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March 18th, 2026 Newsletters and meeting minutes.
 Next meeting is scheduled April 15th, 2026 at 7:00PM,
 And will be held at the **EAA building at Mettetal Airport.**

Call to Meeting

President's Report:

Dale was unable to attend the meeting, so Joe McCarthy took his place and his report follows.

Vice-President's Report:

Joe opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Joe asked for new members or guests present to introduce themselves. Rick Karaschin, the EAA Chapter 13 President did so, and mentioned that he is building his own airplane, and most likely plans to join the FP at some future time. Representing the building we use for our meetings, he has been present at past meetings.

Joe reported that Dale is purchasing a new chain for our entrance, and that it will be lighter than the present heavy chain.

Joe also presented the form that now takes the place of the letter of agreement that we have had with Willow Run Airport, and that it is signed and completed. Called the Certificate or Waiver of Authorization, is good for two more years and covers our agreement of altitude, boundaries, and other pertinent issues with WR permitting us to fly in the close proximity we have with the airport. It expires Feb 28, 2028.

Secretary's Report:

No news. Please be sure to read this newsletter before you attend next month's meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim reported that we are up to 86 paid members for this year so far, and there are three waiting this meeting to pay their dues (and late fees) to add to that total. We have an adequate balance in the treasury to cover the upcoming expenses for maintenance, potty cleaning, and such, and also our AMA charter renewal is completed, with the insurance certificates completed and sent in to Ford Motor Company as per our agreement on leasing the land.

New Business

Mike Clapsadle brought up concern for dates for this season's fun flys, and asked if there were any volunteers to assist him with the task. Mike sent out an email suggesting the dates of **June 7, July 12, and August 9** as the tentative dates, and by next meeting, if no one reports any conflicts with those dates, we will probably vote to set them into our event itinerary. The alternate dates in the event of unsavory weather is the week after each of those dates respectively. He also plans to go into the storage and take an inventory of the tubs that hold the supplies and such for our events, and discard the junk that has accumulated. Anyone wanting to help with this task will be appreciated.

Joe reminded members present about the imminent spring thaw and the resulting softness of the grass that we should all be aware of when parking our cars, especially behind the East Shelter, along the fence line west of the West Shelter, and near the storage container. Please keep your vehicles on the high ground to avoid creating ruts. Bill Rogers of the morning crew brought up that the truck that services the potty often digs deep ruts in the grass by the storage container. It was suggested by him that members of the morning crew have in the past and probably will again move the potty to a location to prevent this from happening. Doug Whitney agreed and said that they would do that as soon as they can. Jim Gibboney mentioned to Doug that when the chance presents itself, the safety supplies box should be opened, and refreshed with necessary items for this upcoming season.

Rick Karaschin brought up the question about Father's Day Breakfast and Metetal Airport, and whether FP might want to have a presentation of RC planes to promote new members. At a past meeting, Vince Blaszczyk joined Rick to present such an idea at the Young Eagles events, which are April 4 and May 2. Both of these events are community events, with lots of family and young kids, that offer the opportunity to recruit new and young members. It would be possible to set up a tent for such a presentation. Besides Vince and Rick, if you are interested in helping organize such an event, be prepared and present at the April meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Just before the Show and Tell, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 by Joe. After Show and Tell, members left the EAA Building to close for the day at 7:29PM.



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.

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.



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Show and Tell



Joe Haas brought three planes for SnT, the first called a Pattern Bat, which is basically a flying wing. This plane is over 25 years old, and last summer was the first time that Joe had flown this plane. It is powered by an OS-10 nitro engine.

His next plane is the T-Riffic Mig 29, a foamy silhouette model. You can see one similar to the one Joe brought in at this YouTube video (click [here](#)). Terry Nitsch, a noted jet designer, created this model about 22 years ago. The plane performs with high alpha maneuvers, and flies incredibly.





His third plane is the Lanier Stinger, foam core, balsa sheeting overlays, one piece wing, ABS cowl; it is about 30 years old. Originally a nitro engine plane, this model is converted to an E-model. Motor is a Power 32, 4S 3000Mah battery. Click [here](#) for the conversion video.



Jim Gibboney returns today with his Corsair F4U giant scale model that he presented unfinished at the January meeting. Completed now, it is quite the spectacular highly detailed model that we have come to expect from his workbench! The plane sports 10 servos and a retract pak. Remember from January that this is powered by a Quadra-100cc engine. Jim plans to use a 3 bladed prop.



Joe brought some video recorders that he found; very inexpensive, to give out for free. There were no takers!

The page one photo is of a foamy F-22 powered by a turbine engine! That's right! On a foamy. I believe the owner/pilot shown is club member Amanuel Zaya.