



NEWS AT THE TOP

May 2022

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

The club does not usually make a member a Life Member unless the person moved away and served the club in some shape or form. The latest was Bob Grodeska – call sign *Sparky*. Below is a picture with his signature plane, but all of you undoubtedly know him.



Note that the meeting schedule has changed. I say this because attendance at the meetings is low and we now have more meetings at the field. So come to a meeting at the field – come early and get a few flights in.

Membership Report

We lost a good number of members this year for various reasons. The following are no longer members, but were given the choice to rejoin anytime.

Arnold	Thomas
Boswell	Bob
Bouyet	Ernest
Bouyet	Ernest III
Brink	Gary
Colavita	Joseph
Heyrich	Edward
Kanter	William
Kishpaugh	Blake
Sikora	Carl
Stecky	Nicholas J.
Swiderski	Paul

Currently we have:

77 Full Members – Dues Paying

4 Club Officers

9 Life Members

2 Junior members

1 Applicant

1 Guest

Total 94 members

May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at Reynolds Field. Mike Shauger was the only officer absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Treasurers Report: April's opening balance is \$12,683.19. The ending balance for April was \$11,730.37. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field Report: Pat reported that Hardyston is in good flying shape. We all saw the Reynolds Field was in good shape. Joe Florio did a nice job cutting the grass in Mike's absence. A new windsock for Reynolds Field as well as tic rid applied.

Membership Report: Pat talked in detail about our loss in membership and how we can increase it. Mentioned we have an open house, inviting scouts and have a presence at the Sussex County Farm and Horse show. Anthony gave a detailed report on our current membership which is in our newsletter.

Old Business: We further discussed the proposed meeting scheduled and Pat made a motion to make it official. The proposed schedule was May, June, July and August will be at the fields starting with Reynolds Field. There will no meetings in December, February and March. Meetings at the Andover Borough Senior center will be in January, April, September, October and November. The motion passed. So next month we will be meeting at Hardyston Field. Last month a motion passed to make Bob Grodeska a life member. He was invited to the meeting then but could not make it. He was present at this meeting and Anthony presented him with his new membership card along with a second card with his call sign – *Sparky*.

New Business: Craig reported that the price of port-a-johns increased a lot. A reduced schedule was discussed. It was decided that no port-a-johns will be at the fields for the time being. For Reynolds Field, an alternative could be the gas station and convenience store across the road is available. Additionally, Deer Park is about a mile down the road towards Hackettstown on the same side of the road as our field and there are port-a-johns there.

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Meeting Schedule for 2022

January 21, 2022	Canceled
February 17, 2022	Over
March 17, 2022	Over
April 21, 2022	Over
May 19, 2022	Over
June 16, 2022	Hardyston Field
July 21, 2022	Tail Gate Swap
Reynolds	Meet
August 18, 2022	Tail Gate Swap
Hardyston	Meet
September 15, 2022	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
October 20, 2022	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
November 17, 2022	<i>Andover Borough Senior Center</i>
December 2, 2022	No Meeting

Treasurer's Report

May 2022

April's opening balance is \$12,683.19. Expenses for the month totaled 952.82 represented by Field Maintenance – Reynolds \$497.82, Field Maintenance – Hardyston \$375.00 and Meeting Room Rental \$80.00. The ending balance for April is \$11,730.37.

Reserves are as follows:

Reserved for Operations:	\$3,984
General Reserve:	2,746
Event Reserve:	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$11,730

In Memory—John Wynne



A long-time member of our club has passed recently. I was just made aware of it by his wife. John loved to fly and was often seen with his FrSky transmitter and electric planes. He converted all of glow planes to electric and made a presentation at a meeting about it. He also made a presentation on the FrSky radio. John will be missed.

John married Judith Milne and raised their family in Oak Ridge, NJ. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, followed by a lifelong career with Pyrotronics, developing fire alarm systems for government and major corporations all over the world. He was awarded five patents over his career in this work.

John's favorite pastime was building and flying model airplanes and watching his grandchildren participate in their activities. He had a lifelong passion for ballroom dancing, especially the Argentine Tango with his wife Judy. John also took great pride in the lake, and his gardens, including his bonsai trees.