



PROP WASH

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Last Meeting

April 19, 2018

Membership: 37
In Attendance: 13
Guests: 2

Topics

Raffle
Treasurer
Flying Demo
Field Prep
Mowing Schedule
Swap Shop Postings
Texting List
Cloud Cutter Ale
Mike's OV-10

Next Meeting

Thursday
May 17, 2017
7:00 PM

@Marc's

Well, it looks like Mother Nature may finally be sobering up! So, here's where we stand beginning spring season...

Over 80% of last year's membership has officially returned already for 2018!

It was decided to set a date prior to the end of flying season for our **raffle drawing**, to help promote ticket sales. So, regardless of how many tickets are sold, the drawing is now scheduled to be held during our August 16 club meeting. So, feel free to notify any potential (or previous) ticket buyers when they can expect to know the results. And if you need tickets to sell, please let us know. If you're unable to attend a club meeting, we could either meet you another time, or have them delivered to you.

Marc agreed to carry on as official Club **Treasurer** for 2018. But if anyone decides they'd like to participate as an officer, we can transfer those duties.

On the morning of April 27, a few of us put on a **flying demonstration** for Carl's daughters' class at Huron's McCormick elementary school. Over the soccer field, Marc flew a profile 3D plane, Mickey a motor glider, and me an FPV quadcopter, while the kids passed around a few pair of goggles to see what FPV looks like from the on-board camera. Based on the "oohs" & "aahs", I would say the event was a success!

To kick off **field preparation**, on April 28, Norm, Rob, and Bob L. joined Bill at his house to help with lawn mower maintenance tasks. Thanks, guys!

Bill has already done a soil test, put 160 lbs. of lime on the field, and spread weed & feed. To conserve funds, we agreed to initially fertilize only in front of the flight line, which is approx. 100' x 500'.

Now that the mowers are ready, and the grass has begun to grow, it's time to start filling in the **mowing schedule**. As last year, we'll plan for Wednesdays, since Thursdays are our weekly club "fun flies". But depending on weather and personal conflicts, the dates can be shifted. **If you can volunteer for a date, please let us know**, and I'll put you on the list.

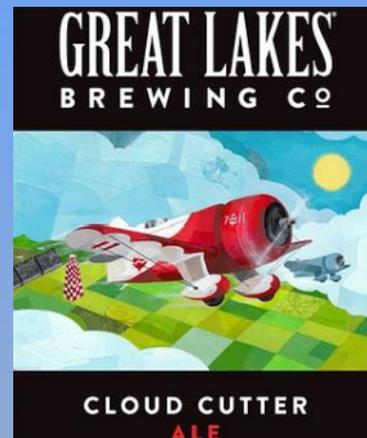
Norm has recently listed several aircraft on our website **Swap Shop**. So, if you may be interested in an inexpensive airplane that's practically ready to fly, check it out!

We still don't have a solution to the **cell phone texting list** issue that limits the number of recipients to 10 (or 20, depending on the phone). Options mentioned include using a special app or the Facebook check-in feature. Considering our members' low usage of Facebook, it would probably not be effective. I think a 3rd party texting app would be the lesser of evils. So, I'm doing more research in this area, and should have a proposal by next meeting.

If no texting alternative is adopted, we will have to split messages into at least two separate texts, which is not only more cumbersome, but also prevents full communication between all members.

If you're a fan of the golden age of air racing – or just good beer – check out Great Lakes Brewing's newest offering, "**Cloud Cutter Ale**", which features a Gee Bee R1. This is the model that Jimmy Doolittle flew to win the *Thompson Trophy* at the Cleveland National Air Races in 1932.

www.greatlakesbrewing.com/cloud-cutter-ale



Lastly, I figured I'd include a photo of Mike Lavender's current project... An **OV-10 Bronco**, scratch built from plans, with a 47" wingspan and twin 400-size motors. Looking forward to seeing this one in the air!



Our **next club meeting** is planned for **Thursday, May 17** -- 7:00 PM at Marc's. But if the weather improves soon, we may decide to relocate to the field. So, stay tuned...

Hope to see you there!

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