



NEWS AT THE TOP

MAY 2025

From the Editor

While our field is a FRIA field, some members purchased Remote ID devices. As mentioned in previous newsletters, they need to be used if you fly at an area other than a club field.

One of surprised advantages of these devices is that it gives the location of a plane if you inadvertently land somewhere other than the field. You will know the location of the landing or crash, but due to the terrain, you might not be able to get it especially if it is in a tree thirty feet up.

I test flew the plane that Jason Burke gave me for flight training that was Neal Fox's plane that passed last year. The plane flew great. I set it up for instructor/student using my NX6 and DX6i. At home it worked great. At the field, it worked for a second or two and we lost connection with the student transmitter. I'll get it working soon enough.

As of now the club has only two flight instructors – myself and Frank Fanelli. Phone numbers and days are published. We can use at least one more at each field. If you can fly a trainer reasonably well, you can instruct.

Mondays at Hardyston and Wednesdays at Reynolds are designated days. If you are an instructor, you can show up with a student and train or go fly on the designated evenings and wait for students to show up. However, if you are not instructing and flying on a training day, as soon as a student shows up to fly, they have field priority.

As per the new changes to the Club Constitution, the four current applicants are now members of the club without a vote from the membership. All future applicants will be also. Note that they will be on probation for a year and their membership will be revoked by the membership chairman or club officers if their actions are considered to be detrimental to the general well-being of the club.

As far as other changes to the Club Constitution goes, most were just clean-up and clarifications. I will make it available as soon as the changes are in the document and the club officers sign it

See you at the Field.

May 2025 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Reynolds Field. There were seven members present. Pat was absent. The minutes from the previous meeting were read without corrections.

Treasurers Report: The April beginning balance was \$14,685.12. The ending balance is \$14,785.12. A more detailed report is in the newsletter.

Field Reports

Reynolds Field is in great shape. It was mowed nicely prior to the meeting. Joe Florio will trim the grass on the side of the road.

Hardyston is in good shape also. Frank has a few volunteers to help with the mowing.

Flight Training: Flight training is on Mondays at Hardyston and Wednesdays at Reynolds by appointment only. Flight instructors are in the newsletter under contacts.

Membership Report

We currently have four new applicants. Another will be joining soon.

Unfinished Business

Club Constitution Changes were read again and approved with one member abstaining.

Erik Cussen gave an update on the water Fly at Mountain Lake. We will have four pilot stations and a porta-a-potty and a registration table. Please come at about 8:30 to help with the set up. There is a small fence to take down and flight stations to set up.

New Business

Next 3 meetings are at the fields

June 19th	Hardyston
July 17th	Reynolds w/pizza
August 21th	Hardyston w/pizza

The meeting adjourned at 7:40

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Meeting Schedule for 2025

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

The next meeting will be on June 19th at 7:00 at Hardyston Field.

Treasurer's Report

May 2025

The April beginning balance was \$14,685.12. Collections for April were \$100 of which \$75 was for dues and \$25 was an application fee. There were no expenses.

The ending balance is \$14,785.12

Reserves are as follows:

Encumbered for 2024 Operations	\$4,547
General Reserve	5,238
Reynolds Field Reserve	3,000
Business Reserve	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$14,785

Important Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Information

Use the QR code below to learn more about the Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST), as was introduced by the 2018 FAA Reauthorization Bill. This free test is required by the FAA for all recreational flyers in the United States. The completed certificate must be presented upon request by any FAA or law enforcement official.



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