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Field location: Flying Pilgrims Trail, Superior Twp., MI 48198
 Indoor Mtg: EAA Chapter 113, 8550 Lilley Rd., Canton, MI 48187

February 19th, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 Next meeting is on March 18th, 2020 at 7:00PM

President Bill Slabey opened the general meeting at the EAA building at 7:00PM with 24 members present. There were no minutes from the January meeting to approve. I was not able to attend that meeting and did not have the opportunity to record minutes.

New Guest(s)

Jim Dresbach presented himself as a guest today, and a potential member with a pretty big goal. He has to train young cadets of the CAP to fly UAVs, and he has to learn for himself how to do this first! Jim showed up with newly purchased computer, the Real Flight 9 simulator application program, and even a new trainer plane all to accomplish this task. Now he needs to flash-train himself in the operation of remote planes so he can pass on this knowledge to his minions! More power to you Jim!

Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Jordan could not be at this meeting, so there is no report.

President's Report:

Bill reported that we received the rental agreement with Mettetal Airport to use the EA building for our meetings. He submitted to the AMA request for insurance riders for both this building and also for the field we use that belongs to FOMOCO. He also has

the lease agreement with FOMOCO, which will require first the acquisition of insurance before they will sign off on our use of the field. Typical annual red tape to overcome. Bill is on the AMA Grant Review Committee, and he reported that there are 75000 grants to consider, with \$35 grand available for all the grants that will be honoured. Nevertheless, we have submitted our grant to help defer costs of operation and maintenance for our field and await the results. There is a need for new software to help members on that committee to more easily review all those requests in a timely fashion as Bill has put it.

Secretary's report:

You're reading it!

Vice President's report:

Joe spoke on the pending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that the FAA issued in December of 2019, notably a rule which requires that all UAVs have remote ID system installed. One allowance of that rule in consideration is that this device would not be necessary if you are an approved member of an approved AMA site like our Flying Pilgrims Field, and that all flyers remain within the boundaries established by that agreements with the FAA as it pertains to that site. FAA is accepting comments from flyers regarding these rules, and then they go over these comments in a given time before finalizing the NPRM. So Joe is asking members of this club to access that site and give your comments. There is a form you can fill out that does much of the written work for you; it is a matter of numbers more than the actual text that members send in for the comments that might sway the FAA to tailor the rules to our benefit. Joe sent out a club email with links that you can use to send your comments to the FAA. He also emphasized that you write to your congresspersons and Senators who can influence this NPRM. Joe provided a link for that also he reported today. An important note of all this is that, 12 months after the NPRM is put into effect, there may be no more applications for new flying sites. This could mean that for some unforeseen reason, if a club loses its field, the members would not be able to apply for a new field from which to operate their club. This is a proposed rule, not finalized, but is important to consider for the continuance of our flying hobby. Thus, if you wanted to fly, you would revert to the need for that remote ID system installed in each of your aircraft. This actually sounds like FAA is trying to phase out registered flying sites like ours.

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The meeting was adjourned by Bill Slabey at 7:22PM



FIELD OPERATION SAFETY
starts with all member's vigilance!



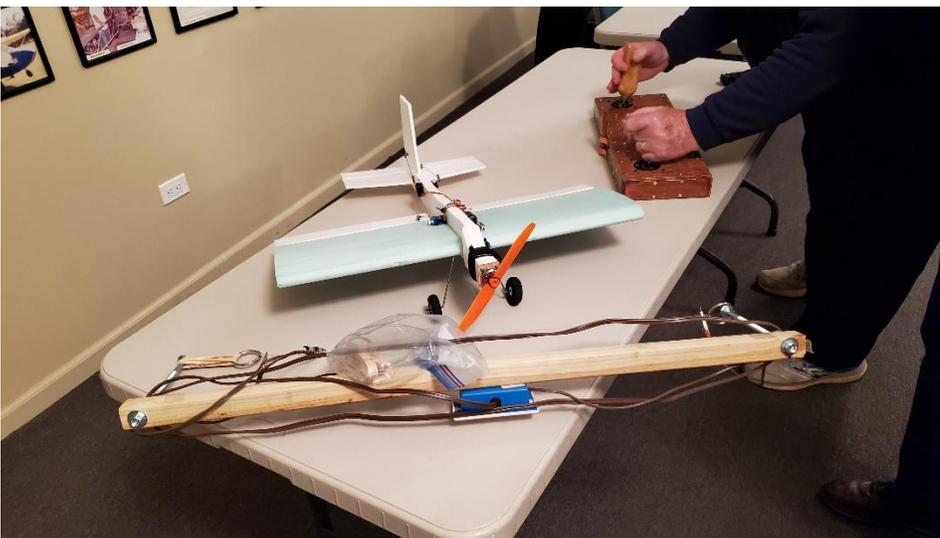
Follow the "SEE AND AVOID" GUIDANCE set forth by the AMA.
Call out warning of approaching full-size aircraft.
Fly at a safe low altitude relative to oncoming full-size aircraft.
Because of our location relative to Willow Run Airport,
we have a 400 Ft. height restriction.
Commercial test development of UAVs is prohibited at the field.



[The Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA) posted a rule in the [Federal Register](#) requiring small drone owners to display the FAA-issued registration number on an outside surface of the aircraft. Owners and operators may no longer place or write registration numbers in an interior compartment. The rule is effective on February 25. The markings must be in place for any flight after that date. If you have not already registered or wish to check your status, then click [here](#).

Show and Tell

Jack Javor's latest project is a scratch-built transmitter, made of wood, with control sticks more like that found in a full-scale plane rather than the usual thumb-sticks. Jack admits that this is an improvement over his ski-stick transmitter from last year!

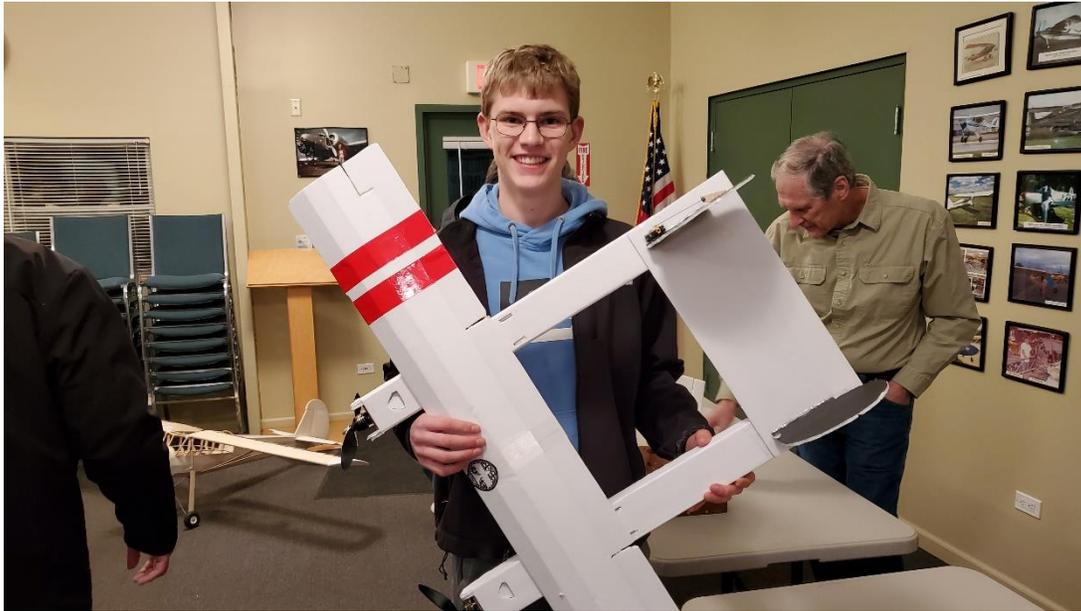


Mel Berent brought in a scratch-built foam plane, with a wing cut with templates and an electric harp, which he also brought for our viewing. The plane is well-suited for indoor flying.

Roel Van De Velde showed off his huge impressive balsa (Piper J-3?) kit and discussed techniques used in his construction. He had high-stilted wheel struts and an extended cowl to fit the engine. It appears to be a gas engine.



Cooper Avery showed off his white Flite-Test modified Baron, a plane that is similar to a P-38. It has an 1100kv motor powered by 3-4S Lipo. It has counter-rotating props.



January Show and Tell

I apologize for not getting out a January issue of this newsletter, but here are pictures of the Show-and-Tell planes from last month's meeting. These pictures were taken by Bill Slabey and others.



