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September 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes and Newsletter
Next meeting is scheduled October 20th, 2021 at 7:00PM
At the EAA Building at Mettetal Airport.

Call to Meeting

Bill Slabey, opened the general meeting at 6:56PM at the flying field with 15 members present. Since the sun will set at 6:44PM on October 20, our next meeting date, we will have to meet in the EAA building at Mettetal Airport. Minutes from the August meeting are the contents of the August newsletter; Bill Slabey asked for approval of the minutes, and a show of hands passed the motion. *Please recall that at our August meeting, a motion was made and passed that members present at the meeting will need to wear a mask since it is indoor and close proximity.*

Reports

President's Report:

Bill began by reporting that the agreement between our club and the farmer Hauk who has graciously kept our weeds mowed may be delayed this season because he is busy with other tasks at this time. Specifically, this pertains to his agreement to remove many of the trees and weeds along the fence line that have become overgrown in recent years. He might not get to this until late fall. Normally this would cost our club about \$500, so it is a good deal. On an interesting but unrelated note, Bill assured us that his 1994 F350 Crew Cab tandem axle pickup (with only 23000 miles) is NOT FOR SALE, even at the offered price of \$3000!!! See this gem below. Looks like that price would be a bargain.



Vice-President's Report:

Joe let members know that he has made copies of the membership application for Flying Pilgrims that is available on our website, and he has placed those copies on the notice wall of the west-end shelter. This idea was strongly suggested by John Lane. Now, if you are talking to any visitors to our field who are interested in joining our club, you can give them an application right from the wall. All information and directions for joining are written on the application, so all they need to do is fill it out and send in their application, AMA membership verification, a stamped self-addressed envelope, and appropriate check to the treasurer.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill gave Jordan's report as she is home with her new baby. Bill emphasized that Jordan is requesting a leave from the office of treasurer, and that if any member of the club would like to step up and be nominated for that office, it would be greatly appreciated. The toughest part of the job is taking applications and payments from members each year that they renew their membership dues. If member applicants remember to include their application, AMA verification and also a self-addressed stamped envelope with their payment, it makes that job incredibly easier. Jordan has also set up a Pay-Pal account to pay your membership, but you would still have to present to the treasurer your membership application, that self-addressed stamped envelope so that your Flying Pilgrims membership card can be sent back to you in the mail.

Secretary's Report:

Much of this discussion is regarding the election of our officers that is coming up in November. Because of the Covid pandemic, and the fact that we were not able to hold our monthly meetings for most of 2020, in the 2021 election, I sent out a special email bulletin to all members suggesting an alternative method to the election. At that time, the incumbent officers were willing to extend their services and carry on in their positions for another year as long as that was approved by the membership. So, I asked members to send to me nominations of those who would like to run for said positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Of course, self-nominations are acceptable also. I gave a reasonable time limit of 15 days from my notice to acquire those nominations. It was understood that if I received any nominations, I would set up an election, probably through the mail, to complete that task. It was also understood from my bulletin that if I did not receive any nominations, then it was understood that the members were willing to allow the incumbents to carry on their positions for another year in light of these unusual pandemic circumstances. As it turned out, the membership was gracious and understanding and presumably pleased enough with the incumbents to allow them to carry on for another year.

Now we are tasked with the 2022 election of officers. The virus variants still pose a threat for us at the meetings we will attempt to hold at the EAA building in October and November, in spite of the fact that many of our members are vaccinated. At this September meeting held at the field, with the exceptions of Jordan as treasurer, Bill, Joe, and Rick were asked and expressed that they were willing again to continue in their positions if the membership would allow that. Page 7, Article X of the by-laws (click [here](#) to read) does not specifically address the action of allowing incumbents to continue their positions. It does allow for electronically mailed absentee ballots. It states that nominations shall be made by the October meeting. Because our meeting attendance has been lower than usual, I am asking that you send to me, rlreynolds21@gmail.com, and you can do that now, your nominations for officers for this upcoming election. You may of course, nominate yourself. At the October meeting, if there are no nominations for President, Vice-President or Secretary, we will address how we will proceed with this election. Please keep in mind that we do need a nomination for Treasurer.

Head Instructor's Report:

Ed Hernandez recognized that Jack Javor completed the wonderful rack in the storage container for the trainer planes. Thanks Jack! A picture of that rack was in last month's newsletter. Ed also announced that Nilton Renno has joined the club and was signed in to fly with us.

Airfield Maintenance Report:

Matt Bushore has taken it upon himself to attain plans for more plane-starting tables. These tables look great, and he is obtaining some of the materials needed for their fabrication. Some are constructed of wood, and others may be made from steel that Matt has recently procured. Any members interested in helping construct these tables please contact Matt. Thanks Matt!



There was some discussion again about solar panels, but these would require someone to maintain them as they would surely need care and upkeep. Batteries would be required, and these would need to be put away in the colder weather. This is an ambitious endeavor, and at this point, nobody stepped forward willing to do these extra tasks.

Adjourne

The meeting was adjourned by Bill Slabey at 7:14pm.



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.



DRONE ID MARKING RULE
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 25, 2019
Federal Aviation Administration

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 showed off his foamy F-35. I noticed under the open canopy that there did not seem to be any Velcro or attachment for the battery that it would hold. I didn't think much about that until Jack, after the meeting, flew the plane. Just before his final approach, over the center field, the battery ejected from the plane with a beautiful sine-wave trajectory. Jack was able to see the battery land, as the plane, now extremely light, fluttered straight down along with the hatch to land, undamaged, in the tall grass! 2 days later, Rick, using his DJI Mavic Air, located the battery, and Mark ran out to the field to retrieve it! Remarkably the battery is in good shape and still had some charge in it!!!



Dave Foster was present with his helicopter arsenal. What a great collection of different rotored copters.



The meeting was sparsely attended, but it was a beautiful day.

