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Flying Pilgrims Town Crier

Next Meeting: 7:00pm April 16th

Location – EAA Chapter 113

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Field Report

A wet spring is almost upon us. Don't park on the grass when it's soft. Ruts created now will be present all summer long!

Also remember the safety rules! With more people coming out of winter hibernation it's important to be aware of additional activity and keep safe.

Club Business

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by President Tom Ranta.

Club officers in attendance: Tom Ranta, Jack Kezelian, Carl Cornell

Attendance – 26 members

Old Business

- Jim Repp brought up the issue of planning for the previously approved July Fun Fly and Open House. Questions about who to invite and what food may be offered were discussed. Discussion only, no motion put forward.
- Jack Kezelian mentioned that our insurance certificate and club charter are all set. Paperwork is to be delivered to the land owners. Informational only, no motion put forward.
- The previously discussed drain tile project is on hold until the weather clears. The field will be closed on some spring weekend to complete this project. Informational only, no motion put forward.

New Business

- Jack reported that our bank account balance is OK for yearly operating costs. Financials are available to members at meetings. Informational only, no motion put forward.
- Ed Hernandez spoke about training and suggested that the club implement the AMA introductory pilot program. The topic was discussed and most members felt this was not a good idea. Informational only, no motion put forward.

Announcements

Our lead flight instructor Ed Hernandez spoke about the start of training for the season. Training will be on Wednesdays evenings starting once the weather is cooperative. Ed is looking for assistance from other members willing to instruct new pilots. Remember that we all had to learn at some point. Regular flying will be permitted during instruction but students get priority.

Email should be kept appropriate for all audiences. Remember that we have members of all ages and walks of life. Political, adult themes and content unrelated to aviation, RC, or club operation are not permitted.

We are all ambassadors for our hobby. Remember to greet visitors and make them feel welcome.

Show and Tell

Jerome O'Neil – Spoke about the need to downsize his collection as he downsizes his home? He is having a big box sale to get rid of his collection. Contact him for details.

Sam showed off his Velox VR1 that has previously been crashed and then set aside a few years ago. With some diligent effort he was able to disassemble and then repair it. The key to success for Sam's repair was Sig CA debonder that he found at the prop shop. It looked really good.



Jim Rep showed off his Christian Eagle that is a reproduction of a plane he previously owned. His original was from Great Planes. This one is an Eagle Aviation and is 38% scale. The plane is not quite ready to fly and requires some final assembly and detail work. Specifically some cockpit detail. Jim and his friend that helped build the plane spent a few days doing decal work. The decals are impressive! This plane is the result of several years of planning and research. Jim had a partial kit with no ribs. He found a complete kit a few years ago and now is able to create ribs for the older incomplete kit.



Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Club Events

April 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.

Michigan Jets Annual Charitable Fun Fly – Radio Controlled Model Jets at Gross Ile Airport to raise funds for Make a Wish, Naval Air Station Gross IIs, and Wishes in Flight. August 7 to 10, admission is 10 per car load. For more information visit <http://www.michiganjets.com>.

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