



Astr Wings



Rainy July Fun Fly

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Flying hours: (New for 2016)

Electric Flight is allowed:

Every Day of the Week

8:00 AM: to dusk

Gas and Glow (Combustion Engines)

Flight is allowed:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and

Thursday

10:00 AM: to dusk

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

February Meeting

The October meeting will be at the
Grafton Senior Center October 15 at
7:30 pm.

August Meeting Minutes

President's welcome at 7:35 PM

Treasurer's report –

Read and approved.

Old business –

1. Grass mowing – Richard Husting will forward the current insurance policy to Bob Lemon.
2. Proposal for onsite solar powered battery charging station: Mark Polzin provided a materials list for the system. Peter Pavelic to talk to Mark Polzin and then order the parts. Bob Lemon to help with the build.

3. Fun Fly

- a. Donation to Boy Scouts – tabled until next meeting
- b. Donation to Mels Charities – tabled until next meeting

New business –

1. Parking trailers next to the flight line: Greg Williams talked with the site manager about parking trailers next to the flight line to make it more convenient. The site manager is concerned about the vehicle weight of cars and trailers. The site manager has given permission for club members to bring single axle trailers up to the flight line using the golf cart or lawn tractor. Members are not allowed to use their cars to bring their single axle trailers to the flight line. Chad volunteered to install a 1-7/8 inch ball on the golf cart.
2. Golf cart winter storage: The winter storage facility we have been using has been sold. We will need to find a different location for winter storage of the golf cart. Bob Lemon volunteered to store the golf cart this winter. We will need a new location for 2019/2020 winter storage.
3. Permanent sun shade: There is no picnic shelter to provide shade. How about building a picnic shelter? Concern raised about the cost and stability of the structure. To reduce cost, how about building a 12 ft. by 12 ft pergola structure to provide some shade? Topic tabled for future discussion.
4. Monthly raffle? Do club members want a monthly raffle? We agreed to try another raffle next month to see how things go.
5. Should the club allow FPV flying at the flying field?
 - a. The club may attract new members that have an interest in flying via FPV.
 - b. There is nothing in the club bylaws that prohibit the flying of certain types of aircraft or flying via FPV. The AMA does not prohibit flying via FPV.
 - c. To use the Astrowings' flying field, a pilot must be a member of the club, must abide by AMA rules, must abide by Astrowings' club rules, abide by Field Rules and pass a proficiency test.
 - d. It is legal to fly FPV provided the pilot abides by AMA rules and FAA guidelines.
 - e. Proposal to allow pilots to fly via FPV at the flying field provided that they are abiding by AMA rules and FAA guidelines. Approved by majority vote.
 - f. Won't flying FPV interfere with other pilots flying airplanes? It is common courtesy to share the flying field with other pilots flying a variety of aircraft (jet, 3D, helicopters, foamies, combat, etc.). When more than one aircraft flying, we need to use common sense and if needed, take turns flying to avoid unsafe situations.



August Meeting Minutes Continued

g. The Field Rules are going to be amended to specify the criteria that pilots must follow to fly via FPV. For example, to fly via FPV, a pilot must be a club member, must comply with AMA rules, must comply with FAA guidelines, must fly within the boundaries of the flying field, must fly within line of site and must use a spotter. Please send any suggestions for FPV field rules to the club president, Greg Williams. Amendment of the field rules to be discussed at the next club meeting.

Show and Tell – Handout showing “Picture Perfect” landing by Greg Williams at Warbirds and Classics over the Midwest, in Fond du Lac on August 18th.

Raffle – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

September Meeting Minutes

President's welcome at 7:35 PM

Announcements –

1. Meet and greet new club member: Paul Kindler

Treasurer's report –

1. Read and approved.

Old business –

1. Richard Husting provided insurance policy information to Bob Lemon. It is understood that use of the lawn mower by club members is covered as part of AMA insurance. Note that AMA insurance is “last payer.”

2. Should Astrowings become an Limited Liability Company (LLC)? There is a cost with becoming an LLC. Being an LLC can provide a firewall against liability. Do the benefits justify the cost? Further investigation required. Tabled for future club meeting.

3. Onsite solar powered battery charging station: Peter Pavelic has ordered and received all the parts for the solar charging station. Discussion regarding design for a movable cart for the solar charging station. Peter Pavelic to build it.

4. Fun Fly

a. Donation to Boy Scouts – tabled again until next meeting

b. Donation to Mels Charities – tabled again until next meeting

5. Parking single trailers next to the flight line: Confirm 1-7/8 inch ball installed on the golf cart? Tabled until next meeting

6. Flying FPV was approved at prior club meeting: To fly FPV, the pilot must be a club member, follow all applicable rules (AMA and FAA), and fly within line of sight with a spotter. Club directors will be modifying Field Rules to include FPV. Tabled until next meeting.

Show and Tell – Foam board model of the solar battery charging station by Peter Pavelic

Raffle – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM





