



NEWS AT THE TOP

September 2022

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

Just about at every meeting, Pat asks how can we improve attendance at our club meetings. I have encouraged members to bring in planes for show-and-tell and I have brought in planes myself. I also served coffee and cakes at the indoor meetings and we have served food at the outdoor meetings.

Well, the club has hit a new low. At the September meeting, we have had a total of seven members at the meeting with two being club officers. They all posed for a picture and I didn't have to use a wide-angle lens. So, peeps please make an effort to attend the club meetings.

Oh, by the way, I will be bringing in coffee and cake at the next meeting.

Converting Glow to Electric

At the last meeting I did a show-and-tell talking about a delta ARF that I completed recently. I had the plane for a long time and it was slated for an OS .46. I seriously thought about converting it to electric and did a good amount of research.

I was looking at two configurations. The first was an 820kv motor with a 60 amp ESC, a 5 cell 4000 MAH battery swinging a 11x7 prop. The second was a little more robust – an 780kv motor with an 80 amp ESC, a 5 cell 5000 MAH battery swinging a 12x6 prop. I came across a chart that helped me with the choices. I will attach the chart when I mail out the newsletter.

I decided against the electric conversion realistically thinking how often I may fly the plane against the cost. Besides, I probably will sell it anyway. But it was a good exercise and now I have another plane to sell at the Lebanon Flea Market if I do decide to sell it!

September 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was call to order at 7:30 at the Andover Borough Senior Center. Pat and Craig were absent. Anthony and Mike ran the meeting. There was a total of 7 members at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read without any corrections.

Treasurers Report. August's opening balance was \$9,962.09. The closing balance was \$9,400.02. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field Reports. Both fields are in good shape. They both greened up nicely after the recent rain. At Hardyston, please follow the protocol for retrieving your plane if it lands on the adjacent property.

Safety. Anthony mentioned a battery failure from a student using the Spektrum smart batteries. He also mentioned that another member witnessed a couple of them catching fire when they were charging at a field in PA.

Old Business. Green Township is having an event on September 24th. Volunteers are needed to have a static display at the event.

New Business. The floor was open for nominations for club officers. The current officers presented their slate consisting of - Pat Rizzuto, President; John Morgan, Vice President; Anthony Curcuruto, Secretary; and Craig Miebach, Treasurer. Frank Costello was nominated by Jim M for Vice President.

There will be a fly-in along with a 5k run on October 15th benefitting Kylie Murray Memorial Flight Training Scholarship.

At the end of the meeting, Anthony made a presentation on a delta ARF he put together. While he put an OS .46 in it, he talked about powering it with electric. He also, went into detail on when he bought it and why.

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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	Over
August 18, 2022 Hardyston	Over
September 15, 2022	Over
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 September 2022

August's opening balance was \$9,962.09. Collections for the month represent \$95 for a new membership application. Expenses for the month totaled \$657.00 represented by mowing \$510 and Pizza / Soda for the July and August meetings \$147. August's ending balance is \$9,400.09.

Reserves are as follows:

Reserved for Operations:	\$1,654
General Reserve:	2,746
Event Reserve:	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$9,400

In Memory

We lost one of our club members the other day—John Kassatkin. John attended many meetings and events and always made himself known by asking a question or two.



I did not attend his funeral. I found out that he passed a day late from Jon Ace. His obituary was very long, but take the time to read it. <https://cochranfuneral.com/obituary/kassatkin-john-c/>

John was a very interesting person. Well, I thought I knew him, but after reading his obituary, I realized I did not.

Say a prayer for John and may he rest in peace.