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May 21st, 2025 Newsletter and meeting minutes.

Next meeting is scheduled June 18th, 2025 at 7:00PM,
 first summer meeting of the season that will be held **At the Flying Field.**

Call to Meeting

President's Report:

Dale Harrison called the meeting to order. There were 21 members present. Minutes of the April 16th meeting were approved.

The seal coat process was completed this past week. Cracks that were filled just a year ago only lasted for that one year, and Dale told the seal coating company that it would be pointless to seal the runway without again filling in the cracks this year. Dale showed the membership pictures he had taken of the cracks that keep plaguing us, especially on the west end. That grassy end of the runway stays wet longer than on the east end. So they filled the cracks with sand, and then with the tar substance to bring it up to level the surface. Then they seal coated the runway, and also did the asphalt portion under the west shelter. They also coated the helipad nearest the end of the runway. They missed the far west helipad, and Dale called them and asked why that one was not done also. They said they would come back and take care of the far helipad also. Finally, they painted the yellow lines and Xs onto the runway, and moved the taxiway yellow lines from the middle of the taxiways to the ends furthest from the runway as we had requested in compliance with our safety design.

Previously we had seal coated the runway every three years, but due to this issue of cracking of the runway occurring almost every year, Dale suggests that we reconsider the frequency of seal coat and crack filling to avoid costly repairs to the runway. We might

also consider putting some drainage device on the west end of the runway where the water seems to collect more there than at other places. One more thing: **Please avoid spilling fuel onto the grass areas of the pit. It kills the grass and we should be more considerate to take care of our field and its appearance.**

Treasurer's Report:

Jim reported 115 members paid, 20 short of last year at this time. Reminder to members that the \$20 late fee is already in effect for club dues. Please pay your dues if you intend to join again this year to get the most for your money. We are above budget in our accounts from this time last year. Jim remarked that the seal coat costs were down from what we paid last year.

Safety Officer's Report:

Jim mentioned that an email came out that was basically a relaxation of altitude restrictions for some clubs. Most cases the change was from 400 feet to 700 feet, and in some cases it was 1100 feet in uncontrolled air spaces. Ours remains 400 to 600 feet as dictated by Willow Run Airport due to its proximity, and the procedure is posted on the rules board of the West Shelter. Jim expressed the need for courtesy among members while flying. Please make note of the new positions of the yellow lines on the taxiways, and engine startups should only be between the yellow lines and the south edge of the runway.

As a side note, Jim noticed one day that there are cars or a car parking on that slab of cement just inside of the chain but before you get to the gate. These are people not of this club, and they may be using that "hidden" area for dubious purposes. If you see this, make note of it and report to the club, but the suggestion is not necessarily to approach them or challenge them as you do not know what activities they may be up to! Do not put yourself in harm's way! Rick remarked that once while I was searching for planes with my drone, I noticed from the camera of my drone a car parked. I flew the drone close over the car to peek at what was going on, and a woman emerged from the car, looked up at my drone, and immediately got back into the car and drove off. A "NO LOITERING" sign or an "AIR SURVEILANCE" sign might be a consideration, that, or a fake parking meter!



Secretary's Report:

Rick recently (as of the writing of these minutes) spoke with Dan Debens, and he mentioned to me that in his discussion with Mike Clapsadle that Mike had cleaned up the grill for the upcoming Fun Flys, and had purchased a burner upgrade kit at a nominal fee should the need for it arise before the Fall Phase-Out Event.

Training Instructor's Report:

Mike reported that there are eight active students in the training program. Slow start due to the uncooperative weather, but he said it is going along well.

Remind members to avoid parking/driving on the grass areas especially in front of the east end shelter as the ground is soft this time of year!



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these events. Fun-Flys as follows:

June 8 (Rain alternate June 22) This avoids Fathers Day.

July 13 (Rain alternate July 20)

Aug 10 (Rain Alternate August 17) This puts 5 weeks until the Fall Phase Out.

Fall Phase-Out Fun Fly Event is scheduled for September 13 and 14.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Joe at 7:38 to begin show and tell.



**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.

**CHECK THIS OUT!**

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Show and Tell

Gary Figi brought in his Carbon Z Cub, E-flight, sold by Horizon Hobby, and is a very responsive well behaved plane. It uses 1 6S lipo, and is unique in that it is not a true foamy, but is foam over a rib structure.

