



# NEWS AT THE TOP

March 2022

## From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

Sorry I missed the March meeting. I usually plan my vacations around the club meetings as I did this time. I originally planned for one day of skiing at Sunday River Maine and then a visit to each of my sons in New England. Well skiing was great and I stayed two days. This resulted in my return home on Friday instead of Thursday. So as a result, I missed the meeting. I will be there next meeting!

For one reason or another, sometimes a plane will land before or aft of the runway. It could be an engine failure or on the rare situation an electrical or plane structure issue. Never a pilot error though. What makes retrieving the plane extremely difficult is the weeds and Russian Olive bushes. A few years back, a brush hog was rented and the area cleared. We rented the equipment and Joe Florio and his buddy Gabe cleared not only the area before and aft of the runway, but the whole perimeter of the runway. They also cleared the area on the sides of the road leading to the field. They did a great job.



Joe Florio at the wheel of the Brush Hog.

Reynolds Field is open for flying as the weather permits. As soon as I am notified as to Hardyston Field stat, I will let all of you know via an email.

## Notice

The next club meeting is  
on April 21st at 7:30 PM  
at the Andover Borough  
Senior Center

## March 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. Mike and Tony were absent. There were a total of 7 members in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report. March's opening balance was \$9,481.69. After March's activity, the ending balance is \$12,263.19. A full report is in the newsletter. It was stated that last year's spending was just under \$7,000 against an \$8,000 budget. So far this year we have \$4,517 to spend on annual operating expenses. There are sufficient reserves to carry us through the year but unless we can grow the club or find a way to bring additional funds into the treasury, we will be facing a dues increase in 2023.

We discussed ways to attract members and will start putting together school contact information and consider hosting some open house activities during the early season.

A work party was brought up for Reynolds Field. Any weed mowing needs to take place by April 15<sup>th</sup> per the State. Unfortunately, there was insufficient attendance to set a date.

We had a lively discussion concerning the number of meetings we could have a year and where they should take place. There was a general consensus that meetings at the fields should be extended to 4 and would perhaps encourage flying and increased attendance. They would take place in May, June, July and August. There was also a suggestion that one or some meetings could be held on a weekend.

Some like the current monthly schedule stating that it is on the third Thursday of every month and easy to remember. It was pointed out that with email it is now easier to remind members of meeting schedules on a regular basis.

One schedule discussed was for meeting at the Senior Center in January, April, September and November and meetings at the field in May, June, July and August. All with the caveat that additional meetings could always be scheduled if needed.

There were no motions passed and this will be discussed further at the April meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

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## Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2022

<b>January 21, 2022</b>	Canceled
<b>February 17, 2022</b>	Over
<b>March 17, 2022</b>	Over
<b>April 21, 2022</b>	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
<b>May 19, 2022</b>	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
<b>June 16, 2022</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>July 21, 2022 Reynolds</b>	Tail Gate Swap Meet
<b>August 18, 2022 Hardyston</b>	Tail Gate Swap Meet
<b>September 15, 2022</b>	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
<b>October 20, 2022</b>	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
<b>November 17, 2022</b>	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
<b>December 2, 2022</b>	TBD

## Treasurer's Report

March 2022

March's opening balance is \$9,841.69. Deposits for the month totaled \$2,492 represented by Dues \$2,380, Donations \$75, Applications \$25 And 50/50 \$12. Expenditures totaled \$70.50 represented by State of NJ Annual Report \$30.50 and Andover Borough – Room Rental \$40. This results in an ending bank balance of \$12,263.19.

Reserves are as follows:

Reserved for Operations:	\$4,517
General Reserve:	2,746
Event Reserve:	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$12,263

