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

June 24th, 2026 Newsletters and meeting minutes. Next meeting is scheduled July 15th, 2026 at 7:00PM, And will be held at the **Flying Pilgrims Field**. There will be a swap meet right after the meeting at the field. Bring any planes or stuff that you would like to trade.

Call to Meeting

President's Report:

Dale opened the meeting at 7 PM sharp, with 22 members present, a motion was made to accept the minutes from last month's meeting, it was seconded, and passed with no challenges. It was cloudy and mild, and there were no instructions today since no students showed up. Dale mowed two paths in the central field, one going out from the runway, and another going East/West across the middle to make it easy to fetch a downed plane. The field will be mowed again in the next few weeks, and then finally just before the Fall Phase-Out Event.

Vice-President's Report:

Joe brought up that the upcoming show at Willow Run airport will result in TFRs being issued, meaning that there will be no flying at our field during that weekend of July 17th through the 19th.

Secretary's Report:

Rick brought up the unfortunate news that there are some members of the club that are flying on the field this season that have not yet paid their membership dues. He

Old Business

Last month Jim Gibboney brought up a new proposal about our club's start and stop times for flying. It was tabled until this meeting so that Dale could have a say in the matter. The proposal was to increase the flying time one hour earlier and one hour later each day from the present schedule. This generated a lot of discussion on the matter. Some were opposed completely and said we should just leave well enough alone. Others expressed that by the time they got off work on weekdays, it was too close to 8 PM to even bother to come down to the field to fly. Mostly it was a desire to get more flying time in a day. There was concern that the neighborhood across Geddes Road, who were involved almost 30 years ago in the original "noise" complaint, would complain again. Dale surveyed the membership on many variations, and the most favored policy was to **change the flying time only in the evening and no change in the mornings. Instead of 8 PM, flying would now stop at sunset.** Since it is against AMA policy to fly after dark anyway, that made the most sense. A motion as such was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. It was understood that if there is trouble from this, we would resort back to the previous schedule.

New Business

Carl reported that our Mailman service that we use to communicate to club members is up for renewal and they have tripled the price. Since it has been troublesome in that mail does not always go through as expected, Carl is entertaining a new provider. This service was started by an RC flyer who saw the need for club communication on a large scale, and it includes some services that we don't get with our present provider. It includes a list of other clubs across the country, and it contains an online membership, which will allow members to renew their membership online instead of paying Jim directly. It will require more information from each member, including their AMA number and their FAA license number if we elect that option. Carl and Jim Lorenz are investigating its potential as our present service is up for renewal by the end of this month.

Club Activities

For the first time, our club sponsored a tent at the annual Mettetal Airport Father's Day Breakfast and Airfield Show. Vince Blasky and Mike Clapsadle were instrumental in setting this up. As it turned out, it was a great success! The guys brought not only a tent with our massive banner on display, but also a table and chairs, several planes, and magazines and flyers promoting our Annual Fall Phase-Out Show. The turn-out was outstanding, as the scene attracted viewers of all ages who were regular attendees of the Breakfast Event and then meandered over to see Vince's giant Gee Bee! Visitors asked many questions, and Mike and Vince were not at all shy about answering them and promoting the Club. President Rick Karaschin and board member Jack McClellan of the EAA 113 Chapter were there at our table praising the attraction generated by our guys. They both expressed a desire for us to continue with this in the coming years. I think Vince and Mike were hooked and will definitely do this again!



Meeting Adjourned

Just before the Show and Tell, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM by Dale. After Show and Tell, members stuck around to fly with the new later time since there was still daylight until 9:15 PM.

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.

John Doe The Flying Pilgrims RC Club
FAA UAS no: FA1234567
AMA no. 7654321

Your plane needs to be labelled
Like shown here above.

Fly Safely! Wear your Membership Card and AMA card at all times while flying at the field!
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.



Show and Tell

Dan Schwartz capped off the meeting with his 3D printed F-14. A pretty sophisticated model with retracts and foldable wings, he uses the standard metal gear servos to actuate the wing movement, and it is braced inside with carbon fiber parts to support the wing load. The servos are timed to extend quickly but to retract more slowly, a forethought to prevent a surprise loss of lift so the plane doesn't drop out of the sky unexpectedly. Powered by two 50mm EDFs, the plane operates on a 2200 mah battery.



Gary Figi brought in his plane from last month newly equipped with pontoons. A unique mechanism with string transfers the rudder movement to the two rudders on the pontoons so he has control in the water at low speed before getting in the air. Gary has joined a flying club that is specifically for pontoon planes. See the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

Beyond Our Club Activities



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To: Flying Pilgrims, Gary Figi a.k.a. Train Room Gary • I've had the pleasure of attending the Addison Oaks Float Flying event in 2026, and I truly recommend it! I'd love for you to join me next time.