



NEWS AT THE TOP

May 2023

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

Turnout for our first field meeting at Hardyston was very low. There were more members from Reynolds Field at the meeting than there were members from Hardyston. Perhaps we should rethink the days we have the field meetings.

Last year there was someone that mentioned that we have the field meetings on Saturday. How about having the May and June meetings on Saturday mornings at 10 am and the July and August meetings on Saturday at 6 pm. We can have pizza at the July and August meetings. Something to discuss at the next meeting!

On another note, I found a great thread on Flying Giants on Basic Engine Tuning.

[Basic Engine Tuning - keeping it simple - FlyingGiants](#) I included a document with the information in the newsletter notification.

See you at the Meeting

New Email Address

Our club email address is changing. Aside from issues sending out email from the old address, the old address is getting way too much spam email. A while ago, a new one was created on Gmail. While it may take a good long time to switch over, please use the new one and update your contacts. I know the suspense is killing you, the new email is topnewjersey@gmail.com.

Ticks Repellant

I can't tell enough on how much I hate ticks. Ticks are in abundance this year because we had a warm winter. While the club put down insecticide in the pit areas at both fields, you can still get ticks on you. I got one retrieving my plane. It crawled right on my shoe.

One product that works repelling those nasty little bugs is Picaridin Repellent Spray. I spray it on my pants that I wear to the field and then guarantee my pants at the end of the day. The product is similar to deet. They sell it online or at Bass or Cabela's. Off make a similar product with the same amount of Picaridin.



Follow the directions carefully. They say you can spray on your skin, but I have not. If you do use it on your skin, just use enough to do a light cover and when you get home wash it off. Frequent application is unnecessary as it lasts a long time.

May 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was call to order at 7:20 at Hardyston Field. All of the cub officers were present. There were 13 members in total at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Treasurers Report. The old balance was \$12273.18. After debits and credits, the new balance is \$12,378.93. A more detailed report is in the newsletter. Anthony will be taking over as club treasurer. Craig is retiring after many years serving as club treasurer.

Safety. Some members are parking too close to the flight line. Also, some members are driving across the back of the pit to secure a parking spot near the pit area. Going forward enter the parking area and back into your pit position perpendicular do the flight line but behind the bench area.

Field Report. Reynolds is in goo shape. The grass at Hardyston was a little high. Frank reported that he has asked a contractor to cut the grass. The audio Al money to cut it was out of his own pocket. He will ask to have the grass cut shorter.

Flight Training.

Old business. None

New Business. Frank brought up an idea to get new members into the club by soliciting applicants from a chartered school near-by. Discussion followed. Frank will look into it.

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Meeting Schedule for 2023

January 19th	Andover Borough Senior Center
February	No Meeting
March	No Meeting
April 20th Swap Meet	Andover Borough Senior Center
May 18th	Hardyston
June 15th	Reynolds
July 20th	Hardyston
August 17th	Reynolds
September 21st	Andover Borough Senior Center
October 19th	Andover Borough Senior Center
November 16th	Andover Borough Senior Center
December	No Meeting

All meetings start at 7:30, no matter what venue.

Treasurer's Report

May 2023

The April beginning balance is \$12,273.18. Collections for the month total \$361.00 represented by Dues \$280, Applications \$50 and 50/50 \$31. Expenses for the month totaled \$255.25 represented Mowing \$150, Field Maintenance Hardyston \$71.89 and Field Maintenance Reynolds \$33.36.

The result is an ending balance of \$12,378.93.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2023 Operations	\$4,464
General Reserve	2,915
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Event Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$12,379