

# Blue & Gray

## Miniature Aircraft Squadron

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## A Message from the President

The flying season is starting to get into full swing. Some of the local clubs are hosting flying events and more will be coming up in the next few months. I hope that some of our club members can support the other local club event's as they support our events every year. To find out more about events happening in the area go to the AMA events calendar.

We had your annual mall show and although turn out was down a little over previous years we still had a good showing and even picked up a few new members.

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENT'S:

June 8,9 Warbirds over Gettysburg. I'm hoping for dry weather both days.

August 10,11 Electric Fly-in. We will be celebrating National Model Aviation day at this event.

September 8. Blue & Gray club picnic. Club will supply meat and drinks and will ask for club membership to bring covered dish to share.

October 12,13. JJ Kornaski Chili fly-in.

December. Blue & Gray club Christmas party. Time and date TBD.

Will be looking for membership support for all the club events. The income we get from these events helps us with field improvements and keeping dues cost down.

### FAA NEWS

The FAA posted a rule that your FAA registration number must be displayed on the outside of your aircraft. The Blue & Gray will be taking the same direction as the AMA on this rule. We will recommend that all members comply with the rule but it will be up to you to do so. We will not be policing whether you have or have not registered with the FAA. Reminder that all club members must have their current **AMA** and **CLUB CARD** with them when flying at the field.

### FINAL THOUGHTS

I would like to thank all the club members for the ongoing support that is shown every year. Because of the support of the members our club continues to grow and set standards for new clubs to follow. With the changing world we live in and the new rules that pop up we seem to manage the changes and stay strong and prosperous.

Safe Flying, Jeff Black





## Executive Meeting 5/6/19

The Blue Gray Executive membership meeting was held at Ray Black's home, February 18, 2019. Members present Jeff Black, Ray Black, Mike Brouse, Tom Krichten, Mike Brown. Club member Jim Groft was also present.



**President's Report**- the chain link fence post receptacles along the pit area were pulled from the ground as they were buried deep below the surface and becoming difficult to find when posts were pulled up for mowing rolling the field. One receptacle also needs repaired. Jeff took the posts home so he can put more substantial hooks on the for holding the chain.

**Vice-Presidents Report**- the field was mowed 2 times and the tractors are in good running condition. The plan is to roll the field this week.

**Treasurer's Report** - Motion to approve, Mike Brouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Tom Krichten. Motion passed.

**Secretary's report**- Mike Brown purchased replacement pool noodles, and wheels to repair the flight stands. Also stopped at Alliance Garage Doors in Hanover to check on purchasing the lock mechanism for the garage door on the mower shed.

**Safety's Officer's Report**- the fire extinguishers will be made available at sanctioned events as well as during the flying season.

## OLD BUSINESS

The mall show went well. There was good member turnout and had a nice display of planes. The club picked up 4 new memberships during the mall show. Thanks go out to all who participated.

Discussion from the last meeting continued on the purchase of a new shelter to replace the canopies. Under consideration is an all wood shelter 12 feet by 10 feet with a metal roof and electrical hookup. The idea is to place the shelter between the snack shed and the mower shed. This will open up the pit area and comply better with AMA's guidelines concerning field layout.

People will not have to carry their food far and can enjoy it on the picnic tables under the shelter while watching the flying.

## NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed to remove the current windsock pole and place a flagpole at the opposite end of the pit area directly behind the Shea Family airpark sign. We could place our American Flag on the pole during sanctioned events and could also place the windsock on top of the pole. Club officers will be shopping for a suitable flagpole. The committee reviewed and updated the Club Field Rules and Constitution. The current field rules will be reprinted and sent out with the newsletter. Also, the field rules will be reposted on the snack shed. The AMA recommends all clubs to have a position called Member at Large and must be a past club president. Jim Groft has graciously accepted this position and is now a member of the club executive committee. The Member at Large position backs up other members of the committee in their absence and would cast tie breaking votes when necessary. Thank you, Jim, for accepting

