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Flying Pilgrims Town Crier

Next Meeting: 7:00pm May 21st

Location – EAA Chapter 113

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Field Report

The shelter has been taken down, the weather is warming up. Eventually the ground will dry completely and the wind will subside. Go fly if you get the chance!

U of M Test Flight



U of M team just after a test flight

Club Business

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Tom Ranta.

Club officers in attendance: Tom Ranta, Bill Slabey, Carl Cornell

Attendance – 25 members and 4 guests

Old Business

- The AMA grant money for the runway project has been approved. It will be presented at an upcoming event. This was possible because of Bill Slabey's hard work. Thank him if you see him.
- Tom Ranta noted that the existing drainage system seems to be working and suggested we wait to see if additional drainage is needed before continuing with any planned work.

New Business

- The members discussed steps required to maintain the shipping container used for storage at the field. Discussion only, no motion put forward or passed.

Announcements

Some reminders about rules and procedures:

- ✘ No Taxing In the Pits – Planes are to be pushed or carried in the area south of the flight line. Do not pilot them south of the flight line.
- ✘ Observe Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) when issued – Tom shared a story about the field being observed during the last TFR. If the field has a red lock don't fly. These are few and far between but observing the flight restrictions will help us keep in good standing within the airspace.
- ✘ Yield to the lawn mowing crew. They have a job to complete and do what they can to get it done before we fly. If they are working give them the space needed to complete their job.
- ✘ The field has established hours for flying. This is important to keep in good standing with our neighbors. In years past when the rules were not in affect or not followed it caused difficulty for the club.

Show and Tell

Tom Ranta brought in his Zirolu Skyraider. The model is constructed from a laser cut kit available from National Balsa.

Currently the model is in a grey primer ready for a finish paint job. Tom used a new time saving procedure to prime and sand after fiber glassing this model. The process is an application of Easy Coat, sanding, rolled on auto primer, sanding, rolled on primer, sanding, and spray on primer. The use of Easy Coat really helps to smooth out the texture. Tom felt that using it could eliminate one of the rolled on primer coats.

The next steps for this model are finish paint and final assembly. Tom plans to finish it in a camouflage paint scheme similar to what was used during his service in Viet Nam. Power will come from a G-62 engine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



Club Events

May Membership Meeting – 7:00pm Wednesday May 21st 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.

Fall Phase Out For Fun Radio Controlled Airshow –Giant Scale Fly-In and Airshow September 13th and 14th sponsored by Flying Pilgrims Model Aircraft Club and IMAA Chapter 31. All Giant Scale, War Birds, and Jet Aircraft welcome. [Event location](#) – Flying Pilgrims Field on the corner of Geddes and Ridge Rd, Ypsilanti, MI. Event Flyer - http://www.flyingpilgrims.com/phpwebsite/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=downloadFile&JAS_File_id=192

Area Events

Watts Over Wetzel – Radio Control Club of Detroit members and Contest Director Mike Pavlock invite you to a day of fun, filled with electric flying, friends, and plenty of prizes. May 17th and 18th at Wetzel State Park. For details visit <http://www.rccd.org/WOW.htm> or contact Mike Pavlock at wattsoverwetzel@gmail.com.

PMAC Warbird Festival – Warbirds Warbirds, Warbirds!!! Gas, Glow, Electric. If it's a warbird it flies. June 14th 10:00am to 4pm (pilots meeting at 9:30). Location: MAC Flying Field, 9480 White Lake Rd., White Lake, MI 48386. <http://www.box.com/shared/static/erqkr0tk1cx507ymgj32.pdf>

Thunder Over Michigan – Vintage flight demonstration and airshow presented by the Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, MI. August 9-10, 2014. For more information visit - <http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow/#>.

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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