



# NEWS AT THE TOP

September 2023

## From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

Attendance at the September meeting was pitiful. As noted in the minutes, there were six members, including myself, present. I brought in coffee and cake in hopes to entice members to the meeting. It did not work. As usual, I try to make sure that we have some sort of hobby related presentation, and we had two this month. Does anyone have any ideas on how to increase attendance at the meetings?

There were two presentations at the meeting. Joe Florio brought in his Avanti DF Jet. The Avanti is a Freewing 80mm 9-Blade sport jet. The Avanti S has won awards in freestyle, acrobatic, sport, and other classes in competitions worldwide in a variety of sizes and powerplants including electric and turbine. Its remarkable performance and crisp handling at all speeds sets it apart as one of the most sought-after sport jets in the hobby. Check out the website for more information: [Freewing Avanti S Red High Performance 80mm EDF Ultimate Sport Jet - PNP \[FJ21223P\] Motion RC](#)

I brought in one of my charge boxes which housed an iCharger 308 Duo 1300W 30A 8S Dual Port Charger and a Fantom 12v 75amp 900 watt power supply. The box was bought from [chargingcases.com](#). Aside from charging all sorts of batteries, the thing I like the most about the charge is that it measures the internal resistance of the battery cells. Check it out.



Figure 2 Joe Florio and his Avanti

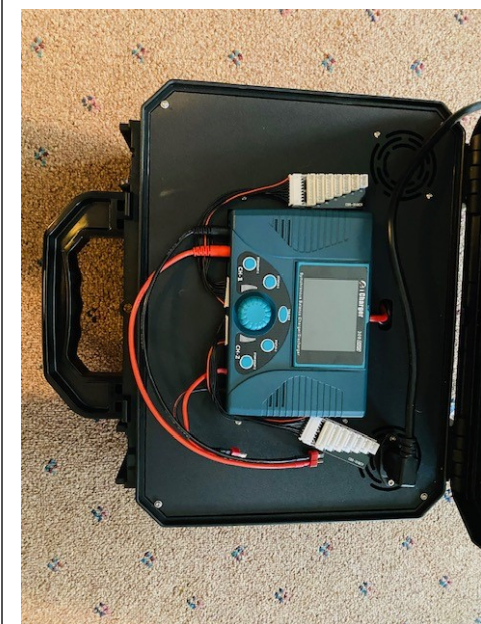


Figure 1 Anthony's Charge Case

# September 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Andover Senior Center. Pat and John were absent; Anthony ran the meeting. There were 6 members at the meeting including Anthony. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction. Anthony mentioned at the start of the meeting that John Morgan was ill and that was the reason for his absence and that Frank Costello, while he is still recovering, is still not doing well.

**Treasurers Report:** The August beginning balance was \$11,560.72. The ending balance of \$11,246.81. A more detailed report is in the newsletter. Note that Frank Fanelli has not submitted any bills for mowing for Hardyston this year.

**Field Reports:** Reynolds is in good shape. The area surrounding the field will be cleared in the spring. Hardyston is in good shape also.

**Safety Report -Prop Safety –** Don't stand in front of a plane while the engine is running. A member reported that a prop came off a running engine. While it did not cause an injury, it could have.

**Membership Report –** Four members will be voted in November plus one junior member. We also had four returning members this year.

## Old Business

1. Members like the Saturday meetings at the Field. May and June at 10am; July and August at 6pm with pizza to follow.
2. FAA and AMA sent confirmation that Reynolds Field is a FRIA Field
3. FRIA submitted in June for Hardyston. AMA asked for more information about the perimeter of Hardyston yesterday and Anthony replied.

**New Business:** The floor was opened for nominations for club officer positions. Anthony nominated Pat Rizzuto for president, John Morgan for vice president, and himself for secretary and treasurer. No other nominations were made.

**Presentations:** There were two presentations at the meeting. Joe Florio brought in his Avanti ducted fan jet. He talked about its features and his flying experiences. Anthony brought in a charge case and talked about the components that made up the case and its features. There was also a discussion that followed about LIPO battery charging.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40

## Membership Breakdown

<b>Full Member</b>	71
<b>Applicants</b>	4
<b>Junior Member</b>	3
<b>Life Member</b>	11
<b>Club Officers</b>	3
<b>Misc</b>	1
<b>Total</b>	93

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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 22th 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 October meeting will be on September 19<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 at the Andover Senior Center.**

## Treasurer's Report

September 2023

The August beginning balance was \$11,560.72. Collections for the month total \$80 represented by Dues \$70 and a \$10 Donation. Expenses for the month totaled \$393.91 represented by Mowing at Reynolds Field \$300 and Pizza Picnic at the last meeting \$46.92 and field maintenance \$46.99.

The result is an ending balance of \$11,246.81.

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2023 Operations	\$3,332
General Reserve	2,915
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Event Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$11,247

### **FRIA And Remote ID Information**

Check out these two YouTube videos that give good information on Remote ID and FRIA's.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOWzoal8Pqc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eWA5Zgg-DY>

