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

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Newsletters and meeting minutes.  
 Next meeting is scheduled December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00PM,  
 And will be held at the **EAA building at Mettetal Airport.**

## Call to Meeting

### President's Report:

Dale called the meeting to order at 7PM, and there were 25 members present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the October meeting, and it was passed. A carry over from last meeting regarding election of officers: since no member was nominated to run for any officer's position, and since the incumbants were all in agreement to continue serving in their respective postitions, a motion was made by Leo Woodward and seconded by Vince Blaszczyk to approve the incumbants for the 2026 year. No discussion ensued, and all 25 members voted to approve the motion, there was no dissention. So the officers for 2026 will be:

Dale Harrison; president  
 Joe McCarthy; vice-president  
 Jim Lorenz; treasurer  
 Rick Reynolds; secretary  
 Carl Cornell, Charlie Cogo, and Louis Paspal as trustees

As of this time in the meeting, Jim Gibboney said he was stepping down as the Safety Officer. By the end of the meeting he was weighing his decision and was open to re-considering.

Dale and some other officers and members alluded to the fact that at the next December's meeting there should be some festivities in the form of donuts and hot chocolate and coffee and/or other treats for a modest **Christmas Celebration!**

***Secretary's Report:***

You are reading it right now.

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

Joe stated that the agreement we have with Willow Run expires in April of 2026, so Joe will get with those authorities to re-negotiate an extension, hopefully another 2 year agreement. This is the agreement that allows us to fly even though we are within a controlled airspace of the airport, and it also includes our agreement to allow us to fly up to 600 feet altitude upon calling the airport to report such. We must be following protocol because Joe said there have been no complaints regarding our planes from the airport. Keep in mind that if you need to fly in that extended space, the number you must call is listed on the wall displays of the west end shelter.

***Maintenance Report:***

Dale reported when asked about the entrance chain that he had not yet been able to check on this issue regarding its weight and connecting it to the post. More on this in December. John Lane reported that the growing pile of garbage that has accumulated west of the storage unit is now enough of an eyesore that it needs to be dealt with. Carl Cornell mentioned that he no longer had a pickup truck, but that if someone else had one and was willing he would assemble some members to haul all of that junk to Woodland Meadows, a place he knows is willing to accept it.

Dale was reminded by this that many of the wooden picnic-type tables that we have are falling apart, rotting, and in sore need of fixing or replacing. There are four wooden tables, and we need to decide if they are necessary for shelter usage, or for fun-fly and main event usage, and if so should we address this property decline.

On another note, Dale was asked about his maintenance of the inner field and the overgrowth that has to be continually mowed down, especially the Phragmites, and Dale reported that in spite of the usual standing water that would exasperate the mowing, he has now gained the wisdom and equipment and the timing to handle the problems and overcome these issue. He plans to maintain at least two paths running from the runway north into the central field to fascilitate recovery of downed planes. It is imperative to mention here that Dale has done an exceptional job maintaining the grass and overgrowth of our field. **Thank you Dale!**

Pete Cavagnaro made it a point to thank Dale at this meeting for his perserverance with a repair company to finally fix the fence that had been damage by a car.

***Treasurer's Report:***

Jim reported on the funds in the account, and he received the 2026 membership cards today and collected renewal dues from 15 members at the meeting! He said that we finished 2025 with 142 members, the same that we had in 2024. Bills are paid up-to-date, so there should be no more outgoing money for regularly scheduled expenses. Vince brought up the idea that perhaps it would be prudent to invest the money in our account in a CD so that it would draw more interest than just a bank account. This idea was battered around for a few minutes. It came to the membership attention that this was done before when Jack Kezelian was treasurer. It was left as discussion, as nobody came forward to investigate the issue.

***Instructor's Report:***

While we still do not have an official head instructor, Jack Javor, Dan Schwartz, Pete Cavagnaro, Dan Debens, and perhaps others whose names I do not have have been continuing to come out on Wednesdays to

instruct newcomers to the hobby and train them in operating the planes. Dan Schwartz spoke up about this, and has even taken students on Fridays as needed. He indicated that he was willing to continue as an instructor in the upcoming season in the Spring of 2026. I find it important to note here that the fellowship of The Flying Pilgrims RC Club is based upon the volunteer power of members for such activities, and I personally want to thank Dan for his dedication and assistance, as well as that of Jack and Pete and Dan. Dale, the president, also offered his appreciation at the meeting for the volunteering efforts of members to keep fraternal comraderie of the club alive.

## Old Business

At the meeting today, one of our members requested the floor to address an issue about another member's misbehavior at the Fall Phase-Out Event. This issue was also discussed at an earlier monthly meeting. This member expressed his concern that misbehavior like that which took place was not in accordance with the rules, fellowship, and procedural protocol that is expected at our public events, and that it set a bad image of our club to spectators in attendance, especially children at attendance. The behavior also created discord with other members in attendance at the event, and he eloquently, graciously, but firmly stipulated to the member who was present that it must not happen again. Further action by the operating committee may be taken as per dictated by the club's By-Laws as a consequence for such misbehavior.

## New Business

Gari Figi expressed his interest in obtaining one of those trailers that flyers often have for their big planes and he asked how to go about seeking one out. Joe suggested that he look in RC Universe or RC Groups that will have ads about flyers who have their trailers for sale, a used one maybe being cheaper to purchase than constructing one.

Dan Schwartz brought up that he could be a presenter at the December meeting, as Jim Gibboney has been for construction techniques, regarding the pros and operations of open source transmitters, which by the way he has, and his idea was received well. Using the monthly meetings beyond the club business with extras like Show and Tell, is of interest and helpful to members. This is a bonus. Anything that you may know about the wide scope of RC Planes that you can share with other members most likely will and should be encouraged to increase interest and knowledge about what we do. If you have something to contribute, you can email any officer prior to the upcoming meeting to reserve time during the meeting for your presentation. Or, you can just step up and present it during our regularly scheduled Show and Tell.

## Meeting Adjourned

At 7:29 the meeting was adjourned by Dale and we began our Show and Tell.

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OF WILD TURKEYS FOR  
AMNESTY AT THE FLYING  
PILGRIMS FIELD FOR THE  
PROTECTION FROM  
ROASTING OR DEEP FRYING.







### 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.



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.

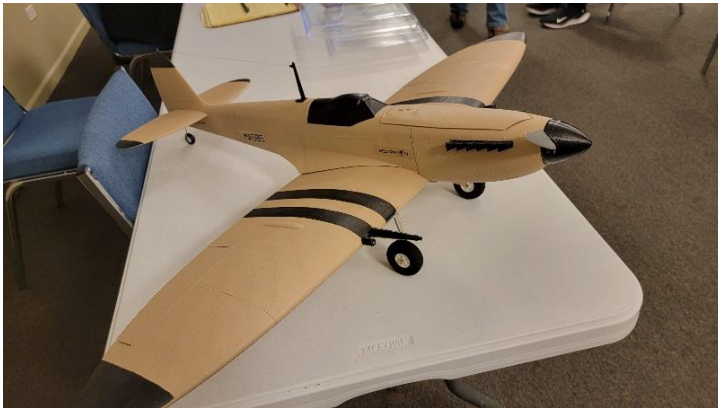
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## Show and Tell

Mel Berent brought in a very nice Spitfire that he 3D printed. What was amazing is that he also 3D printed the operational retracts for the plane and demonstrated them with his transmitter at the presentation table. When questioned by Jim Gibboney ( our authenticity expert, a title of honor ) about the unusual color of the plane, Mel said that it was the same color as his deck, indicating that he used leftover paint! Way to go Mel!



Here you can see the retracts, and Mel demonstrated their operation with his radio.

Keep Reading, there's more...



Dan Schwartz apparently repaired an F-15 that was damaged at the Fall Phase-Out Event and brought it in to show today at this meeting. I didn't get whose plane it was, but apparently many recognized it and were amazed to see it back in working order again. Well, it will be judged as working order as soon as Dan maidens it!



Then Dan presented a 3D printed plane of his made of lightweight ASA plastic that is not subject to melting or warping in sunlight heat, good to 100 Celcius. It is a jet called a **Dassault Rafale**, a French Jet with canard. Dan said that it is an excellent flyer. The file for the printing of this jet costs \$20. Interesting by design he has the elevons in direct drive with the 9gm servos, no levers necessary.



**To all members of The  
Flying Pilgrims and  
their families I wish  
to extend to you a  
blessed and very  
Happy Thanksgiving!**