



NEWS AT THE TOP

July 2023

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

Attendance at our first Saturday evening meeting was disappointing. The meeting was at Hardyston Field. There were ten members present including the two club officers. There were only two members that fly at Hardyston present. Just about everyone flew, myself included.

Members started to show up at about 4pm. I got there about 5pm and started to fly myself. The meeting started at 6pm and ended about 6:30pm. We started to serve pizza and soda then. Flying resumed after we scooped up the pizza. I got the pizza at Tony's and it did not disappoint; Bruno Gubelmann picked it up for me. I followed the last member out at about 8:30pm.

During the meeting membership report, a member asked how many members we have. I did not have the current total on hand so I gave numbers from a previous report. I've included a breakdown in this newsletter. To sum it up, there are 91 members in the club of which 74 pay dues!

At the end of the newsletter, there is an advertisement from Spektrum. It's the first I've seen that addresses RID (remote id) for model aircraft. I am sure other vendors will follow.

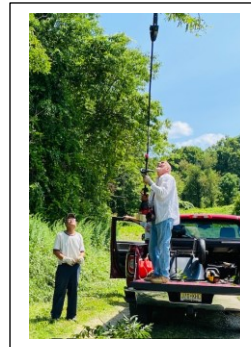
The Next meeting is on August 19th, which is a Saturday, at 6pm. Pizza and soda will be served. Please attend.

Reynolds Work Party

On August 1st we had a work party at Reynolds Field. We had the party during the week as I know most of the members are older and do not work. Nine members showed up to work including myself. In attendance were: Jon Ace, Lee Bender, Rich Fagersten, Joe Florio, Bruno Gubelmann, Gary Gutierrez, Tom Olver, Tom Tesla and myself. Thanks to all that worked that day and special thanks to Rich Fagersten, who donated a good amount of QP to repair the road and a crew of men to put it down.

I should have closed the field for flying as I expected that if you show up, you would be helping with the needed road maintenance. The reason I mention this is because there was a member that did show and flew without helping! Very disappointing.

Below are some pictures from that day.



July 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6pm, Saturday at Hardyston Field. Pat was absent, John Morgan ran the meeting. There were 10 members present including the 2 club officers. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Treasurers Report. The old balance was \$12,173.93. The new balance is \$11,948.93. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field Reports. Hardyston looked in good shape. A good many members present at the meeting flew and had a good time. The road had a few puddles, but it was not too bad. Reynolds Field is in good shape also. The road needs some work. Weeds need to be cut from the sides and there are many big puddles and gouges from the rain. I am going to call for a work party in a week or so.

Membership. We picked up one new member that was in the club a while back. Anthony also had a prospective member at the field. It looks like he may join. One member at the meeting asked how many members we now have in the club. Anthony didn't have the exact number, but will publish the count in the next newsletter.

Safety. There were about four planes that went down in the area surrounding Reynolds Field recently. If you go in the brush to look for your plane, make sure someone knows you did, wear long pants and long sleeve shirt, spray for ticks, carry some water and most of all, bring your phone.

Old Business. The July and August meetings had/have a time and day change. Didn't help the attendance at Hardyston, perhaps not a members fly there. The next meeting is at Reynolds Field on Saturday, August 19th at 6pm with pizza to follow. At the last meeting there was some discussion on renewing your FAA certificate - there were no new issues with that. Anthony completed the necessary form to get Hardyston as a FRIA field and a short discussion followed about remote id's. One member asked about drones. Reynolds Field is a state field and no drones are allowed. Hardyston is a township landfill site and is monitored by the DEP, so no drones there also.

New Business. LVRCS in Easton PA is having a fun fly. Anthony was asked by a member of the club to announce it at a meeting. He will put the flyer in the newsletter. Lee bender mentioned that Shadow Hobbies has some RC glow fuel at \$25 a gallon for 15%. Anthony mentioned that a few of the members get fuel from Stan from S&W fuel in Easton for the same price. We have been getting fuel from Stan for over 30 years.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 when the pizza arrived. Flying followed. It was a nice night with no wind.

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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 22th 6 PM Start	Hardyston
August 19th 6 PM Start	Reynolds
September 21st	Andover Borough Senior Center
October 19th	Andover Borough Senior Center
November 16th	Andover Borough Senior Center
December	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 July 2023

This is my first official act as Treasurer of the Top O' New Jersey RC Club. I will act as the Treasurer going forward.

The June beginning balance is \$12,173.93. There were no collections for the month. Expenses for the month totaled \$250 represented by Mowing at Reynolds Field.

The result is an ending balance of \$11,948.93.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2023 Operations	\$4,034
General Reserve	2,915
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Event Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$11,949

LVRCS Electric Fun Fly

Just a quick note to inform you and your members that we will be hosting a two-day electric fun fly event at our club field in Easton, PA on September 30 and October 1. This event is open to all AMA members who fly electric powered models, including radio control and control line models. There are no facilities available for free flight model operations. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee collected. We welcome tail gate selling and swapping at all of our club events, so bring the stuff you want to sell or swap.

There will be food available on site both days. Those who have campers or trailers are welcome to come and stay on site, but there are no hookups available. There are a number of motels and eateries in the Easton/Allentown area. There is also a great hobby shop (Trains & Lanes) less than 2 miles from the field and maps will be provided to those who wish to visit that shop. There will be at least one fun competition event, but the emphasis will be on just flying for fun and exchanging ideas and stories. We have a large pavilion with electric service, so bring your chargers. If you have a generator, please plan to bring it as well.

Directions:

Our field address is 4140 Gradwohl Switch Rd, Easton, PA, 18045-8216 (40.712496, -75.307552). You can download a map to our field from our website at LVRCS.com.

We hope to see you there!

Any questions call Bob Hunt 610-746-0106 robinhunt@rcn.com

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Membership Breakdown

Full Member	70
Applicants	4
Junior Member	2
Life Member	11
Club Officers	3
Misc	1
Total	91