

Blue & Gray

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The Air Dot Show Tour
soars into Central Penn-
sylvania on May 24-25,
2025 at Harrisburg Inter-
national Airport featuring
the
U.S. Navy Blue Angels!

A Message from the President

Flying field updates:

The winter hours are over, and the flying field is open to regular hours from 10:00 AM till dusk Monday through Saturday and 12:00 PM till dusk on Sundays. If you go out to fly, please check the condition of the driveway and parking area to make sure it is not too soft to drive on. If it is, please do not drive back. We are planning to get the field rolled in the upcoming months. Field workday: We will be scheduling a workday in the spring to do some repair and clean up at the field. Check the website and email for the time and date.

FAA update:

Go to the AMA website site or look in the monthly magazine at the government affairs section for the most current information.

Final thoughts:

As I mention in each column, the amount of work that goes into holding events and preparing the flying field would not happen if it was not

for the support of the club members. We are truly blessed with great members and flying location. Look forward to seeing everyone at the club events.

Safe flying,

Jeff Black



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FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA

A FRIA IS A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE DRONES CAN BE FLOWN WITHOUT REMOTE ID EQUIPMENT.



Executive Meeting 2/10/2025

The Blue & Gray RC Executive meeting was held at Jeff Black's home on 02/10/2025. Members present: Jeff Black, Mike Brouse, Mike Brown, Tim Toot, Dave O'Leary, Tom Krichen & Jim Groft. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

President's Report: - Normal flying hours for the field are now in effect for the remainder of the 2025 season. Minor repairs are required for some pilot boxes and plastic white chains.

Vice President's Report: - Mowers will be serviced for the season once the weather permits.

Treasurer's Report: - Motion by Mike Brouse to accept treasurer's report; seconded by Jim Groft. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Field Marshal Report: Nothing to report.

Webmaster Report: Club roster will be updated by March 1st, 2025.

New Business

Scouting America troops from the local area will hold a weekend campout at our field from April 25th through April 27th, 2025. We believe this will be an excellent opportunity for club members to bring some planes out on Saturday (26th) & introduce the scouts to RC flying. If possible, we will attempt to set up a Real Flite simulator in our tractor shed for a basic safety overview & familiarization prior to pairing scouts with our club members. We hope to have at least 3 planes for the scouts to try if possible. We would greatly appreciate support from our members.

Additional club promotion discussion suggestions included inviting small busloads of seniors from local active adult communities to our field for events & advising local TV stations of upcoming events in hopes they might send a crew out to highlight our club activities. We welcome additional thoughts / suggestions from our membership. Club members are reminded they are free to fly at our field during normal hours or even camp out at the field for a weekend of flying.



Our club was highlighted in the February 2025 edition of the AMA Model Aviation magazine under District III Highlights for efforts to promote our club and the AMA at the Scouting America Jamboree held last fall at Gettysburg Airport and our October Chili-Fly event.

The board extends our thanks to Jeff for submitting this article.



2025 CLUB EVENTS:

Warbirds Over Gettysburg: June 7-8, 2025

Club picnic: September 14, 2025

Blue & Gray Chili fly-in: October 11-12, 2025

Blue & Gray Christmas party for 2025
TBD

