years from the rule restoration date. If you requested a refund of registration fees, you would have had to re-register again after December 12, 2017. Therefore, your expiration date would now also be December 12, 2020, or later. At this time you can retain your registration number.

Questions? Contact UAShelp@faa.gov

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Event Schedule for 2020

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

***The Next Meeting is at
Reynolds Field at 7:00 PM.
Note the Time Change!***

Treasurer's Report June, 2020

May beginning balance is \$12,051.81

Collections for May are \$70.00 represented by Dues.

May Spending totals \$241.98 represented by Web Site \$41.98, and Hardyston field maintenance \$200 resulting in an ending bank balance of \$11,879.83.

Current reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 4,739
General Reserve	2,141
Event Reserve	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$11,880

February 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was call to order [at 7:35 PM](#). There were 14 members present. Tony and Pat were the only officers present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Treasures Report: No Report – Craig was absent and did not send a report in.

Fields: Jon Ace gave a report on Reynolds Field. The grill was turned over and a chair was on top of the ridge. Pat mentioned that the road at Hardyston was muddy.

Membership: The club roster is not finalized as of yet. A call was put out to former members asking if they were interested in rejoining.

Old Business: Tony mentioned that the Web Site and mass email facility issues has been resolved. The root cause was that the site had a login and was not secure. Doug Salemi spent a good amount of time upgrading and securing the site.

Bob Grodeska is doing well after his accident traveling to the last meeting. A few members talked to him since.

Progress on our District II event is moving along. Pat submitted a request for the venue with the town manager.

New Business: Pat talked about the FAA's proposal that requires remote ID's on all radio-controlled aircraft. He brought in a few template letters and encourages members present to take a letter and mail it in. He also asked Tony to send the templates to all members (which he did following the meeting). A discussion followed.