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Flying Pilgrims Aero News

Next Meeting: March 15th 2017 at 7:00pm

Location – Canton-Plymouth-Mettetal Airport

EAA Chapter 113

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President Bill Slabey opened the meeting at 7:04 with 28 members and 2 new guest members present.

Discussions

New Members:

Ted Brown and Zack Komar joined the club today, Ted bought a new quad copter and needs flying practice space. Ted's an experienced flyer who was a member and officer of another local club. Welcome aboard, Ted and Zack.

New Business

President Bill Slabey:

Bill has paid AMA for the additional insurance requirements. This puts in compliance with the agreement language regarding usage of the EAA meeting room and Ford Motor's company's land usage.

Field operations and lawn care:

With Global warming it's highly likely we will see more flyers out early in the year. The officers would like to remind everyone not to park on the grass adjacent to the safety fence. With the early morning and rain, naturally your car will create deep ruts. We have this problem early almost every year now. **Note: We are all responsible to alert others who are in error of good field practices which include the parking lot and entrance road.**

No word yet on the lawn care service contract. We are sure to have something in place by next month.

Entrance Road:

One of the members brought the fact that the main road to the field is in need of repair. I went out there the other day and found that some deeper holes are developing on the right side of the drive in, while going out was not nearly as bad. One thing I did notes is the fact that some members are driving off on the shoulders and creating ruts. **Please stay off the shoulders.** As the ground at the sides of the road thaws serious damage can occur driving in this area.

Glen Rex, our club expert in landscape engineering, volunteered to look into evaluating the road condition and look at renting a road grader. It was also proposed to have lime stone brought in and do a spot hole filling. Hopefully things will look a little better when the weather turns dryer. That should allow Glen to make a better assessment of what needs to be done.

Fun Fly's:

Carl brought up the scheduling of Club fun fly's. Bill called for volunteers but none were volunteered at this meeting. Therefore, scheduling the club fun fly dates are postponed till next month.

50/50:

John Lane's 50/50 raffle took in 22 dollars.

OLD Business

The Treasury Officer:

Please send in your dues. **Annual dues are (\$75) and is due by March 1st. After March 1st you incur a \$20 late fee.** Your dues can be mailed in by sending me a check for \$75 made out to The Flying Pilgrims. Send check with a printed copy of your AMA card and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Jordan Hall
36827 Joy Rd
Westland, MI 48185

Dan D (Sec) on displaying your club badge while flying:

While flying at the field, we the officers, would like to remind Club members of the new policy of displaying your badge. We would like to remind all members who visit the field to wear their badge when flying. Remember, Ford Motor stipulates that all members flying at the field be covered by the AMA insurance policy. So, please display your badge so we know you are AMA and club membership is current.

Let be clear - according to Resolution 2 of the bylaws (See Pilgrims Newsletter Volume 12 Issue 9) as of January 1 it is mandatory to wear your badge while flying at the field. However the President and club officers feel that strictly enforcing the rule (this year) would put an a undue burden on members not acclimated to the idea of displaying their badge. Therefor in order to give the membership time to develop the habit, 2017 will be considered a "practice year" for the rule.

FIELD SAFTY starts with you

Follow the “SEE AND AVOID” GUIDANCE set forth by the AMA.

Call out warnings of approaching full size aircraft.

Fly at a safe low altitude relative to oncoming full size aircraft.

Because of our location, relative to Willow Run Airport, we have a **400 Ft.** height restriction.

Commercial test development of UAV's is prohibited at the field.

Dan D (Sec)

If you have any items you would like to sell and list in the newsletter, feel free to email me pictures. I will be happy to list them. Anything worth mentioning for the Fun Stuff section, ongoing projects etc. are welcome as well. secretary@flyingpilgrims.com

If you're interested in getting more information or joining the club. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 734-482-8258; See us at the field or attend our monthly meeting held at Mettetal Airport. The address is **8550 Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187.**

Note: A high resolution copy of the newsletter can be downloaded via the secure link provided at top of letter. All links referred to in this letter are listed at the top and should be active depending on your browser settings.

Flying Pilgrims Club Officers for 2017

President: –	Bill Slabey		
Vice President: –	Joe McCarthy	<i>Trustees:</i>	Steve Cecale
Secretary: –	Daniel Debens		Don Kolehmainen
Treasurer: –	Jordan Hall		Joe Nazelli
Safety Officer: –	Glenn McIntosh	<i>Chief Flight Instructor:</i>	Ed Hernandez
Lead Instructor: –	Ed. Hernandez	<i>Sub Instructor:</i>	Dan Debens
Webmaster: –	Carl Cornell		

Miscellaneous & Fun Stuff

Show and Tell:

John Lane started out with by displaying this beautifully scratch built Kingcobra. John built this from plans found in the AMA January 2014 issue. Johns using a 770KV electric motor paired with a 70 Amp ESC (Electronic Speed Control).

Wikipedia - The Bell P-63 Kingcobra is an American fighter aircraft developed by Bell Aircraft in World War II from the Bell P-39 Airacobra in an attempt to correct that aircraft's deficiencies. Although the P-63 was not accepted for combat use by the United States Army Air Forces, it was successfully adopted by the Soviet Air Force.

AMA 2014 January issue is available in PDF format at my MS OneDrive download site.



Next up:

Jim Gibboney displayed his work -in -progress. A near scratch built Beechcraft Bonanza. Jim's main problem is finding or making a windshield. He is looking for someone who can vacuum form a clear plastic or Plexiglas shield from the Fiberglass form he has. Anyone who knows who could help is welcome to contact Jim.

Wikipedia - The Beechcraft Bonanza is an American general aviation aircraft introduced in 1947 by Beech Aircraft Corporation of Wichita, Kansas. The six-seater, single-engine aircraft is still being produced by Beechcraft and has been in continuous production longer than any other airplane in history. More than 17,000 Bonanzas of all variants have been built, produced in both distinctive V-tail as well as conventional tail configurations



For those of you who might be wondering what it was like in the old days. Here's a shot of the runway I learned on, it was called the Lily Field. Thanks to great people like Jim Smith, Jack Kezelian, Jim Repp, Rick Peterson and others, I eventually was able to hit this ~20x200 strip about 90% of the time.

