

EAA Chapter 81 Meeting Minutes

16 January, 2010, at Ryan Airfield

Meeting called to order at 10am at the KRYN meeting room.

Treasurer's report: The chapter will be paying \$177 to the EAA national organization for liability insurance. The chapter will be paying \$50 to the EAA national organization for chapter membership. Last checking account statement showed \$3417.05, though this is from a few weeks ago. The bank holding the cd changed, and the new bank set the cd rate at 0.6%. This can be cashed out at any time. Other cd's are available in the 1.5% range (6 month cd), so Mick will look into moving the balance into a different cd. The cd has a value somewhere between \$7000-8000. Several EAA calendars were available for sale at \$10 each. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made, seconded, and approved.

Secretary's report - Bob was at a fabric covering class, and the last meeting was the Christmas dinner, so the report published in the newsletter was not reviewed. (Eric Witherspoon acting for Secretary Robert Miller at this meeting)

New Business - Duane requested everyone to stand and say something about themselves. I did not get everyone's information, so following are an excerpt of this part of the meeting. Eldon Helmer - is selling plans for several wood and composite airplane designs, see www.mirage-aircraft.com. Richard Reinbull is a visitor from Portage, Wis. He built and flies a Challenger II. Jackie Thomas is a visitor from Detroit. She is a partner with Joe Siebold in the Light Sport Cruiser, which was outside on the ramp today. Chuck Valade (tech counselor) inspected a plane recently and wanted to point out that a single safety wire can be used for up to three bolts only. A single wire through all the prop bolts doesn't count. Most safety wires tying multiple bolts will tie two bolts together. Pat Halloran is a visitor from Colorado Springs. He bought and is flying a Lancair 235 with an O-290. He also owned "Loving's Love" and a Mustang II. He also has flown many replica antiques, is retired USAF, and was a U-2 pilot. He's passing through Tucson on an annual "golf course inspection" tour. Ron Miles is working on a Zenith 750, and is building a Wynne-style Corvair engine for it. Bob Sutherland has owned a Navion and Decathalon, and is building a Titan T-51. Bob Olden of Green Valley is working on a wood-based P-51 replica, a 3/4 scale Stearman replica, and flies a Challenger II on floats. Roger Evenson has an RV-7A at Ryan that is nearing completion. Bruce Noon can add our own photos to the chapter web page, and is looking for someone to support the coffee making and supplies for the meetings, as he has found he often doesn't get to the meeting as regularly as he would like. Larry Noon is a visitor, Bruce's brother.

Duane presented some awards from EAA for chapter service. I believe these were for the chapter officers, technical counselors and flight advisors. Not everyone receiving an award was present.

Duane was contacted regarding a Young Eagles flight, and requests anyone able to make a flight to contact him. For the immediate request for a flight, he will provide information for the Casa Grande and Sierra Vista chapters, as they seem to have people actively making flights right now.

Discussion of project meetings. Need approximately 4 more volunteers for project meetings this year. The February meeting is tentatively planned to be a tour of Pinal Air Park (more info in will be available for the newsletter). The March meeting, Joe Siebold is working to provide a special topic presentation (may be a guest speaker). Bob Sutherland volunteered his T-51 project for April (at KRYN). Hal mentioned that we may want to consider a variation on the project visit theme which might consist of breakfast at someone's hangar, if they don't have a project currently, as well as to provide a different kind of activity.

Discussion of activities that may provide publicity or membership to the chapter: Joe Siebold mentioned an idea he had seen at other chapters to spend some chapter money providing food for a local soup kitchen, as well as providing volunteers to distribute what was provided. He also mentioned funding a scholarship at the local aviation college. This sparked some discussion of whether the chapter also might fund an engineering-related scholarship at U of A. Jackie Thomas mentioned that the Ninety-Nines sponsor scholarships, and that the chapter could use their forms (or a variation thereof) for collecting information from students through the school administrations.

The portable P.A. system for the meeting room was brought up again. Hal will identify some existing hardware that can be used for that.

Board meeting - Hal offered the use of his office at Grant and I-10. Duane to determine a date and time, with the plan being that the Board will have met prior to the next regular meeting.

Duane requested starting the meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. There is no flag in the meeting room, so Bob Sutherland offered to donate a flag in his father's memory. We will need to see if this flag can be properly displayed and stored in the meeting room, and provide a staff for it.

Meeting concluded with a drawing for door prizes including 2 books and the EAA calendar. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted for Bob Miller,
Eric Witherspoon