

November 1, 2023 | Iosco Flying Club | Since 1962

Last month's IFC meeting was held at Dr. Pete Mapes hangar at Oscoda-Wurtsmith. He was a gracious host and provided hamburgers, brats, beans and soda. We were able to view a number of planes that were in various stages of construction, which included a Cessna 150/150 conversion. We had a good turnout in spite of the usual difficulty getting access to the venue through locked gates. Apparently, it's just as difficult to exit as well, as one member, not to be named, departed down a look-a-like road with blue lights bordering either side. I made a quick call to Bill Deckett, who has emergency lights on his vehicle, to conduct the intercept near the runway. No harm, no foul as they say.

I'm sad to report that two members left the club. Larry VanWagoner, a retired educator and longtime member of the club, cited his age for his reason leaving the club. Larry was a great supporter of the club, often flying N60160, and helping out for many years at our annual fly-in breakfast as one of our cooks. Dion Zammit has also discontinued membership from the club. Dion was/has been very helpful around the field with equipment repairs. He has a wealth of experience in airport operations and said he still plans to help out. He has also been a great advocate for the club and has purchased cleaning supplies and a better fuel sampler that allows us to return filtered fuel to the tank. He cited family health issues for his withdrawal from the club. Blue skies and tail winds Larry and Dion. You will both be sorely missed.

Bill Cronk, who flies an ultra light airplane on the field, has been instrumental in taking down the trees on the runway 8 approach. We've also addressed the trees on the approach to 26, which were located between the railroad tracks and Nash Trail. I'm now just waiting to meet with the property owners on the land north of the tracks and east of Scott Road. Hopefully, it can all be done before the bullets begin to fly on November 15th.

Darrel Powell is now a paid employee at the airport and has already begun work on a list of projects around the field.

Bill Deckett put together a fly-in on October 21st. It was a little cold and breezy, but we managed to have 20 people attend. Hot dogs were served at no cost to the club. Thank you, Bill.

"DOUBT kills more dreams than FAILURE"

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