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A Message from the President

We are wrapping up another successful year for the club. The weather has not been the most cooperative this year for flying and some of the local events have been cancelled. The club events were successful and again with out the support of the club membership these events would not happen. These events do help raise money for the club so we can keep improving our flying field. I would like to thank the club members that helped out and the spouses who also gave up their time to support the club event's.

Club events: The Chili fly-in is in the books and we had a nice turnout of pilots. I believe we had 43 registered with plenty of flying throughout the week end. Despite the weather being gloomy in the mornings there were a lot of flights put up. The next event will be the Christmas party at Hoss's Steak House in Gettysburg on December 21st starting at 5:00 pm. This is a good time and we get a chance to socialize with our fellow club members.



Safety: It has been a good year for safety so far. To my knowledge there have been no serious injuries. Keep in mind there is no taxing in the pit area and we need to follow the established fight pattern when we have more than two pilots in the air at one time. If you see anyone doing an unsafe act please remind them of the club and AMA rules. If they need help with starting or holding the plan offer to help if you are able too. It is every club member's responsibility for safety.

Indoor flying: As of right now there will be no indoor flying unless something can be worked out with a location.

Please keep updated with what is going with the FAA regulations by checking the AMA website and reading the letters in the magazine. Make sure when you see an AMA officer to thank them for all the work they did and continue to do to keep us flying.

Hope to see everyone at the clubs Christmas party this year.
Safe Flying, Pres. Jeff



Executive Meeting 11/12/18

The Blue Gray Executive membership meeting was held at Ray Black's home , November 12, 2018. Members present: Jeff Black, Ray Black, Mike Brouse, Tim Toot, Tom Krichten, Mike Brown.

President's Report- The field and parking area is in good condition despite the rain we had prior to and during the chili fly event. The canopy was taken down immediately after the chili fly. The canopy was damaged from heavy rain weighing down the canopy. It will be used to cover the picnic tables over the winter.

Vice President's report- We now have 2 tractors in good running condition. Both rear axle seals were replaced on the craftsman tractor. The head gaskets and carburetor were replaced on the white tractor. Thanks to Mike Brouse and Tom Krichten for performing the work. The sweeper that was purchased is doing a good job picking up the grass clippings and helps prevent them from winding up being drawn into the models. It is towed behind the mower cutting the runway.

Treasurers Report- Motion to approve Mike Brouse, Tom K 2nd, motion approved

Safety's Officer's Report- the safety officer will place the fire extinguishers out in the pit area during sanctioned events.



OLD BUSINESS

The Christmas Party will be held at Hosses Steak and Sea house in Gettysburg on December 21st at 5:00 pm. Jeff will set the date with Hosses.

We had a good turnout at the Electric Fly in August with 24 registered pilots. We had 43 registered pilots at the Chili fly in October. We made money during each event. We have better success on 50/50 drawings if we draw the winner immediately after we sell the tickets instead of waiting further in the day. We shared \$145.00 with the winner of the 50/50 during the Chili fly.

We need help during the sanctioned events with the food shack. This part of the events helps us raise money for the club so we can enjoy low club dues and a great flying field. This chore falls on a few individuals every sanctioned event and they spend more time working instead of enjoying the event. Please consider helping out so the work can be spread out so the time working is far less than for everyone.



NEW BUSINESS

Event dates for 2019 are:

Mall Show - tentative date April 13th.

Warbirds over Gettysburg - June 8th and 9th

Electric Fly - August 10th and 11th.

Club Picnic - September 8th.

Chili Fly October - 12th and 13th.

It was suggested to remove the metal canopy frame from the pit area and place a new shelter between the food shack and tractor shed. This would serve as a spectator area and eating area. We could also run wire to this shelter from the generator for a battery charging station. The pit area would be opened up further as we get crowded during our sanctioned events. Club officers are asking for comments/ suggestions from the club membership until the spring of 2019 at which time the executive officers will make a decision regarding this suggestion.

Membership dues of \$35.00 must be paid by January 31st to avoid an initiation fee if \$10.00. The club will be donating \$200 to the AMA foundation for our participation in the Model Aviation Day during the August Electric Fly.