



# NEWS AT THE TOP

September 2020

## From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

We had our first indoor meeting last month. A good many members showed up. Social Distancing was followed. We will have another indoor meeting next month on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the Andover Senior Center.

During the meeting Pat asked for topics of discussion for upcoming meetings. He mentioned the two presentations I set up before the onset of the COVID-19 virus. At the end of the meeting, I talked in length about an ARF that I brought in – the QQExtra 300. I hope to encourage others to come forth and do the same. However, if anyone has a topic, as Pat mentioned, please contact me by email or phone call. My contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

The flea markets we have come to love in PA in March are still in Jeopardy. Joe Florio joined the club that holds the Lebanon event and basically, it's wait and see. With that in mind, I would like to have members let me know what they are selling. I can post it on the Facebook page as well as the newsletter. Bring the items to a meeting. Talk it up; maybe you can convince someone to buy your items.

**Mask Up and be SAFE**

## President Comments by Pat Rizzuto

It was a pleasure to see club members who attended our last meeting. I was hoping that the turnout was going to be somewhat larger, hopefully with the end of summer and associated vacations we will see more of our members at future meetings. Please make an effort to attend future meetings, your presence may help to make these meeting more successful and interesting.

Reports on fields were all very good, both facilities are in great shape for flying and are being taken care of by Mike Shauger and Joe Florio during Mike's vacation absence. While weather has been great for flying and fields have been dry, we may see a change as move into fall. Please try avoid traveling on wet or muddy fields should we get some rain.

We are looking forward to seeing some of the new projects our members have been working on during this COVID-19 season. As a modeling club we need to keep our main interests in the forefront of our activities. Let's show each other what we are working on and if there are any questions or suggestions on these new hangar editions. I would much rather be talking about airplanes then field problems or finances, even to the extent of what colors do you think this model should be painted or covered.

Looking forward to seeing you at our October meeting, please stay safe and enjoy the wonderful fall flying season.

## September 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at Hardyston Field. Mike was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction

**Treasures report.** August's beginning balance is \$10,282.50. The ending bank balance of \$9,579.88. A more detailed report was in the last newsletter. Taking into consideration the number of dues paying members, there may be a dues increase for next year.

**Field reports. Reynolds Field** is in great shape. Please make sure you lock the gate. There were three or four occasions where the gate was close, the lock on the chain but the lock was not locked. Note that there is a bear trap in one of the fields near ours. A DEP ranger has been by. Jon Ace mentioned that we will not need to brush hog the area around the field this fall. We will look into it early spring next year.

**Hardyston** is in good shape also. The town added millings to the road.

**Membership.** There was one guest at the meeting, a returning member Tom Olver.

**Old business.** Pat reiterated what he mentioned last month about the District II fly in for next year. He mentioned that we can have it at Trinca Airport if the land is not under contract and Warwick Airport would be an alternate. Other events were brought up. Rick Andrese said he went to five events this year and four had no spectators. The Golden Age event had spectators.

### **New business.**

Pat asked the membership what kind of presentations they would like to see at the meetings. He suggested building tips, glues, and other tools.

Pat opened up the floor for nominations for club officer positions. Tony nominated the current slate of officers to their respective positions. Pat for president, Mike for vice president, Craig for treasurer and Tony for secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed until next month.

We had a moment of silence for the pass of Nick Andrews a few weeks ago, and for two other passing members, Ron Zielensky and Bill Reynolds.

Rick Andrese mentioned that he will be open for consultation for any model building issues. He mentioned that a member, John Mainville contacted him for advice recently.

Tony gave an informative presentation on an ARF he brought to the meeting. He talked about the Flex Innovations QQExtra 300. He talked about the planes features and his experience flying it.

A motion was made to end the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

**Be Smart and Stay Safe**

**Mask Up!**

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### **Event Schedule for 2020**

<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
<b>January 17, 2020</b>	
<b>February 20, 2020</b>	
<b>March 19, 2020</b>	Canceled
<b>April 16, 2020</b>	Canceled
<b>May 21, 2020</b>	Canceled
<b>June 18, 2020</b>	Canceled
<b>July 16, 2020</b>	Reynolds Field
<b>August 20, 2020 Hardyston</b>	Hardyston Field
<b>September 17, 2020</b>	
<b>October 15, 2020</b>	
<b>November 19, 2020</b>	
<b>December 3, 2020</b>	

***The Next Meeting is at the Andover Senior Center on 10/15 at 7:30 PM. Social Distancing will be followed. Masks must be worn.***

## **Treasurer's Report September, 2020**

August's beginning balance is \$10,282.50

August spending totals \$702.62 represented by Mowing \$510, Meeting BBQ \$86, Reynolds field maintenance \$106.62 resulting in an ending bank balance of \$9,579.88.

Current reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for Operations	\$ 2,439
General Reserve	2,141
Event Reserve	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$ 9,580