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

September 20th, 2023 Meeting Minutes and Newsletter
 Next meeting is scheduled October 18th, 2023 at 7:00PM
 At the EAA building at Mettetal Airport.

Call to Meeting

Bill Slabey opened the general meeting at 7pm. There were 21 members present. A motion was made to accept last month's minutes, seconded, and passed.

Reports

President's Report:

Bill emphasized that today's meeting was to finalize all that will be needed for the first Fall Phase-Out Event (FPOE) that we will put on in three years. The field has been trimmed and cleaned up for the event. Pete Cavagnaro was very implemental in organizing and working to accomplish this clean-up. Thanks Pete!

Vice President's Report:

Joe informed members that our club has been successfully approved for FRIA status, which went into effect on September 5, and is good for 4 years. This basically means that no pilot will need a broadcast module in their plane as now required for pilots who fly in non-FRIA areas. Spectrum has these devices for pre-order for about \$69. Flite-Test has these items available right now for \$99. The requirement for these devices goes into effect on March 5, 2024. Thanks went out to Joe for his persistent efforts to get this approved through AMA as required by FAA.

Jack Javor's Report:

Jack gave his final report on how the club stands ready for this weekend's upcoming FPOE. He outlined procedures that would take place beginning on Friday, September 22. Dan Debens has been very helpful in organizing the food part of the event with Jack. Many members present asked if he needed more help in areas, and at this meeting several members volunteered to take on remaining tasks to help him with this large event. Even the weather is supposed to be cooperating according to Mike Clapsadle. Jack also mentioned that Joe Hass was able to get many donations of prizes to be given away at the event with the raffle that we will execute. Thanks go out to Joe for all those prizes that he rounded up.

Head Instructor's Report:

Ed Hernandez left a report to be read at the meeting. I have also included it here in the newsletter for all to see that were not at the meeting.

"Last Wednesday we had 11 students! Everyone flew twice, except the last two students, who flew once each. Jim told us that our training program has been the reason that people have joined the club. It's been their buy/no buy criterion! I thought that three planes and radio systems and 5 instructors have been great, but now we have so many students that I think we need more planes. Donations are welcome. Pete Cavagnaro has been instrumental in keeping the flight operations going when planes have needed repairs. In the last two weeks, he has outright replaced three fuselages, including exchanging all the electronics. I am super grateful for this service. Jim Lorenz has got a great charging system going, which keeps us airborne all night long without waiting for batteries. The club, our budget and the support of members is making a difference in the community."

Thanks to all those in the training program for their skill and time. Rumor has it that the program is so successful that Ed might be branching out with the upcoming Halloween season.



New Members:



Avaneesh Savarala was the newest member to be signed off by Jack Javor just before our last monthly meeting on August 17, and as such was not mentioned in that newsletter. So, we officially welcome him into the club with this picture! Safe flying to you, Avaneesh!

Treasurer's Report

Jim reported to members the club's account balance, and that we have had 22 new members join and pay their dues to increase that amount. It is to be noted that there are some members who were in the club last year that did not renew their membership, so the net gain in membership is less than that 22 reported. He said that we are right on track for the budget that we set for the year. One of those new members, Leo Woodward, was present at the meeting and welcomed into the club. He does not yet have a plane, but was advised by many to obtain a trainer type to get started. We have 144 members, of which 19 are youth. Jim requested that I get the new membership cards designed and ready so that he can begin taking membership fees at some time soon. He is going to start working on the new budget, and that will bring about discussion as to whether we may find the need to increase the annual dues. That is also going to depend on how much money we make at the FPOE.

Finalizing Business

There was much discussion regarding the details of food prep, parking, sign placement, outhouses, generator for PA system, etc. This was worked out with members taking on the remaining tasks. Regarding the raffle ticket sales, how to split the prizes between the general public buying tickets and the pilots getting tickets, was scrappy. Plane parts and operating prizes should go to the pilots, and the other larger prizes go to the general public ticket winners to help promote new membership into the club. A quick motion was made, seconded, and passed that Mike Clapsadle would handle all the details regarding that sticky issue. Phil Salata said that he would be responsible for putting up and taking down the various signs at the gate and at the major intersections in town. A motion was made to have a candy-drop for the kids, and even though Jim Smith said it was too hard to get the kids off the field afterward, it did (barely) pass the vote. Jim Lorenz has a large drone that he said would easily carry the load.

New Business

Howard Novetsky, one of the long-standing members of the Morning Crew, presented the idea to request using some of the club funds to upgrade the winter enclosure that gets put up every fall and taken down in the spring. He and other members of the MC have used their own money to pay for and construct the existing one. It is susceptible to winds, and has limited view of flying planes, and thus the MC would like to change it from the visqueen sheets to a more durable polycarbonate sheeting. He said that it will be easier to put up and take down also, and that it will last probably 10 years or more and thus end up saving money. Jim Lorenz mentioned to keep in mind that we have lost money every year for the last few years, and this is not a budgeted item, but on the other hand we don't know how much money we will make at the FPOE. Inevitably there will be an upcoming discussion that we will have to see if our annual dues need to be increased. A motion was made, seconded, and the vote passed to allow the MC to use \$900 to fund the improvement for the winter enclosure. It was decided to table discussion about raising the dues for a future meeting.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Fall Phase-Out

Field Set-up

Friday, September 22

2-Day Event

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Do you have an ID label on your plane?

John Doe The Flying Pilgrims RC Club
 FAA UAS no: FA1234567
 AMA no. 7654321



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.



Club Events

The last fun-fly in August was another success. Dan and Rick worked the grill, Debbie Slabey brought her amazing cookies, and all had a good time flying and eating. Best wishes to Jack Javor as the director of our last big event!





Radio Control Airshow

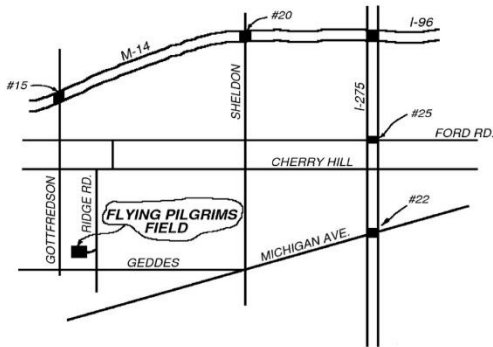
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*Check it out! Turbine Jets, Helicopters,
And all types of aircraft will be flown.
See what all the FUN is about!*



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From Ann Arbor Area

Exit 39 off Hwy 23, East 6 miles, left on Ridge
Canton Area

Exit 275 @ Ford Rd., West to Ridge, South to site

**Driveway to flying field located West of
Ridge Road .34 mile North of Geddes
Ypsilanti, MI**

Return of the Annual Fall Phase-Out for Fun!

Sept. 23rd and 24th, 2023

Saturday and Sunday, 10AM to 5PM

Warbirds and Jets and Scale encouraged. See our 40' by 500' paved runway!
Bring a chair and enjoy our event all day. Motels nearby.
Food concession on site. Primitive camping on site.

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