



NEWS AT THE TOP

June 2021

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

I sent out a note recently from the FAA indicating that all drone pilots must take a test. You have to take the test. You don't have to tell me about it. I am using the honor system here. Some members have called me and some sent me an email and or text saying that they completed the test. Please don't. As I mentioned in the note, the test is not difficult. You read a little and answer a few questions.

The fields are in good shape to get out there and fly. Mike has been doing a good job mowing the fields. Joe Florio did some work at Reynolds Field. He trimmed the grass on each side of the road leading to the field and cut the grass on some of the paths he made in the past. Thanks Joe, we really appreciate the extra you do for the club.

I put down a couple of bags of insecticide on 7/10 in the pit area in an effort to control the ticks. I mention the date as some may be sensitive to insect products. Even though we spray ourselves, we are still getting ticks. While we did put down insecticide, check yourselves for ticks when you get home.

At the last meeting, I mentioned that we have 7 applicants. I hope to get one more and a returning member soon. I usually close the membership drive at the end of May. I will make an exception this year.

At the meeting at Hardyston we will be serving hot dogs and burgers along with a soft drink. Come early, fly, eat and enjoy the field. We will also be having a tail gate swap meet. Bring items to sell. Last year a few items

changed hands. The meeting will start a 7 pm. Food will be available at 6 pm. At the end of the meeting, I will give members that want to do so, a chance to talk about the items that they want to sell. Hope to see many members there.

President Comments by Pat Rizzuto

It was very nice to see the members who took the time to attend our last meeting. A number of issues were discussed including field maintenance new members, and our next meeting. All fields were reported as being in great shape and it was pointed out that the next meeting being in Hardyston members would have to pass some town equipment to reach the pit area. New members are seeking membership to our and we welcome them, please make yourself available if any of these new members should require any assistance. By the looks of some of them they will do just fine once they are signed off for flying on their own.

I was at Hardyston earlier over the weekend and I would suggest that you bring some type of mosquito repellent they were pretty aggressive. The field looked great and with a late sunset plan on bringing a plane and doing some flying.

June 2021 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. All of the club officers were present. Total members and officers at the meeting were 13. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with or without correction.

Treasurers Report: none given at the meeting. The report will be in the next newsletter.

Field Reports: Reynolds Field is in good shape. Mike has been cutting the grass real low. Hardyston is in good shape also. Tick kill and weed and feed has been put down to address tick and dandelion issues.

Safety: The farmer near Hardyston has been doing work near the club field. When he is out there do not fly over him. Tony brought in a battery that really puffed up to the point that the inside was exposed. He then talked about battery health and safety stressing battery discharge and storing.

Membership: Lee Bender, a recent applicant, talked about himself and his experience in the hobby. As of the meeting, we have 7 applicants.

Old Business: Pat talked about the status of Trinca Airport and how it is being used for farming. We hope that we have the District II fly in there next year.

New Business: Next month the club meeting will be at Hardyston Field. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available so get there early. Bring a plane and get some flying in while you are at it. There was some discussion about the Warbirds Over Delaware being canceled because the President goes to his home on weekends. The President lives 12 miles from the event venue. Our club as well as others were plagued with that problem for the last four years because of the Trumps staying at his resort in NJ. While most club events are not scheduled this year, there are some in the tri-state area. A few were mentioned at the meeting. Check the AMA web site, or magazine for ones that may interest you.

Some nice planes were brought in for a show and tell by Mike Shauger and Lee Bender. See the photographs in the newsletter.

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Event Schedule for 2021

Monthly Meeting	
January 21, 2021	Canceled
February 18, 2021	Canceled
March 18, 2021	Canceled
April 15, 2021	Canceled
May 20, 2021	Meetings Resume
June 17, 2021	
July 15, 2021 Hardyston	Tail Gate Swap Meet
August 19, 2021 Reynolds	Tail Gate Swap Meet
September 16, 2021	
October 21, 2021	
November 18, 2021	
December 2, 2021	

***The next meeting will be at Hardyston
Field at 7:00pm.
Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be
served at 6:00pm while supplies last.***

Treasurer's Report

June 2021

May's opening balance was \$13,301.13.

Collections for the month totaled \$480 represented by Dues \$280, Applications \$75 and the raffle \$125.

Expenses for the month totaled \$930 represented by Mowing \$510, Hardyston field maintenance \$300 and meeting room rental \$120.

The result is an ending balance of \$12,851.13.

The Recreational UAS Safety Test

When the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 was signed into law, it included a requirement for [recreational UAS users](#) to pass a knowledge and safety test. The Recreational UAS Safety Test, or TRUST, has the goal of increasing awareness of safety and best practices in the most complex airspace system in the world. AMA has worked closely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), ensuring that TRUST meets the intent of Congress without placing an undue burden on our hobby community. AMA has been there to help make decisions regarding guidelines, administration, and questions included on the test.

Since 1936, the AMA has been dedicated to the hobby of model aviation, educational programming, and safety in the airspace. As such, the FAA selected AMA as a test administrator for TRUST.

What can you expect from TRUST? First, AMA is offering it for free for all recreational fliers. But don't worry, it is more like a brief training session than a test, because you can't fail! There is some information to read that deals with flying safely and legally, along with 23 multiple-choice questions. If you select an incorrect answer, you'll be guided to the correct response until you get it right. After you finish, you'll receive a TRUST completion certificate that you should print, save electronically, or take a photo of with your phone. This certificate is proof that you passed, and you will only have one opportunity to save it. To protect your privacy, the FAA dictates that taking the test is anonymous and no record is kept by anyone other than you, so losing your certificate means you need to retake the test.

More information about TRUST can be found at www.modelaircraft.org, including frequently asked questions. We're here to ensure that you can quickly pass the test and potentially learn something new as a recreational pilot. We even have a quick tutorial you can look through to get an idea of what you'll need to know. It will allow you to get through TRUST quickly and easily, allowing you to prove that you are a safe and knowledgeable pilot. Learn more at MODELAIRCRAFT.ORG/TRUST.

Show And Tell

At each of the club meeting, I usually ask members to bring in a plane and say something about each plane. This month Lee Bender and Mike Shauger brought in planes and spent some time at the end of the meeting to talk about them.

Mike brought in two planes a Fairchild 22 and a 1060 mm Futura V2 80mm EDF Jet. Lee Bender brought in an FMS Ranger 1800mm. I don't have any specification of the Fairchild, but the Futura has an 80MM EDF Fan with (8) 13g Analog Metal Servos (installed), a Hobbywing 100A ESC (installed), and a 3280-2100Kv motor (installed). The Ranger has a Brushless 3541-750KV outrunner provides ample power, while the high quality 45A ESC has the output to match along with servos installed.



Mike Shauger with his Fairchild 22 above and his Futura on the right.



Lee Bender with his FMS Ranger on the right.

