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# **Flying Pilgrims Aero News**

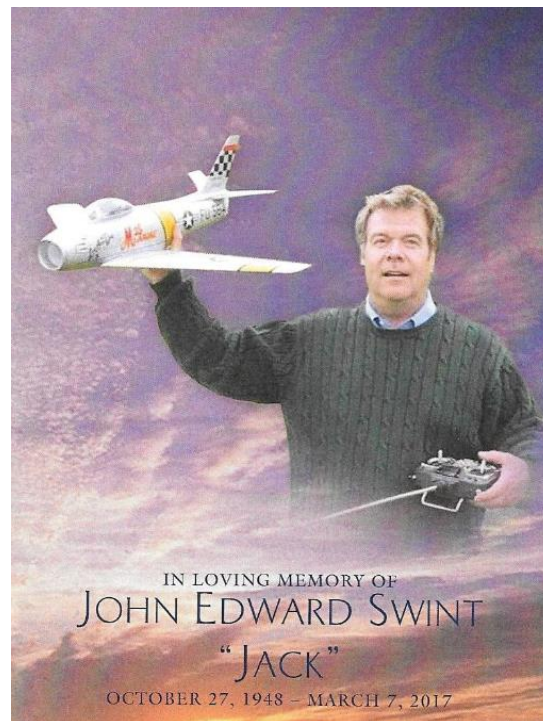
**Next Meeting: April 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00pm**

**Location – Canton-Plymouth-Mettetal Airport**

**EAA Chapter 113**

President Bill Slabey opened the meeting at 7:04 with a moment of silence for John Swint. We all knew him as “Jack.” He passed away unexpectedly on March 7, 2017

*Bill Slabey asked me to add the following in memory of John Swint.*



## **Discussions**

### ***New Members:***

Welcome aboard Aaron and his son Cupper, who joined the club today. Aaron, a former member of the Sky Masters and Rib Crackers Club, took time out to start a family and is now interested in a safe flying environment for him and his son. Another new member John Logan signed up today. John who has been flying since 1974 is an avid flyer of all types of model aircraft. Welcome aboard John.

### **Old Business**

#### ***Field operations and lawn care:***

Lawn cutting contract is being signed with **Michigan Outdoor Solutions** in Belleville to mow the field and grounds. Weekly fee is \$145 which is \$15 higher than previous service, CYLC, who decided to NO BID for the 2017 season. Thanks to club member Jeff Kepper who referred Michigan Outdoor Solutions to the club. The plan is to mow the flying field and pit area as short as possible, and the surrounding grounds every couple weeks or as needed. Mowing will be on Thursdays but the time will be variable based on how wet the grass is.

#### ***Entrance Road:***

Regarding last month's road concerns, Glen Rex checked with the local rental agency and found we could rent a Kubota tractor with a 2' bucket for \$326 per day. In addition, we would need a trailer to haul it, which would be an additional \$85 plus maybe a tow hitch. Bill thought this to be a bit much. So we will keep looking for a solution, In the meantime drive slow and avoid the holes and bumps.

#### ***Fun Fly's:***

The topic of fun fly's was tabled last month for the lack of volunteers. Stepping up to the plate this month is Jen, one of our new members who volunteered to help with the July fun fly. Jen does not cook but can do shopping and set up. So, we need one more member to volunteer time and cook for the event.

Tom Ranta suggested that the club could possibly have a day in memory of Jack Swint, This idea came up while talking to Jack wife at his service. Other members attending the service suggested we could have a Jack Swint Memorial Fun Fly. Seems the dream team fun fly guys may be getting involved. (Glenn, Don, Joe) More news when available.

#### ***Consider being a fun fly host:***

The club pays for the food and provides a recommended shopping list. The "hosts" provide the following: buy the food, set up, cook and afterward the more than willing members will help with the cleanup.

New to fun fly hosting? Any and all members are encouraged to volunteer. It is a great way to get to know everybody! It is a simple menu – burgers and hot dogs on the grill. Hopefully as we get closer to the summer season, we'll get volunteers and pinned down the fun fly dates. In the meantime raise your hand, because we need new members who in the **past**, haven't yet experienced the command of doing a Fun Fly. Be gregarious, be a host.

**50/50:**

John Lane raffled off a nice coffee table book on pre-world war era aircraft along with the 50/50 raffle.

**New Business**

***The Treasury Officer:***

Jordan Hall reported 125 members are signed up and in good standing with AMA. As a reminder please send in your dues. Annual dues are \$75 and now that it's after March 1<sup>st</sup>, an additional \$20 late fee is in effect.

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**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.

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***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](mailto: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.

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***In Memory of Jack who will be dearly missed***



Jack was born in Sandusky, Ohio the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Apostle) Swint. On September 21, 1968 he married Donna Kay Zimmerman in Tiffin, Ohio. Jack enjoyed flying remote control planes and was a member of the Flying Pilgrims RC model club. He was an avid reader, restored old cars and liked to play guitar. He was employed by Douglas Autotech Corporation in Bronson, MI

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## Flying Pilgrims Club Officers for 2017

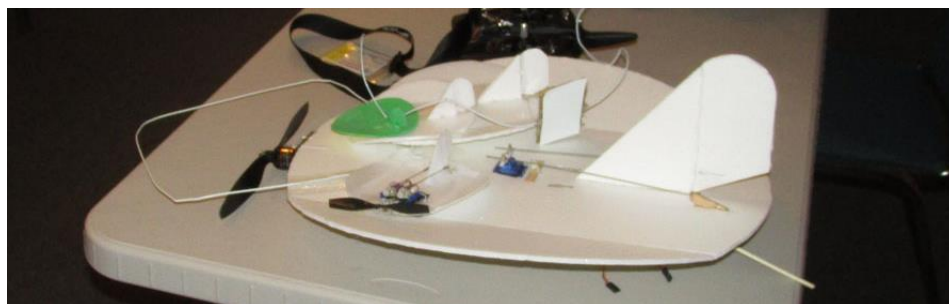
President: – Bill Slabey  
Vice President: – Joe McCarthy  
Secretary: – Daniel Debens  
Treasurer: – Jordan Hall  
Safety Officer: – Glenn McIntosh  
Lead Instructor: – Ed. Hernandez  
Webmaster: – Carl Cornell

*Trustees:* Steve Cecale  
Don Kolehmainen  
Joe Nazelli  
*Chief Flight Instructor:* Ed Hernandez  
*Sub Instructor:* Dan Debens

## Miscellaneous & Fun Stuff

### *Show and Tell:*

Jack Javor showed us some of his new inventions. This experimental aircraft he calls “The Nut Job”



*Next up:*

Tom Ranta and his Motion RC P51. With a unique sound system installed and his modifications, we were all impressed!



*And Lastly:*

Rick Vera Burgos demonstrated his new HK B17. with a wing span of 73". Rick's using a 8000ma - 3 cell battery and Futaba radio system.





Rick also brought in this Motion RC P38 with hand modified Robart gear struts. Very nice looking model, We all looking forward to see these fly.



