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

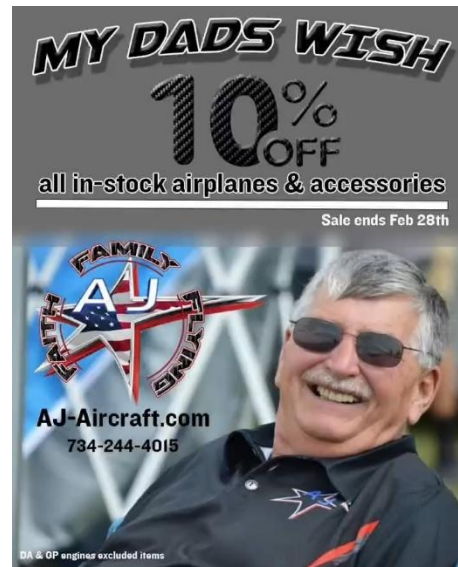
February 18th, 2026 Newsletters and meeting minutes.
 Next meeting is scheduled March 18th, 2026 at 7:00PM,
 And will be held at the **EAA building at Mettetal Airport.**

Call to Meeting

President's Report:

Dale opened the meeting at 7:02. There were 23 members present. Motion by Louis Paspal to accept the minutes of last month's meeting, seconded by Rick Reynolds. Motion passed.

Dale used the monitor in the room to present his tribute and news of the passing of Tim Jesky, on January 15, 2026. Tim was a wonderful ambassador for the AMA and our hobby, and above all, a truly kind and generous person. Tim served as AMA District VII



Vice President, was a member of the AMA Foundation Board, and was deeply involved in FAI competitions. Dale knew him for many years. Tim was the founder of AJ Aircraft, a company that sold model aircraft and parts and service. The company is offering 10% off in his honor.

Dale visited the field, and reported that the roadway is pot-hole infested, the parking area is soggy, and this winter has had its toll on our facilities such that if you are a winter flyer, **please be aware of where you park so as not to create ruts in the grassy areas**. Also, there is quite a collection of junk next to the storage unit, some of which is not from any flyer related origins. We need to get a crew to clean this up.

Last item, we will need to order some combination locks for the gate and chain as the ones we have now are old and should be replaced.

Vice-President's Report:

Joe reported that the letter of agreement with Willow Run Airport has been replaced with an FAA form called the certificate of waiver or authorization, which has been submitted to the FAA by way of AMA executives and will be in effect in about a month. No changes, we still will have the same agreement with WW regarding our altitude allowance, hours of operation, and the boundary limits of our club.

Secretary's Report:

Rick brought to members attention the problem we occasionally have had that some members did not receive the newsletter from last month, in spite of me sending it 3 times. He asked for a show of hands of those who got the meeting reminder, and then a show of hand of those who did not get the newsletter. With Carl Cornell present, we discussed what the problem might be. It is not clear how the Mailman decided whether or not to send on the messages. This is a work in progress to try to solve this problem.

Remember that this digital newsletter often has links to stores and to video and other websites, shown as underlined blue text. There are some in the text below in the Show and Tell section, so you may want to read this newsletter from a tablet or better yet from your laptop for a full-sized view.

If you have been diligently reading our monthly newsletter, then you will notice that I have changed the aerial view of our field on the cover photo to one that reflects a more personal engagement of our members by showcasing any of the impressive planes that you guys have the patience to build.

Final note. If you want to read more on Tim Jesky, [click here](#) for his remembrance page from AMA. If you want to take advantage of the discounts offered by his company, **AJ Aircraft**, then [click here](#).

Treasurer's Report:

Jim reported that we have 63 paid members so far, and our club balance is sufficient for upcoming bills and on target for our budget.

Meeting Adjourned

Just before the Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 by Dale.



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

Mike Clapsadle presented us with a frame-in-progress of a top wing, wood model, nitro-engine plane that he plans to have finished by next month's meeting. Very impressive. A Great Planes 60 size cub, older model, a kit he had started, stopped, started, stopped, and now is determined to finish! Powered by a Saito FA-91S, the first 4 stroke he has had.





Pete Cavagnaro brought in a beautiful Stearman PT-17 model, in the popular blue and yellow livery, that should be a real charm when he flies it this Spring. He has been working on it for a year and a half. He says that this plane has been a real challenge for him, a step up from what he is used to building, but from the looks of it I think he has mastered the next level! The real plane, built by Boeing, was a popular WWII trainer.

The Boeing Stearman was covered with Proficover 2. A number of coating systems were considered and the one that worked best for this application were several coats of White Primer (Do It Best, Fast Dry, Premium Primer, General Purpose); many coats of Gloss Yellow on the wings (Do it Best, Fast Dry, Premium Enamel, General Purpose); for the fuselage, two coats of Blue (Rust-Oleum, 7524 Safety Blue, High Performance Enamel).

