



PROP WASH

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Last
Meeting
May 13, 2020

Membership: 39
In Attendance: 16
Guests: 1

Topics

Dues
Runway
Ruts
Rolling & Seed
Mice
Shed Clean/Repair
Mowers
Access Lane
Fun Flies

Next Meeting

Thursday
June 11

6:30 PM
at
The Field

We finally had our 1st meeting of 2020, and the turnout was a pleasant surprise, with 17 in attendance! It was encouraging to see so many friendly faces back at the field.

Much was accomplished that day, and in the days that followed. So I'll bring you up to speed with a summary.

I will update our roster next month, but at this time, only half of our membership has submitted dues. If you plan to remain in the club this year, please try to **submit your dues within the next couple weeks**. We typically ask for all dues by April, but due to the circumstances, it was logical to extend that deadline a bit.

The pins & staples securing the textile **runway** have been pushed back down after their annual winter-spring lifting. There are a couple small sections missing at the west end, which will need to be patched. We suspect a patch had peeled free here. The centerline seam tape was ripped up on both ends. The east end has been missing since a creature attacked it last fall, but something also caused the west end to rip free more recently. We are planning to redo the entire runway seam with Gorilla tape, and see how it holds up.

Beyond the textile, at the west end of the grass runway, a "trespasser" had recently done "donuts" in their vehicle while the ground was wet/soft, leaving several large circles of **deep ruts**. Carl Krueger kindly had two loads of dirt delivered, and John Hahn has made a couple trips with his tractor to spread it and fill the holes.

Upon opening the **shed**, it was immediately evident that the rat poison hadn't resolved our **mouse infestation**. Long story short... The shed has been cleaned out and fresh poison was placed inside & underneath. So please beware if you take a pet to the field, that we have poison out there. The lower left inside door latch broke, and has been replaced. John & Marc added weatherstripping & another inside latch (right door), sealing the gap under the doors, for more "mouse proofing".

Several members worked to remove the engine guarding on the **mowers**, to clear out the mouse "nests" that were preventing them from running properly & safely. Doug & Randy worked on the **Huskee** mower and got it running again. Once the mouse nests were cleared from the **Deere**, it appeared to be OK, but John recently had difficulty keeping it running while mowing, and suspects it may be related to one of the safety switches. He put both mower batteries on a trickle charger, and will determine if they are healthy enough. He & Mickey also power washed both mowers to remove the last remnants of mouse "stuff".

A new wind sock & pole extension has also been installed.



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John, Marc, & Bill have all **rolled the field independently**, significantly smoothing it out. Rather than overseed it this year, a grass **seed/fertilizer mix** has been applied to some of the bare patches. If it provides effective growth, we will apply more where it is most needed.

John & Mickey also redistributed some of the **stone in the access lane** between the tree & pond, making it easier for vehicles to traverse.



Our upcoming monthly **Fun Flys** are planned for **Saturday June 6**, and another on **July 11**. If the weather isn't suitable, the following Sundays will be our backup dates.

As you may be aware from prior communications, **LCRC** (Lorain County) is still planning to have a **Fly In** this summer, but like so many things, it has been postponed. I will let you know when there is an update.

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I hope to see you at the Fun Fly before then!

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