



NEWS AT THE TOP

JULY 2024

From the Editor

We had a great turn out at the last meeting. Members enjoyed the Pizza and some got a few flights in.

Our next meeting is at Hardyston with Pizza and soda again at the same times – 6pm for pizza and the meeting will start at 7pm. Bring a plane to fly and items to sell or trade. I gave away a plane to clear a spot for more – you guessed it – planes!

See you at the next meeting.

From the Mayor

By Vice President John Morgan

At the last meeting there was some discussion regarding a desire to utilize some of the Reynolds Field Reserve to fix the road and repair the area near the windsock in order to grow better grass there.

Regarding the road: Because of the topography and the crop activity along the road, there will be continuing erosion and pot hole type issues. It IS a dirt road. Only a major drainage fix would prevent this. The work Mike Powers and his son have done recently at their own expense and time has the road in pretty decent condition. With the increase in the monsoon type of rainstorms we have seen lately, repairs will be needed again in the future and if they're done voluntarily, great. If not, or should there be a major repair needed, utilization of the reserve would be warranted.

Regarding the area near the windsock:

This sparsely grassed and weedy area has become a favorite spot for take offs of the many smaller planes that are prone to nose-overs in the grassy areas of the field.

Members should know that a motion to spend money on a proposal can be made during any meeting and should show how it benefits the club or a majority of the members. For a motion to be put on the meeting agenda, it has to be sent to the club secretary at least a week in advance to make sure it holds merit. An estimate/budget should be provided for the proposed item or project and what affect it will have on the club's reserves – now and in the future. If it requires work, what is the plan to do it/have it done, and when? If the cost or work involved is significant, a notice to all of the members is warranted via email or the newsletter before a vote to approve is taken.

With the current member count, all of our income is spent on mowing, AMA fees, field rent, meeting rent, and government fees. We need to be very rigorous in our utilization of our reserves so if a major expenditure should be needed, we'll be able to cover it.



Mike Powers and his son Kevin. They did a great job repairing the road.

June 2024 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at Reynolds Field at 7:10pm. There were 16 members present including 2 club officers. Pat could not make the meeting. There were also 2 guests present. Members and guests enjoyed pizza and soda prior to the meeting. A few of the members flew before and after the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with no corrections.

Treasurers Report

The June beginning balance is \$12,922.47. After debits and credits, the resulting balance was \$12,172.47. A more detailed report is in the newsletter

Field Reports:

Reynolds Field is in good shape and so is Hardyston. Mike Powers and his son Kevin repaired all of the potholes.

Safety Report – – at Reynolds please stay behind the flight line as denoted by the area Jon cut. Set up your planes on a bench or at the bench line.

Membership Report -none

Old Business

- We will be working on the road at Reynolds Field.
- Mentioned in the meeting notice, going forward, if a meeting is to be canceled, a note will go out before 5pm on the day of the meeting or sooner
- Stem program proposed by Frank

New Business

- Next meeting is at Hardyston Field on August 15th at 7pm. We will have Pizza prior to the meeting at 6pm
- Bring in a new project or plane
- Stem program proposed by Frank. Frank was not present so no update.
- John Morgan mentioned that there will be some buildings going up as part of a redevelopment plan on the other side of the tracks near the road.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.



Bill Mitchell is selling this nice Cub done in Royal Canadian AF colors. Bill can be reach at (973) 586-0290

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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 August 15th at 7 pm at the Hardyston Field. We will be serving Pizza at 6 pm.

Treasurer's Report July 2024

The June beginning balance was \$12,922.47. There were no collections for the month. Expenses for the month totaled \$750.00 represented by mowing Hardyston Field \$300, mowing Reynolds Field \$450.

The result is an ending balance of \$12,172.47

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2024 Operations	\$3,325
General Reserve	3,847
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Event Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$12,172

ZEEE Batteries



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I have had a lot of luck with Zeee batteries. They are better than any I bought so far. Check them out by clicking the line in the illustration above.