

Flying Pilgrims Town Crier

Next Meeting: 7:00pm March 19th

Location – EAA Chapter 113

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Field Report

With the possibility of warmer weather just around the corner, use caution driving vehicles at the field. This year’s snow melt and spring rain will make for plenty of moisture and mud to get stuck in.

Club Business

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Tom Ranta.
 Club officers in attendance: Tom Ranta, Bill Slabey, Jack Kezelian
 Attendance – 32 members

Old Business

- **Ed Hernandez volunteered to be the Chief Instructor** to manage the RC pilot instruction program. Ed couldn’t be at the meeting, but he looks forward to providing airplane and helicopter instruction. The membership applauded when the announcement was made. Ed still has to build the program and announce when he will have instructional days. A big thank you goes out to Ed for volunteering. Don’t forget, Ed will need additional flight instructors to work with him otherwise this will not work out well. Below is a brief note from Ed, his background and thoughts on instruction

I've been in the club since 2001, and began pitching in with airplane instruction few years later, then stopped due to lack of time. I've been flying heli's since 2010 or so. I fly electric and glow planes, and electric and glow helis.

I'm a firm believer in ground school, including safe practices that include airplane inspection (checking balance, battery charge, etc), proper transmitter handling and starting procedures. One of my instructors (Ron Vargo) made sure I learned rudder, which was critical to picking up heli skills, and I intend to pass that on. I'll make sure I follow and teach club safety rules to our new pilots.

I intend to recruit helpers (esp Jesse James for heli) to share the work..

*Sincerely,
 Ed Hernandez*

New Business

- **Treasurers Report** - About 100 members have paid their dues for 2014. Payment after the end of February will result in a \$20 surcharge. Our cash on hand is low because of the runway project last year, but we can only hope to rebuild our reserves this year and next.
- **Lawnmowing** service has been excellent and we want to continue with the same lawn service. Jack Kezelian wants to negotiate an upfront (discounted) pay in advance relationship to reduce our costs or hold off any price increases.
- **Fun Flies for 2014 were discussed, dates determined, and hosts signed up.** Don't hesitate to volunteer to help out the hosts listed below.

June Funfly	Sunday, June 22nd	Don Kolehmainen JR and SR., Joe Nazelli and Glenn McIntosh
July Funfly and Open House to other clubs	Sunday, July 20th	Jim Repp and Jack Kezelian
August Funfly	Sunday, August 24th	Don Kolehmainen JR and SR., Joe Nazelli and Glenn McIntosh

- **Field Improvements for 2014 approved.**
 - o **Drain tiles need to be added to drain water** where it collects near the western taxiway (i.e., Taxi Way 1) and the 3rd Taxi Way from the west. John Paluchniak motioned to proceed, it was seconded, voted on and passed. This will be a work crew event, no third party. Plan to help. The club will rent the trencher, buy the drain tile and gravel. Club members bring their rakes, shovels and a strong back. DATE it to be determined by Jack Kezelian who brought it up.
 - o **Runway warranty work this season is planned.** We have held back \$6k pending the repair of the southeast section of the runway that had water problems under that section when it was paved. Date is subject to weather, water level in the soil, and equipment / crew availability
 - o **Runway is due for sealing in the fall.** We will use the recommended contractors for sealing the runway.
 - o **Shelter roof** is looking pretty wet and may need to be repaired. We discussed using a steel roof as well. No decision made.

Announcements

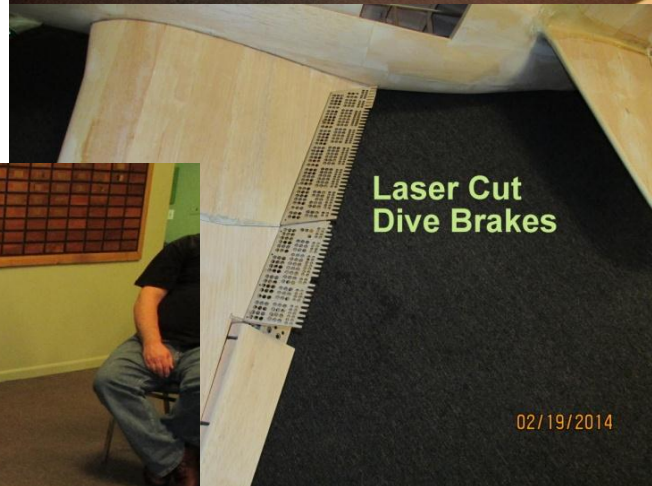
Snow Removal – Special thanks to Hank. With the day time winter crew wanting to fly year around and not get stuck in the snow Hank Wildeman drove down from the northern suburbs and was able to plow the road and some parking area. The daytime crew paid Hank a small stipend to cover his costs. A special thanks to Hank Wildeman.

AMA grants Gold Leader Club status to the Flying Pilgrims. Thanks to Jack Kezelian and Tom Ranta who prepared the AMA Leader Club application the AMA has now granted us the Gold Leader Club status. We will receive a plaque and each member will get a pin.

AMA Flying Site Grant submitted to the AMA. Bill Slabey reported to the attendees the AMA Flying Site grant application has been prepared, signed by our President, Tom Ranta and submitted to the AMA. We asked for \$3,337 which is 10% of what the club spent for 2013 to improve the flying field. Due date for submission to AMA Headquarters is March 15, but we submitted the grant application to Tim Jesky, District VP, this month (February). Maximum grant is 10% up to \$4,000. Per Tim Jesky, the awards will be made in July. Keep your fingers crossed that we get the grant. The grant money is needed to build up our reserves.

Show and Tell

Tom Ranta showed off the progress of his Hell Diver which is coming along nicely. The plane was built using Bates plans. Target weight is under 30 lbs. G-62 is called for as a power plant but Tom is leaning toward going bigger such as a DLE 85 with a multi-blade prop. Tom used a laser cutting service to cut the dive brakes. Water based EZ Cote will be used to glass the plane. All covering is 1/8" thick sheeting. Tom plans on working on it through February then he will switch over to painting some other planes that are "works in process."



John Lane shows off his Top Flite P47 ARF

With an 87" wingspan, Robart air powered gear, a DLE 55 and AUW of 18-19 lbs. John has built himself what looks like a nice flying plane. This plane also uses A123 cells for the ignition and receiver. These cells are new to John. He has about \$1800 invested in the plane. Purchased from the Prop Shop at list price but no shipping costs or taxes the price is relatively reasonable per John. This plane is another candidate for modified sleeping bags as wing bags. Jack Kezelian recommends he use a prop with more pitch such as a 20 x 12 rather than a 23 x 8.



John Paluchniak showed off his **Hobbyking night flyer** that comes as an ARF with all the **lights installed**. Price is about \$150 from the USA warehouse when you buy the built up version. There is a kit version for about \$100. Wingspan is about 1100 mm. You supply the radio system and flight battery for the plug and fly version. Here is a link to the Hobbyking USA warehouse:

https://www.hobbyking.com/hobbyking/store/_52319_HobbyKing_Flybeam_Night_Flyer_EP_P_w_LED_System_1092mm_PNF_US_Warehouse_.html

John says it is perfect for flying on grey, overcast days. The plane looks like a trainer but it is quite aerobatic.



Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Club Events

March Membership Meeting – 7:00pm Wednesday March 19th 2014. General Membership Meeting hosted at EAA Chapter 113 Mettetal Airport (near the corner of Joy and Lilly Rd).

Fun Fly – Fun Fly for Flying Pilgrims members and their families. Fly, eat, have fun. Flying starts Sunday June 22nd at noon.

Fun Fly and Open House - Fun Fly for Flying Pilgrims members and their families and open house for members of area clubs. Fly, eat, have fun. Flying starts Sunday July 20th at noon.

Fun Fly – Fun Fly for Flying Pilgrims members and their families. Fly, eat, have fun. Flying starts Sunday August 24nd at noon.

Area Events

Toledo RC Expo April 4-6th at the Seagate center in Toledo. America's largest and longest running R/C model expo. For more details visit www.toledoshow.com

Monroe Area Cloud Busters Humane Society Benefit – July 27 at the Monroe Area Cloud Busters field. RC flying demonstrations/airshow to benefit the Monroe humane Society. For more information contact Leo snaproll7@comcast.net.

Flying Pilgrims Club Officers 2013

President:	Tom Ranta	
Vice President:	Bill Slabey	Trustees:
Treasurer:	Jack Kezelian	Steve Cecale
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