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# The Flying Pilgrims News

The official newsletter and minutes of The Flying Pilgrims RC Club



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

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Newsletter and meeting minutes.  
 Next meeting is scheduled November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00PM  
 At the **EAA building at Mettetal Airport.**

## Call to Meeting

### ***President's Report:***

***Dale Harrison opened the general meeting at 7pm. There were 17 members present. A motion was made to accept last month's minutes, seconded, and passed.***

Dale started the meeting telling members that we have a guest speaker today for the safety instruction. As an ongoing memorial for Steve Cecale, Dale will be flying one of Steve's planes this weekend at the field. He also brought up that we need to look into ways to increase our advertising efforts prior to our big fall event.

On another note, Dale brought to our attention that there have been some drones flying over our field that are not part of our club or its members. Possibly from some outsiders in the nearby neighborhoods. They have come into our club's airspace and flown over the pit areas as low as 25 to 30 feet. FAA has investigated this activity since they have observed these drones flying too near to the airport. FAA checked to see if it was our activity, and upon determining that we are not the responsible party they have not contacted Dale or our club again. Dale says the FAA has most likely ruled us out as the violators. If you see such unwarranted activity, please make note of it and contact one of the officers to report it. We need to maintain our sparkling reputation.

## **Secretary's Report: Election of Officers for 2025**

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THIS.** Next month is the usual time when we select the officers for FPRCC. Nominations of officers must therefore begin here at this October meeting. It was suggested again this year that the entire incumbent operating committee be retained for their respective offices for the 2025 season. Since every member of the operating committee was present, and since not one of them declined the nomination, their names will all be placed on the ballot for election at the next meeting of November 20<sup>th</sup>. In summary, that ballot will be:

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

At present, these incumbents are unopposed. If any active member who has been so for at least two years is interested in running for any of these officer positions, you are entitled to self-nominate. To do so, please send me, [Rick Reynolds](#), an email indicating your full name and the office you seek. I will then prepare a ballot for election. As was done in previous years, I will email out the ballots to all members on the mailing list, and have paper ballots at the November meeting for those present who could not get the email ballot. As was also done in previous years, you may email back to me your voted ballot, I will bring it to the November meeting to be included with the ballots cast in person at that meeting, and the trustees will count the votes at that meeting to determine the election results. Since I will need time to prepare those ballots and mail them out, as was done before, you must send your nomination email to me no later than Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

In the event that I receive no challenger emails by that date, no ballots will be necessary and we will only need a motion at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to accept the 2024 incumbents listed above as the selected officers for 2025.

### **Vice-President's Report:**

Joe brought to the members' attention that since we are close to the U.S. Presidential Election date, we can expect that the Vice-President and the Former President will be flying into Michigan on numerous occasions and we should expect that there will be an increase in the number of TFRs in this next month. Be prepared to have more times where we will not be able to fly due to these.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jim reported that we have 140 members in the club. He reported on the account balance. No outstanding bills to pay and all is in order.

## **Safety Instruction Segment**

### **Chris Fey: Northville Fire Department**

Dale Harrison invited Chris Fey from the Northville Fire Department to attend our meeting this month and give a short course to the members in First Aid to be administered at the field in the event of a serious injury like we have had occur this past summer. One of Chris' areas of expertise is that he teaches this at the academy. Chris spent the better part of 50 minutes presenting the proper use of a tourniquet, how to determine if you should use the tourniquet, and other procedures for members to coordinate in the event of serious injury at our flying field. He had on hand the preferred



model that can easily be used by anyone whether or not you are in the medical practice or not even a registered first responder.

In short, Chris presented a slide show and on-hand demonstrations of how to use the tourniquet and also how to treat injuries where there is a great loss of blood. He answered many questions that the members had. He mentioned that we should have gloves in our first-aid kit and we should use them whenever we need to treat another's injuries. He talked about recognizing shock, and thus have them lie down flat and keep their feet up, and keep them warm. We should also have one of those metallic looking space blankets. He emphasized the importance of direct pressure over a wound, and NOT to take off pressure from the wound to check it.

Chris provided a great deal of information about first-aid on the field. In light of the fact that there were 17 members present, it would have been nice if the membership attendance was greater for this.



### 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.**

**CHECK THIS OUT!**

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.

John Doe The Flying Pilgrims RC Club

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## Meeting Adjournment

After the safety presentation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. Members left right away and there was no show and tell for this meeting.

**Check the Secretary's Report**

**Above regarding election of officers if**

**You overlooked that part!**