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April 15th, 2026 Newsletters and meeting minutes.
 Next meeting is scheduled May 20th, 2026 at 7:00PM,
 And will be held at the **EAA building at Mettetal Airport.**

Call to Meeting

President's Report:

Dale opened the meeting at 7PM, with 18 members present, and called for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was made, seconded, and carried with no discussion. He got right into verifying the dates of summer events with Mike Clapsadle and Jack Javor. Seeing no conflicts, the dates were agreed upon and are shown below in the Upcoming Events Section.

Vice-President's Report:

Joe, having accomplished much in negotiations with agencies for our club in the past few months, was peaceful and had no new items to present to the members. Thanks Joe.

Secretary's Report:

Please be sure to read this newsletter before you attend next month's meeting. All club membership rosters and AMA rosters are up-to-date presently. The poster for our **Fall Phase-Out for Fun** is under construction pending approval by Jack Javor. Any other posters or flyers needed for other events can be brought to my attention and I will get on them ASAP.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim reported that we presently have 87 paid-up members for this season, and there are two more at this meeting waiting to give their money to Jim. That will give us 89 members as of today. There is a substantial sum of money in the club account to cover expected expenses for this season, prompting discussion on how to spend it for maintenance.

Memorials



Ed Heiser, a very long time member of this club, passed away on March 30 at the age of 90. He will be greatly missed. On a personal note, when I joined the club in 2011, it was Ed who tested my RC flying abilities and signed me on to be a club member. His obituary can be found at this link ([click](#)).



John Lane, another long time member of our club, passed away on April 6 in hospice. John was incredibly influential and dedicated to helping in every way to the operation of our club. It was John who found the Ford property upon which our club is presently located. His obituary can be found at this link ([click](#)).



Upcoming Events

It is time to mark your calendars for our 4 major summer events.

June 7th, Fun-Fly #1, from 10am to 5pm.

July 12th, Fun-Fly #2, from 10am to 5pm.

August 9th, Fun-Fly #3, from 10am to 5pm.

September 19-20, Fall Phase-Out for Fun Event.

Old Business

Dale reported that he swapped out the damaged chain with a new and much lighter one. Morning crew flyers confirmed that it is much better and easier to lift up and place over the hook. Dale inspected the runway, and it may need a sealcoat this season; he plans to meet with the SealCoat manager to get his take on the condition of the runway and then report back to the membership on the verdict. He also reminded members to be careful where you park your car. Avoid the wet grassy areas and those areas that tend to be muddy this rainy

time of year to prevent creating ruts and thus giving us more work to do to maintain the very good looks of our field. Carl and Dale have a plan to wait until the grounds dry up enough to get a big trailer out by the storage trailer to clean up and remove most of the collected debris that has accumulated over the years. Vince said that he would help also.

New Business

It came to discussion that when the gates are open, people come into the club field and ask for information about the club. These could be potential new members. Mark Deprest suggested that we have informational flyers at the West End Shelter available to answer some of the basic questions that these people have. Jim Gibboney seconded that idea, and Rick Reynolds reported that we had tried flyers before and that they didn't last long, they blew away or got lost or misplaced.

On a related note, Mike Clapsadle and Vince Blaszczyk plan to arrange a table or area at the Father's Day Breakfast here at Mettetal Airport that is held every year. Rick will print up flyer for that purpose. Vince plans to be at the breakfast from 6 to 12. He will also contact the Mettetal liason, Rick Karaschin, the EAA Chapter 13 president, to coordinate with him our presence at their breakfast event.

Pete Cavagnaro suggested that we set aside or " earmark " specific funds from our account just for the purpose of funding major repairs/replacement of our aging runway as most likely will eventually be needed. There was a lot of discussion pro and con regarding this issue, and no real decision was made about putting specific funds aside for such a major expense. It was felt that the club budgets and plans very well for such projects, and when the time comes we will have enough money to get the job done. Mike and Pete expressed their wishes to have a special sub-account for this idea, most of the rest of the membership felt that the way we have been doing it is sufficient.

Lastly, Jim Gibboney asked if we would consider replacing some of the safety fence netting that looks pretty shabby, and Dale said that we usually consider that just before the Fall Phase-Out Event.

Meeting Adjourned

Just before the Show and Tell, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM by Dale. After Show and Tell, members left the EAA Building to close for the day at around 8:24PM and the building was locked up.

Your plane (drone) needs to be registered with FAA. Click here on the [Drone Zone](#) to update or verify your registration. Follow instructions for how to label your plane and how to obtain your FAA registration.



Field Safety starts with all members' vigilance!

Be sure to read your club's rules. They are posted on the west shelter. They are also posted on the website under the Rules and By-Laws tab.

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Show and Tell

Vince Blaszczyk presented members with an A-10 Warthog, a very detailed foamy model. Powered by two 80mm ducted fans, this jet is fast and maneuverable. It can use up to 10 cells of battery power. Good looking and heavy duty retracts, with lights and full flaps and gear, Vince is eager to get this out to the field to see what it can do! The plane is available from Motion RC and is a Freewing production.



Mark Deprest brought in a yellow Piper J-3 Cub, a Sea Gull manufactured plane.

