



NEWS AT THE TOP

June 2022

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

The last meeting was canceled because of the weather. I will get a note out at about 5pm if we are going to cancel a meeting. This coming meeting, on July 21st, will be at Reynolds Field. As usual, we will be having a tailgate swap meet. I know some of you have items to sell. I am bringing a few gallons of fuel as well as a couple of kits. Come early and get a few flights in.

Last year at the meeting at Reynolds Field, we served Pizza. This year we will do the same. If you are going to have Pizza, get to the meeting by 6pm so I can get a count of members and we will eat at about 6:30. The meeting last year was well attended. It may have been that we were serving pizza. In any event come early fly, purchase some items that are for sale and enjoy free pizza.

I have asked time and time again for members to bring in models for a show and tell. If you have a new plane that you built or purchased this year, bring it in. You don't have to say much. I will help with the presentation by asking questions that pertain to your model.

See you at the meeting!

Repairing RC Foam Planes

Foam RC planes are, generally speaking, easily repaired but you have to be *very* careful about which glue you use. I've seen many poorly repaired planes this season. You can't just blob the glue on the foam!

Different foam types react differently to different substances, and it's imperative that you test on a scrap piece first. Many glues commonly used in RC airplane building and repairs will dissolve some types of foam, and CA (cyanoacrylate or 'super glue') glues are some of the worst offenders. If you intend using any glue on your foam plane make sure that it's 'foam friendly' or 'foam safe' glue - it usually states this on the label.

A personal favorite of mine for making any EPO repairs is *Gorilla Glue*. This expands as it cures and interlocks the foam beads as it does so, resulting in a very strong bond.

A trick worth knowing, when it comes to foam plane repairs, is to use very hot water to restore any areas of crushed or dented foam. The heat expands the foam and any crushed/dented area returns to its former shape.

It doesn't always work, depending on the severity of the damage, but it's always worth a shot. Another little trick I can share with you is to use wooden cocktail sticks. If larger chunks of foam have broken off, insert a stick (or a shortened stick) into the broken edge when you glue it back onto the plane. It is best to get the alignment with the stick(s) done dry first, then pull the joint apart and add the glue.

May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

(A reprint from last month)

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	Canceled
July 21, 2022 Reynolds	Tail Gate Swap Meet- Serving Pizza
August 18, 2022 Hardyston	Tail Gate Swap 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

June 2022

May's opening balance is \$11,730.37. Collections for the month were dues of \$70. Expenses for the month totaled \$552.34 represented by mowing \$510 and Website \$42.34. The ending balance for May is \$11,248.03.

Reserves are as follows:

Reserved for Operations:	\$3,502
General Reserve:	2,746
Event Reserve:	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	3,000
Total	\$11,248

