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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 15th, 2025 Newsletters and meeting minutes.
 Next meeting is scheduled November 19th, 2025 at 7:00PM,
 And will be held at the **EAA building at Metetal Airport**.

Call to Meeting

President's Report:

Dale opened the meeting at 7PM sharp, there were 16 members present. By a motion, second, and vote the September minutes were approved. Dale reported that Jim Lorenz would not be in attendance at todays meeting, but that he will begins next meeting to accept membership dues payments for the upcoming 2026 season.

The spectator fence that was previously damaged has now been repaired.

A serious note of discussion ensued at this meeting regarding an incident mentioned in last month's newsletter regarding possible rules violations at the Fall Phase-Out Event and even unacceptable behavior on the part of a member. It was mentioned that this was not an isolated occurrence, but that it was one more part of an ongoing behavioral activity. This discussion occupied 30 minutes of meeting time, and all members present expressed their concern that an incident like this needs to be seriously addressed. Discussion amoung members included reference to our By-Laws regarding flying behavior. It was the general consensus that this incident should not be overlooked and needs some resolution. As a result, there may be an operating committee meeting convened to deal with this incident.

Secretary's Report:

Rick mentioned that 3 paid-up members of The Flying Pilgrims have allowed their AMA membership to lapse and that means that they may be flying on our field without

the AMA insurance, which protects them and our club from liabilities. I have notified these members of their lapse. Since AMA membership does not follow a January to December time span, please be sure that you are always in compliance with our requirements so that you are insured while flying on our field. As of this writing, Chris Hankins and Robert Young are paid members of the club but their AMA membership are still lapsed. As long as they are not flying on our field, there is not a problem.

On another note, November is election month for anyone who wishes to run against the incumbents in the Operating Committee. This being announced at this October meeting, no member in attendance showed any desire to change the current incumbents. All of the officers present designated their approval to continue serving the club in their present position. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, if you wish to challenge, it is reasonable to say that you have until October 31st to report such to the secretary, Rick Reynolds, of your desire to do so. This will allow me to prepare a ballot for an election. If I do not hear from any challengers by that date, then at the November meeting the members in attendance will vote to approve to keep the incumbents.

Maintenance Report:

Upon coming to the field one morning to fly, the head of the field improvement committee was confronted with a tangled connection of lock and chain at the entrance to our field that was a hassle to unlock. The chain is heavy and is hard for some members to release and/or hang over the hook. There is no need to create a puzzle on the lock connection. Simple is good. This picture should serve as instruction as to how to connect the lock to the chain. Please be considerate.



Regarding the seal coating of the runway, Dale suggested that we keep that scheduled every 3 years as before. But he suggested that we fill the emerging cracks yearly as that is how often they seem to occur, and the cracks can severely impact the overall health of the runway more so than the seal coat. The field cutting seems to be going well. Dale noted that the **Phragmites** are still out there and seem to be very persistent. Overall overgrowth is slowing down enough to allow us to wait until the Spring to start mowing in the center field again.



Phragmites

2025 Fall Phase-Out Event

If you have not already seen the video presentation of our big show that was expertly prepared by Gary Fagi, A.K.A Trainroom Gary, then you should click on these two links for [Part One](#) and [Part Two](#).

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New Membership Cards

As reported by Dale in Jim Lorenz absence, Jim will begin collecting dues from members at the November meeting for the 2026 Flying Season. Bring your money or checkbooks to the meeting to get ahead of the rush. The new membership cards have already been designed and ordered, and are expected to be ready and available for distribution at the November meeting. A preview of the front of the card is here:



Show and Tell

Jim Gibboney gave a very educational presentation on how to cover wooden sheeting of models with fiberglass for strength and finish. He gave a demonstration by actually applying epoxy to balsa to adhere the fiberglass to the surface in the meeting. If you were not there at the meeting, you missed a good show. There was a great showing of interest among the members present with lots of questions about procedure. Jim did a good job, and his skill is evident by his models.

