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October 21st, 2026 Newsletters and meeting minutes. Next meeting is scheduled November 18th , 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 October meeting were posted on the website. Dale asked if there were any additions, corrections, complaints, etc. regarding those minutes, and hearing none, asked for a motion to accept them as presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes, it was seconded, and the motion passed. He reported that Joe would not be present for this meeting. He reported that the Fall Phase-Out Event was a success, perhaps fewer pilots this year than before, but still a good event. On behalf of the board Dale wanted to express to member present and to those not present who will read this newsletter a heartfelt thanks for all those who participated and made this a success. He said it means more to the club than you may know. He particularly thanked Jack Javor for all his work in organizing this event again, and Jack received a resonding applause at the meeting upon this announcement. Jack had expressed his appreciation to all those who participated in a letter that he sent out earlier after the event was over.

Dale reported that he had cut a path northward from the runway into the center field to ease recovery of downed planes there, and he also started to cut a second path running East/West at the northern end of that path to further help. There is another northerly path from the East side where the landing posts are to further assist in recovery. There will be maybe two more cuts for the year before winter comes in.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim reported that we made $1602 in profits from the Fall Phase-Out Event. Costs were down because we had leftover food from the Fun Flys. Remarkably we had hardly any food left, which attests to smart ordering of the right quantities of food, saving us even more. Jim also reported that a former member of the club donated his flying equipment which was sold at the event and generated another $765. Membership renewals are open, although not many have paid in for the 2027 season yet; some have brought in a check to Jim, but he reminded us at the meeting that you can now pay your membership dues online at the club site and print up your own membership card in the process. Jim said that with membership down, our expenses are also down, so we are under budget.

Secretary's Report:

Rick reported that he had send out a notice last month for anyone who wished to run for an officer's position in the club, and having gotten no response to that, it seemed logical that members were happy with the leadership that is incumbent. At this October meeting we would be entertaining such nominations. Then we would have our election for officers at the November meeting. Since there is a quorum present at this meeting, it is not against the by-laws to entertain a motion today to accept the present officers for their same postions for the upcoming year. All that being said, Dale said that it seems acceptable to take care of the approval process today. Mark Deprest asked if the officers present were willing to serve another year, and all those present agreed, and Dale said that Joe would also agree, so Mark Deprest moved that we retain the present officers in their postions for another year, it was seconded, voted upon, and passed unanimously. So I am officially reporting here that the officers for next year have been selected and are as follows:

Dale Harrison: President
Joe McCarthy: Vice-president
Jim Lorenz: Treasurer
Rick Reynolds: Secretary
Jim Giboney: Safety Officer
Trustees: Carl Cornell, Charlie Cogo, Louis Paspal

Old Business

Last month we were told that in order to use this EAA building for our 9 months of club meetings, we had to have at least one officer of the club join the Metettal EAA. Mike Clapsadle brought up considering changing our venue for club meetings. Just renting the room costs $50 per month. Now we will also incur the fee of joining the EAA, which Jim said is $35 per year for one person (as reported in last month's newletter). He suggested we consider using the FBO, the building right on the edge of the runway, for our meetings. They have a smaller room there that we could use, and being owned by the state, would not cost us a monthly fee. That would save us $50 per month. It does not appear however that we could "reserve" the room to be used just for our meetings monthly on Wednesdays as we do presently. Anyone, mostly pilots, could walk into the room while we are holding meetings. There is no kitchen, no overhead screen to use like we have here at the EAA building. Just for the record, before we began to meet here at the EAA building, we used to meet at the Wayne Public Library, but the fee there increased and caused us to consider moving. Mike said that he would look further into this matter and report on it at the November meeting. Lastly, Jim said that instead of paying monthly for this EAA room, he just signed the contract for the entire next year for $450 already.

New Business

Carl brought up the previous idea that we print up flyers again to place in the buildings, hobby shops, and other places where people will see them to boost exposure of our club to help build the membership up to numbers that would generate more funds and also just increase awareness of the opportunities offered by joining our flying club.

Our own Train-Room Gary (Figi), who is the official photographer for the Fall Phase-Out Event, has finished part two of his video presentation of the event and it is linked on the Flying Pilgrims Website. It is highly suggested to members that you log onto the site and view those videos. Gary does a great job presenting the attributes of our big event each year. That and it is a historic record of what we do. Press HERE to see our website. If you want to go directly to part two of Gary's video, press HERE, and for part one press HERE.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29PM and there were no members who had Show and Tell material.

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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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.

Your plane needs to be labelled
Like shown here above.

No Show and Tell Today