



# NEWS AT THE TOP

June 2023

## From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

I left out flight training from the last reading of the minutes at the meeting. I included a section in this newsletter.

As noted in Craig's Treasurers report, he mentioned that I will be taking over the duties as treasurer going forward. It will be business as usual. I asked Craig to give me all of the treasurer documents he had and was surprised as to the number. I have two special places in my home for them and I hope more don't turn up.

At the meeting I mentioned that the July and August meetings will be on Saturday's following the normal scheduled meetings at 6pm followed by pizza. This was done to help get more members at the meeting and get some out there flying. The exact dates are in the schedule section on page three.

Lastly, over the past couple of weeks, there were two occasions where there were strangers at Reynolds field. The first one was two hikers. They parked their car and proceeded to walk into the woods. The member flying did not challenge them as he was flying and thought that they were members going off into the woods looking for a downed plane. The second case was two contractors tracking turtles they tagged previously.

In any case, if a person come to our field and is not recognized, be friendly and ask who they are. If they are members, all is good. If not, they can spectate, but make sure they don't leave the parking area and make they aware that when you leave, the gate will be locked.

As with the hikers, I had to go back after dinner and secure the field. I did meet the hikers and explained the situation. They were on their way to the park near-by to hike, but the road was closed. They looked on an online map and saw the road to our field. Not noticing the NO TRESSPASSING sign at the gate, they parked and went on their merry way.

If this happens often enough, perhaps we may need more signage. Let's wait and see!

## Flight Training

While the weather as of late has not been good for flying or flight training, I want to make all of you aware that flight training is available. At Hardyston, flight training was traditionally held on Monday evenings. Frank Fanelli will conduct training there on Mondays or any other evening. He can also be available on weekends. Call to make an appointment. Frank can be reached at (973) 827-4579 or cell at (551) 256-5688.

Len Davis is available for training on Wednesdays at Reynolds, by appointment. Call him on his cell at (917) 656-0086. Anthony Curcuruto (me) is available most mornings during the week. Again, call to make an appointment at (908) 256-2342.

## June 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at Reynolds Field at 7:30 PM. All of the club officers were present. There were 14 members in total at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with a correction. The section for flight training was missing.

Treasurers Report: The old balance was \$12,378.93. The new balance after debits and credits was \$12,173.93. A more detailed report is in the newsletter. Craig is taking an early retirement from club treasurer. Anthony will take over as of this meeting. Pat comment again on how good of a job Craig has done and how he built up reserves to keep the club solvent. Anthony will also do the same.

Fields: Both fields are in good shape.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Anthony brought up having the July and August meetings on Saturdays at 6PM followed by pizza. Some discussed followed and we will give it a try this year. Tony Carvino mentioned that he received an email from the FAA to renew his drone (plane) registration. There was a change in the registration that was not communicated well. That change was to add a least one drone. I hacked through it myself as did Tony and thanks to Tony it was brought up at the meeting. Anthony will follow up and send out an email (done). Someone mentioned that the AMA has opened up submitting the paperwork for a FRIA for a clubs second field. Anthony will do the paperwork and submit the request for Hardyston. He did Reynolds a while ago.

A couple of members brought in a few items to sell. While money did not change hands, I believe there was some interest in the plans one had for sale.

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## Meeting Schedule for 2023

<b>January 19th</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>February</b>	No Meeting
<b>March</b>	No Meeting
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>May 18th</b>	Hardyston
<b>June 15th</b>	Reynolds
<b>July 22<sup>th</sup> 6 PM Start</b>	Hardyston
<b>August 19<sup>th</sup> 6 PM Start</b>	Reynolds
<b>September 21st</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>October 19th</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>November 16th</b>	Andover Borough Senior Center
<b>December</b>	No Meeting

**The July and August meetings have been changed to the Saturday 6PM after the scheduled meeting with pizza to follow.**

## Treasurer's Report

This is my last official act as Treasurer of the Top O' New Jersey RC Club. At the request of Tony Curcuruto, I have turned over the check book and all documents to him. Tony will act as the Treasurer for the remainder of 2023.

The May beginning balance is \$12,378.93. Collections for the month total \$95.00 represented by Dues \$70 and Applications \$25. Expenses for the month totaled \$300 represented Mowing at Reynolds Field. The result is an ending balance of \$12,173.93.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2023 Operations	\$4,259
General Reserve	2,915
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Event Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$12,174

## FAA Renewal Help

Tony Carvino mentioned at the last meeting that he received an email from the FAA to renew his drone (plane) registration. There was a change in the registration that was not communicated well. That change was to add a lease one drone. I hacked through it myself as did Tony and thanks to Tony it was brought up at the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, I sent off a note to the FAA to clarification as to how to proceed with the registration. They confirm as to what Tony and I did was correct. Below is the response I got from the FAA:

In order to renew your Recreational Flyer registration, all you need to do is login [here](#) and proceed to the recreational flyer dashboard. You will see the link to renew just below your registration number.

When you initially registered, we did not request any aircraft information. Now you will see that there are no devices currently listed in your inventory. We ask that you add at least one device by clicking the blue oval button. When you get to the question asking if your drone has remote ID question, answer appropriately (go [here](#) to see if your drone has an FAA-approved Declaration of Compliance for remote ID).

If the device you enter is a standard remote ID aircraft, enter the remote ID serial number. If the device is a remote ID broadcast-only module, enter the module's serial number and list all aircraft that will fly with that module. If the device is an aircraft not equipped with remote ID, the serial number is N/A.

Below is what I added:

Nickname	UAS Manufacturer	UAS Model	Serial Number	Registration	Issued	Expires	Status
Planes	Home Built	Planes	N/A	FA3EEYKFRE	06/15/2023	06/15/2026	ACTIVE

## Academy of Model Aeronautics Needs Your Help

Recently the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate both released their draft versions of FAA Reauthorization. In these bills, AMA was successful in securing higher altitudes in uncontrolled airspace, clarifying large model airplane operations, and providing additional protections for educational UAS operations. !

However, AMA's work isn't done. We have amendments in both the House and Senate that would allow for higher altitudes for everyone in Class G airspace and would also allow AMA and other community-based organizations to self-declare FAA-Recognized Identification Areas (FRIAs).

We encourage you to [TAKE ACTION](#) immediately, it's critical that Congress hears your voice now.

Thank you all for participating in this [CALL TO ACTION](#). Change cannot happen without you!

**Take Action Here**