



Flying Pilgrims ***Aero News***

Next Meeting: August 15th, 2018 at 7:00pm

Summer Location – Flying Pilgrims Flying Field

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Lost plane
Recovery
System

President Bill Slabey opened the general meeting at the field at 7PM with 25 members present. This is a good turnout for field-held meetings.

Old Business

Minutes from the June meeting are the contents of the June newsletter; Bill Slabey asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made to approve, seconded, and a show of hands approved.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Bob Moran and Jim Smith were the sponsors of the July 22nd Fun-Fly. Despite starting with rain, the event was very successful and all present hunkered down in the shelters and devoured the hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pop and incredible cookies! Rain let up around 2PM and the fliers came out and made up for lost time. This leaves only one more planned Fun-Fly. Pete Cavagnaro indicated to Bill Slabey that he would like to sponsor the August 19th Fun Fly. So thanks again to members for stepping forward and volunteering to carry on with these summer events.



Passing of Russ Wizinsky

Bill Slabey has learned from Ross Wizinsky that his father, Russ Wizinsky, had passed away. Russ died November 24, 2016. Those of you who have been in the club for many years will likely remember him. It is worthy to note here that he was a former member of the Flying Pilgrims Club.

Operating Committee Report:

The operating committee came together at 6PM before the membership meeting to take care of matters and expenditures reserved for their approval. It has been 5 years since the new runway was installed, and some small cracks are showing up. Wisdom dictates that the runway needs a sealing coat. Jordan verified that the budget included such maintenance, so it was approved to spend \$2550 to quality-seal the runway and taxiways. Jack arranged this with Seal-Kote. This includes re-striping the runway. Bill will talk to them to see if that will also include sealing the helicopter pad, which actually show little sign of deterioration. To prepare for this, sometime in August on a Saturday or Sunday, Jack is asking for volunteers to show up with weed-whackers and blowers to clear the edges of the surfaces so the seal coat will be applied right to the edges.

Also, Bill Slabey discussed with Farmer Hauk a cost to mow down the tenacious Phragmites that have continued to overtake the other growth in the central field. When Hauk said he would do it for \$200, Bill jumped on that opportunity and had the entire field mowed within the week. A 4 hour job, it will be done again for an additional \$200 just before the Fall Phase-Out weekend. The operating committee approved these expenditures.

In addition, a dozen new wide-body shelter chairs were purchased by Jack at a bargain price of \$14 apiece. Jack will be reimbursed out of the budget. Now there are enough chairs for both the central and Eastern shelters.

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Jordan reported to the membership that the seal-coat cost was within the budget allowance, and she mentioned that membership in our club continues to grow and reported on the present balance in our account.

President's Report:

Bill reported the actions of the operating committee prior to this meeting.

Vice President's report:

Joe had no pressing information to report.

Secretary's report:

Rick had no pressing information to report.

New Business

Keep your calendars marked for the remaining Fun-Fly dates (and sponsors) shown here:

Sunday, August 19: Third Fun-Fly (Pete Cavagnaro & _?_)

Sat-Sun, September 15-16: Fall Phase-Out (Jack Kezelian)

The Fall Phase-Out is a very big event and requires more hosts and helpers than the other three events. Jack is the Event Manager and (Contest Director) for the September event, and he needs people to run the food stand, to help with the Friday set-up of the parking and field for the event, and people to handle the parking and collection of donated parking fees, among many other duties. Jack brought to this meeting the sign-up sheets for all the needed duties and urged members to sign on the sheets for the duties they would like to volunteer their assistance. This is the largest money-

making event that the Flying Pilgrims has each year and is the reason that we have such a great runway and an additional east-end shelter.

The previously discussed idea of uprooting the angled East and West end fences of the pit area was brought up again by Jack. His argument is that re-installing these end fence lines so that they are in line with the main safety fence line will increase the needed space of the pit-area (PRO). Once this would be done, it is Jack's idea that this fence placement remains on a permanent basis. There were a number of arguments on both sides of this idea. One argument (CON) is that this increases the pit-area for what amounts to be a once-a-year event, which is the only event where this is needed. Another argument (CON) is that this poses a safety issue at the approach ends of the runway, where a stray plane may land in the pit areas. Yet another argument (CON) is that this reduces the helicopter area. There was a great deal of debate on both sides of this issue, and as this remains open for continued discussion, the idea is not ready for resolve. Bill suggested that the operating committee put together pros and cons for the membership to eventually vote upon, but Jim said this is not a job for the operating committee but for the general membership referendum.



On another note related to preparation for the Giant Scale event, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to ask the farmer to mow the taller grass East and West of the pit area so that we can extend that space for the expected increase in pilots who will need this.

Ed Hernandez briefly spoke to thank Dan and Bill and John and others for helping instruct the students who show up for instruction time on Wednesdays. He noted that other seasoned pilots besides those designated as instructors have been gracious enough to step up and help budding pilots with buddy boxes and such to improve their skills. The rest of the membership acknowledged Ed for his organization of the Flight Instruction School.

The meeting was adjourned by Bill Slabey at 7:28PM.

FIELD OPERATION SAFETY starts with all members vigilance!

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.

Flying Pilgrims Club Officers for 2018

President: –	Bill Slabey	<i>Trustees:</i>	Baltasar Capote
Vice President: –	Joe McCarthy		Matt Delleva
Secretary: –	Rick Reynolds		Joe Nazelli
Treasurer: –	Jordan Hall		
Safety Officer: –	Glenn McIntosh		
Flight Instructor: –	Ed Hernandez	<i>Sub Instructor:</i>	Dan Debens
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SHOW & TELL



Tom Ranta's New? Repaired? Additional? P-51 Mustang. I'm sorry I didn't get this identified!

Ed Hernandez showed off a new plane with special features. The Parrot Disco is an autonomous wing that acts like a computerized quadcopter. It will maintain level flight upon hand-launched take-offs. Until you work the sticks, it will "loiter" in the air, and even knows when it should land due to low battery. It can even house a camera for aerial photography.

