

**Michigan Aeronautics Commission
General Aviation Committee**

*Michigan Aerospace Corporation
Conference Room
1777 Highland Drive, Suite B
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108*

August 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Paul Flinsky, Brad Frederick, Joe Hass, Mark Perry, John Strehl, Eric Vander Stel

Members Absent: Dennis Bowdoin, Bryan Budds, William Cattley, Eric Jaroch, Mark Johnson, Pete Kamarainen, Anna Koerber, David Powell, John Strehl

Aero Staff Present: Randy Coller, Erika Hanses

Other Present: Helen Hagg, Dave Johnson, Matthew Lewis

Introductions and Welcome

Joe Hass opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Presentation by Dave Johnson

Dave Johnson presented an overview of the Michigan Aerospace Corporation. He spoke of projects and systems they have created and work with including LIDAR (UV Light Detection and Ranging), HALAS (High Altitude LIDAR Atmospheric Sensing), and Airborne Atmospheric Measurement to name a few. They created measurement devices for objects, which otherwise would not be able to be measured.

Matthew Lewis added Springmatter's new process for detecting cancer cells by shooting lasers into melanoma cells.

North Fox Island Update

Brad Frederick shared with the group that North Fox Island is open to the public as of August 12, 2015. Other information included: camping rights outside of the airstrip are permitted at certain times of the year (due to being state game land); and a fly-in is in the works for the airstrip. Mr. Frederick stated that he is receiving donations to help pay for insurance costs. Although the island has come a long way, there is still a great deal of work that needs to be done (basic information signs, removal of trees, single campfire site, etc).

Mr. Frederick added that he is interested in opening an airstrip on Porcupine Mountain, if an opportunity is available.

Aviation Careers and Public Interest

The group discussed ways to get the public interested in aviation. A few suggestions include airport shadowing programs, grant assurance to foster aviation, support/adopt more fly-ins, and opportunities similar to Paul Flinsky's "White Feather" experience.

Helen Hagg suggested organizing up a career day at schools to get teachers and students interested in aviation.

Other

Suggestions for possible General Aviation Committee meeting locations include North Michigan College, Canton, and Yankee Air Museum.

There will be no fall teacher workshop meeting due to no continuing education opportunities.

Joe Hass adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.