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September 17th and August 20th, 2025 Newsletters and meeting minutes.

Next meeting is scheduled October 15th, 2025 at 7:00PM,

And will be held at the **EAA building at Mettetal Airport.**

August 20th Call to Meeting

Dale opened the meeting at 7PM sharp, there were 18 members present. By a motion, second, and vote the July minutes were approved. The August meeting was at the flying field and was very short. Most of the discussion was positive comments to Dale for the job he was doing clearing out all the brush in the center field and keeping the grass cut just the right length. The rest was Jack Javor requesting more help on the sign-up list for the big upcoming Fall Phase-Out Event, and what he still needed. Most importantly the new mailman list was not cooperating with me and my issue of the August meeting and minutes failed to get out to the membership. Since that meeting was so short I decided to include it in this issue. That is why the header at the top mentions Issue 8 and 9 of the newsletter. If you know of a club member, new or old, who is not receiving this newsletter please send me or Carl Cornell a notice to that effect, or have that member send either of us an email and we will try to get that rectified as soon as possible so you can keep informed of club activities.

Instructor's Report:

Mike Clapsadle stepped down and the head instructor, and that position is now open. Discussion between Jack Javor and the other instructors will continue regarding this issue after the Fall Phase-Out Event has taken place.

August 10 Fun Fly

Dan Debens reported on the last fun fly before the big Fall Phase-Out Event coming in September. He said that the crowd was not a big as the previous fun-flies, but nevertheless there were some great events and unfortunately some crashes too.



August 20th Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Dale at 7:11 and there was no show and tell afterward.

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September 17th Call to Meeting

Dale, the president, opened the meeting at 7PM sharp, now at the EAA building at Mettetal Airport, and there were 18 members present. There was no approval of August meeting minutes since the issue never got out to the membership as mentioned above in the short August notes above.

President's Report:

Dale reported on the planned fence repair efforts and that the company to which he sent an initial payment to and they did not get the job done before the Fall Phase-Out Show. He will contact them to see if we need to get a refund and go with someone else or to let it ride and hopefully they will get out to the field and get it done in some reasonable time. Dale thanked Jack Javor for all his efforts to execute a successful event, and he also thanked all those that participated in the event to make it a success.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim reported that we now have 140 members, and he expects at least 3 more members that will join. He reported that the Fall Phase-Out Show earned a record \$1801.92 this year! Jim said that calculations indicate that we had 155 cars show up at \$5 per car. Jim indicated that we have more money in the club account this year than last year at this time. We are operating well within our projected budget.

Secretary's Report:

At next month's meeting we will be entertaining nominations for the election or retention of officers as we do this time each year. So let this be a reminder for the incumbents to consider if they want to run again for their position, as well as any new blood that would like to run for these positions. New candidates should expect to present themselves at the October meeting and explain their positions for the office that they seek, and then I can determine what procedures will be necessary to prepare any ballots to be cast for the election that will take place at the November meeting. Officers include the positions of: **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, and three Trustees** who will be responsible for the counting of the ballots at the November meeting. There are other positions listed in the left panel of [page one](#) of this newsletter that are either appointed or volunteer positions. Look at your By-Laws that you can read on the Flying Pilgrims Website to see the responsibilities that each of these positions requires. If no one is seeking to oppose any of the incumbents, as we have in the past two years, we will make that determination at the November meeting and seek official approval of incumbent officers for the next year.

Safety Officer's Report:

Jim Gibboney reported that there was a crash and resulting fire on the central field during the Fall Phase-Out Event, and outside of the unfortunate fact that the pilot left his debris out there on the field, it has come to our attention that the fire extinguisher devices may need to be re-charged or replaced. Some of them are CO2 devices and some of them are water devices. Knowing which device to use for which fire is important. We were faced with the consideration that the fire might have spread across the dry grass in the central field area if members did not attend to the fire quickly and effectively. On another note, there was an incident of "chaotic behavior" of one flyer regarding arguments over the flight-line rules and procedures. Jim said that in hindsight, we need to address our rules more stringently in future events, especially with pilots from other clubs who may have a different idea of the rules for such a big event.

Photographer's Report:

Gary Figi, who has been the official photographer for the Fall Phase-Out Event for the second year now, is going to present two online YouTube video shows of interviews with flyers at the Event as well as observers for historical video documentation. Pete Cavagnaro was also very involved in taking photos of the Event and some of those pictures will be included here in this newsletter.

Gary Figi

Train Room Gary Presents:

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On: www.youtube.com/user/trainroomgary

Part One - October 7, 2025 at 4:00 PM



Part Two - October 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM







There were many more pictures taken by Pete Cavagnaro than just these shown above, but the limitations on the amount that I can display on this publication restrict me from showing them all. Pete has sent out a mailing to all member to allow you to see the plethora of pictures that he took at the Event!

New Members Report:

There are several new members to The Flying Pilgrims Club in the last two months and the names are: Ryan Gohl, Om Kandare, Dominik Dasaro, Scott Soenen, Bryan Rockoff, Jonathan Sauter, Gaurav Sharma, and Gauransh Sharma. I do not have pictures of all of them from the instructors, but please welcome them into the club when you see them at the meetings or at the field flying.



**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.



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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New Business

Worthy of mention from the cash box handler in the food area is that we need a better cash box to handle the money and make change for all the transactions during the event. Dale and others said that they will look into a purchase of such a device from Amazon or another store.

September 17th Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Dale at 7:53 and there was no show and tell afterward.