



NEWS AT THE TOP

January 2024

From the Editor by Anthony Curcuruto

I have again included instruction on renewing your FAA registration in the newsletter since member expiration will occur throughout the year. It can be confusing since it changed this past year and some members called me up about it.

There have been some warm days recently. Don't drive on the roads if they look soft and muddy. Ruts will form and create a problem going forward. I know I say this year after year, but it does not help to remind all of you.

Note that there is no club meeting in February and March. We will be meeting next in April. I have an article at the end of the newsletter on the Remote ID issue. By then, we will see how that turns out with the deadline for enforcement on March 16 rapidly approaching.

Another item of interest coming up on March 9th is the Central Penn Aeromodelers Association RC expo aka the Lebanon RC Flea Market. The location is Lebanon Valley Exposition Center & Fairgrounds
80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042. The gates open at 8:30. Vendors set up at 7:30. Get there early for the best deals.

If you want more information, check out the clubs website at [Home | Central Penn Aeromodelers Association](#)

Freeing up a seized Engine

You may have come across an engine that is frozen and you can't turn the prop or open/close the carb. Well, Joe Florio came up with a solution. Mix equal parts of Acetone and Transmission fluid in a container – shake it good and pour some in the carb and some in the cylinder after you remove the glow plug.

I was skeptical, but it did work for me. It worked in less than hour. Make sure you shake it well before each use.



January 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. All of the club officers were present. There were a total of ten members at the meeting. There were no guests at the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Treasurers Report – We ended 2023 with a bank balance of \$10,496.81. We have an outstanding mowing charge for Hardyston which will be paid when a proper bill is submitted.

Field Reports

Reynolds – Fred Graff did a nice job repairing the Reynolds Field Road at his own expense and time.

Hardyston – the field is wet. There was no additional equipment store at the site.

Safety Report – be safe while building this winter. Be careful while handling tools and glue.

Membership Report

Our annual club Membership Drive starts in January. Membership Renewal Forms were emailed after Christmas. There were some minor changes to the form – cell phone number and main field you fly at were added. We also asked for donations from life members. Also, everyone is to mail in renewal forms – even life members to show they are still interested in the club. If Life Members do not send in the form, they will be dropped from the roster.

Old Business – None. Pat asked if there was anything from the floor.

New Business

Tony Submitted our annual report to the state at a cost of \$33. Tony also renewed our annual AMA charter at a cost of \$300 up from last year. Next meeting will be on April 18th. The following four meetings will be at the fields starting with Reynolds, then Hardyston etc. There are two RC flea markets coming up in March. Lebanon is on March 9th and Hamburg is on March 16.

John Morgan bought up flying off of water with the advent of flying in a FRIA area – you need a transponder. You need a transponder if you fly anywhere other than a FRIA area for that matter.

Continue to bring in items to sell or present to the membership.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 pm

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Meeting Schedule for 2024

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

The next meeting will be on April 18th at 7:30 at the Andover Senior Center.

Treasurer's Report

We ended 2023 with a bank balance of \$10,496.81 broken down as follows:

Balance from Operations:	\$2581.69
General Reserve:	2915.12
Event Reserve:	2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$10,496.81

We have a potential cost for mowing at Hardyston for 2023 not figured in going forward.

The \$481.69 balance will be added to the general reserve for 2024 bringing it to \$3,396.81.

Going forward, 2023 Reserves are:

General Reserve:	\$3,396.81
Event Reserve:	\$2,000
Reynolds Field Reserve:	<u>\$3,000</u>
Total	\$8,396.81

FAA Renewal Help

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

Remote ID Compliance and Resources

As a reminder, the FAA will be ending its Discretionary Enforcement Policy for Remote ID compliance on **March 16, 2024**. Radio-controlled operators must then comply with Remote ID requirements through Standard Remote ID, use of a broadcast module, or by flying at a FRIA site. AMA has shared with the FAA that most AMA sites have FRIA status or are close to receiving a Remote Identification Authorization Exemption; however, many individuals are still finding it difficult to obtain a module. Although the FAA recognizes that modules are still scarce, more have become available since the original compliance date in September of 2023. With the progress in broadcast module availability, the FAA has stated that it will not further extend the deadline.

For a more detailed look at the requirements, view [AMA's Summary of FAA's Final Rule on Remote ID](#). Please note that if your aircraft weighs at or under .55 lbs (250 grams), you are not required to comply with Remote ID or registration requirements.

There are a few options for those planning to comply with Remote ID using a broadcast module. AMA has compiled a list of currently available modules that you can view [here](#). Please note that some of the modules are not available for immediate shipping and might not arrive to you by the compliance date. Please plan accordingly.

Many AMA members might choose to comply by flying at a FRIA-approved flying site. Several AMA clubs have received this designation and the [AMA Club Finder](#) has been updated to reflect which locations have been granted FRIA status. The site also has an option to search for FRIA-approved clubs within a certain mile radius. These clubs will appear with a green badge labeled "FRIA" next to them, as seen below:



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Site: International Aeromodeling Center



Club Details

To access the club finder, go [here](#). We will continue to update our records as we receive FRIA approvals from the FAA. Please let us know if your flying site has received its FRIA approval and the website does not reflect this information. The FAA has also added all approved FRIAs to the UAS Facility Map, which can be [viewed here](#).

Please keep in mind that in addition to complying with Remote ID requirements, you are also required to register with the FAA and to complete the TRUST. To register with the FAA, visit the [FAA DroneZone](#). To take the TRUST, go [here](#). For assistance registering with the FAA, [view AMA's guided walkthrough](#).

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