



# NEWS AT THE TOP

July 2020

## From the Editor

The July meeting was held at Reynolds Field. There was a good turnout. There were 22 members present and 4 children. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served. There was an issue with the grill. The winds caused the burners to go out on occasion. All had a good time and were fed.

Some members brought in items to sell. A nice plane and a couple of kits changed hands.

This coming meeting will be at Hardyston field. Remember to bring items to sell at this meeting. We will be serving hot dogs and burgers. Come early and bring a plane to fly. The food will be served at about 6 pm with the meeting to start at 7 pm. Bring a chair and a mask because social distancing will be followed.

## Fields

The fields are in good shape thanks to Mike Shauger and Joe Florio. Mike spent a good amount of time mowing the fields.

Joe Florio on the other hand trims the road and cuts paths so that we can retrieve planes that somehow find their way in places that are hard to get to.

Recently he brought in his tractor and cleaned up the road to our field by cutting down the weeds on the side. He also trimmed the weeds on the paths he cut behind our field. The club rented a small brush hog and Joe cut a path to the top of the ridge from the flag and also from the right of the flag. It has already been used to retrieve a plane from a problem plane.

The tent that we have been using for shade at Reynolds Field is gone. While it had withstood the wind on a couple of occasions, the recent storm did it in with torrential rain. We are not going to replace it.

If you can't stand the heat, avoid flying in the hottest part of the day. Bring plenty of water to drink. Or, purchase your own tent. EZ Ups can be costly but are worth it. Cheap knock offs are not too bad. In any case have fun and be safe.

## President Comments

I hope this newsletter finds all of our members in good health and having a safe and happy summer. Certainly, this year has got to be one of the most difficult and confounding years that we all have faced. The on again off again disruption of our lives is I am sure very troubling to all of our lives but I never thought it would be so disruptive to our outdoor, above ground, six feet apart, airplanes flying in the air hobby. Please take care and enjoy those good flying days. Your officers are in contact frequently to determine if any changes have to be made to our flying schedule's due to governmental regulations. At present the problem we run into is the Presidents travel schedule, sorry fellas we can't do any about that except complain.

Our next meeting will be at Hardyston field and I was hoping to see you there but it looks like I will be away for vacation. I am sure that Mike and Tony will handle the meeting very well and address any of you concerns. I know that Mike has been working hard to keep our fields in good shape and that Hardyston field will be in great flying condition.

Normally I find that I have a number of issues to bring to your attention but with the abbreviated meetings and summer vacation schedules I find myself looking for some items to bring to your attention. Should any of the membership have some concerns please contact me or any of the other officers so that we can address them, hopefully this fall we can get back to some semblance of normalcy in flying and in our lives.

Please continue to have a safe, happy summer and be careful. It is no secret that many of us are at an age where we may be particularly vulnerable to the virus so please take extra care with yourselves. We all have too many more planes to build and many more flights to make.

## July 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was call to order at 7PM at Reynolds Field. Tony ran the meeting. Pat and Craig were absent. There were 22 members at the meeting and 4 children. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips and soda were served prior to the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

### **Treasure's Report.**

May's opening balance was \$12,051.81 Ending balance was \$11,880. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

### **Membership:**

We have 102 members in the Club consisting of 3 applicants, 2 junior members, 9 life members 4 officers and 83 regular members.

### **Fields:**

Reynolds is in great shape. Mike is doing a nice job cutting the field. Joe Florio trimmed the weeds on the road and manicured paths around the field to help in retrieving downed planes.

Hardyston: The pavilion has been removed. The farmer has been working a field across the tracks. Later Mike reported that umbrellas are being used for shade.

### **Old Business:**

The District II Fly in has been canceled because of the COVID-19 Virus.

### **New Business:**

Tony pointed out he aspects of the COVID-19 Operational plan at Reynolds Field.

The next meeting will be at Hardyston Field at 7PM. We will have a tail-gate swap meet. Burgers, dogs, chips and soda will be served at 6PM.

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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 Hardyston Field August 20 at 7:00 PM. Note the Time Change!***

## Treasurer's Report August, 2020

This report covers June and July activity.

June beginning balance is \$11,879.83

Collections for June and July are \$165.00 represented by Dues \$140 and Applications \$25.

The two months Spending totals \$1,762.33 represented by Mowing \$1,530, Meeting BBQ \$100, Hardyston field maintenance \$100 and Reynolds field maintenance \$32 resulting in an ending bank balance of \$10,282.50.

Current reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 3,141
General Reserve	2,141
Event Reserve	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$10,282