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September 16th, 2026 Newsletters and meeting minutes. Next meeting is scheduled October 21st, 2026 at 7:00PM, And will be held at the EAA building at Mettetal Airport.

Call to Meeting

President's Report:

Minutes and newsletter for the August meeting were posted on the website. A motion was made to accept the minutes, it was seconded, and the motion passed. Dale has kept the center portion of the field cut in preparation for the Fall Phase-Out Flying Event (FPOFE).

Vice-President's Report:

Joe's first comment was to express his concern for the rainy weather predicted for this weekend of the FPOFE. He started the discussion to consider postponing the event, something I don't think we have ever done before. As Jack Javor walked in on this discussion, his first reaction was that he would have to call the AMA. Mike Clapsadle said that he had saved all those emails of outside clubs that he had notified of the FPOFE, and that he could and would get out news to them of the change if we were to decide to make the change. That would take care of the pilots that were invited. Many members present were concerned about the condition of the field for flying with all the rain predicted. The biggest concern was that we would not make any money for the event. And purchasing the food would also put us back. Jack said that he had most of his crews ready to set up starting Friday, and that it would not be that big of a problem to reschedule them as long as they were still available for the following weekend. Jim Gibboney mentioned that he would not be available on Saturday for next weekend. A

motion was made to postpone the event to next weekend, it was seconded and passed. It came up that Rick would have to update the flyer and distribute it ASAP, which I did Wednesday evening right after this meeting. I also notified Carl Cornell so that he can update the flyer and the dates of the FPOFE on the website. I also called Dan Debens, who has been instrumental in purchasing the food for the event to make sure that he did not get the food for this weekend, but waits for a week so we don't have to worry about spoilage.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim reported that there was not much change from last year, that we are under budget, we spent less than we anticipated with regard to fixing the cracks in the runway instead of resurfacing it. He said we have enough money in the account to keep the dues the same for next year. If anyone joins right now, their dues will cover them for next year also.

Secretary's Report:

Rick was called by Mark Deprest to request a drone search for his downed 2m WhiteWing plane that he could not find after a 1 hour + search on the morning of Sept. 12 when it went down north of the border fence. I met with him Tuesday 9/15 at 10AM to search for his plane. Dan Debens came also to assist in the hopeful recovery. Armed with 4 batteries each worth 21 minutes of search time, I was delighted to find his plane after only 10 minutes of searching on the first battery! The recording of the search and recovery is available for all to see by clicking [HERE](#) for the link of the video which is on my Google cloud. The page one cover photo shows Mark and Dan returning from the search successfully and locking the west gate with the recovered plane. This search and recovery now makes the 21st downed plane that my trusty Red Falcon has found.



THE RED FALCON

Old Business

Rick reported that next month, October, is when we entertain nominations for potential candidates who wish to run for officer's positions for the club. For the past few years, there have been no members who have wished to run against the incumbants, and so a motion wa made instead to retain them as officers for the

upcoming year. In so doing we have not had to have an actual election of officers. Notification is given here today for any who would want to run for an officer's position. Be prepared to present your nomination at the meeting in October. If we need such an election, Rick will prepare a ballot to be voted on at the November meeting.

New Business

Jim Gibboney presented the idea that we have an event that would guarantee an income without regard to the weather or most types of setbacks. He proposes that we sponsor a specific type of event, like all electric, or all EDF, or all jets, or all large scale, that would restrict the field for a weekend like Thursday, members would have to give up their rights to fly for those days so that the club would be guaranteed an income from the registration fees. Jim cited that there were several events across the country that have sponsored EDF only events that have brought in hundreds of pilots who have paid for pre-registration and then participated in the event. Jim mentioned that our field is well suited for such an event because of our excellent runway. If 100 pilots pre-registered for the three-day event, and perhaps one of the days was rainy and this a washout, we would still collect 100 times \$30 from the pilots. They would come because they would know that only those specific type of planes would be allowed on the field for that event, which Jim says is a great incentive. There would not have to be any food involved, nor any need to advertise to the public for spectators, because the funds would come only from the pilots. There was a good deal of discussion on this topic at the meeting, and no decision was made at this time, but Jim planted the seed and we can all think about it and bring it up again if it seems like a good way to guarantee a money making event. The pay ahead concept is the main idea here. In a way of thinking, this is like an event where we "rent out" our excellent field for pilots who would be interested in such an offer.

Changes at Metettal Airport EAA Building

When we arrived for the meeting today, the locks were changed to the building and we had to have an EAA member open it up for us. The reason for this is that Metettal Airport has decided that only those who belong to the EAA here can use the building. So one of us will have to join the EAA (which will probably cost \$50 annually) and be present at every meeting for us to continue to use this building. Part of the reason is for security. I don't know if any items have been stolen or come up missing, but it is understandable that they make this change. Assume that one of the officers will join and that we will have the meeting at this building next month unless you are notified otherwise.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44PM and there were no members who had Show and Tell material.

Upcoming Events

Our HUGE remaining summer event has been changed to:

September 26-27, Fall Phase-Out for Fun Event. Get the word out. See the website.

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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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.