

EAA Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2012
Four Season's Room
Coakley's Restaurant

The monthly chapter meeting was held in the Four Seasons Room within Coakley's Restaurant in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

The November meeting of EAA Chapter 122 was called to order by President Jim Haunstein at Coakley's Restaurant at 1901 hours with the following members and guests present: Jim Trygg, Pete Gorse, Jerry Rosie, Chadd Naugle, Charlie Thiemann, Tom Harry, Larry Moore, Rick Lamb, Ed Crouse, Mike Spangler, Don Fair, Paul Furst, Scott Sweitzer, Bob Maternowski, John Durborow, Jane Wenger, Henry Wenger, Dan Cassidy, Bob May, Jim Haunstein, and guest Clint Barrick.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published on the Chapter Web Site.

There was no change in the treasury account from the previous month's balance.

Committee Reports:

Tom Harry, Young Eagles Chair,

Tom Harry and Ray Boyles visited a Boy Scout rally in Landisburg to promote the Young Eagles program. The scouts were very enthusiastic about attending a future Young Eagles rally and taking a plane ride.

Charlie Theimann, Activities Chair,

Plan to have a calendar of events at the January general membership meeting containing meeting topics and a monthly listing schedule of fly-ins and fly-outs.

Reminded the membership that our next chapter meeting will be our annual Christmas party at Hoss's Restaurant in Mechanicsburg (61 Gettysburg Pike) at 6:00PM on Tuesday December 18th. The meal will be followed by an hour of entertainment.

Mentioned that there were some issues with the chapter website, especially with the automated updating feature, but the problems should be resolved soon.

Charles placed pictures on the website he received from Mike Marra from his flight to Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Membership Committee

No new members this month.

A guest was introduced, Clint Barrick, who just received his sport pilot's license.

Old Business:

Haunstein mentioned that survey returns was 40% of the membership and stated that those who did respond to the survey voted 21-9 to hold the monthly chapter meetings at an airport rather than at a restaurant. However, a restaurant could be the location of choice during the cold weather months.

New Business:

Don Fair announced that he received his pilot's license. He took his check ride in an Evektor Sport Star at Queen City Airport on October 17, 2012.

Jim Haunstein discussed the latest Board of Directors meeting. The first item was the results of the survey. The membership stated that they would be willing to drive one hour to an hour and a half to attend an event, such as a pancake breakfast or fly-in. Again Charlie Theimann stated he would try to assemble a monthly schedule of aviation events at the January meeting whose distance would be reasonably close to those who fly and drive, around the two hour maximum drive time limit.

Jim Haunstein then opens the discussion of Mitch Gochenaur's request for some funds for his attendance at a National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, DC. This resulted in quite a few remarks from the membership. A couple of the members stated that we should not provide funds for non-aviation related events. Other members suggested that we allow non-aviation related funding but restrict the amount. One member suggested that we set up two funds, one for aviation and the other for non-aviation requests but limit the amount of funds in each pool. Another member mentioned that a copy of any fund request be presented to the membership at the general meeting so that the membership can peruse the request, discuss its merits, and then vote on any funding from the chapter. Haunstein will mention to Mitch Gochenaur that the chapter is still reviewing his fund request.

At the last monthly meeting, it was thought that a possible new hangar was being built at the Bermudian Valley Airport which may be used as a home base for the chapter. It turns out that no hangar is being built but the chapter is still invited to use the airport for its meetings.

Haunstein mentioned that he talked to Dan Reeves and Dan agreed to store some of the chapter's property in his hangar at Capital City Airport. It was mentioned that our wind tunnel and link trainer is located at the Golden Age Museum at Grimes Airport in Bethel, Pennsylvania.

It was mentioned that Eagle flights are desired over new kids' flights since the older participants are more likely to pursue an aviation career than younger participants. It was felt that many of the younger participants join in the Young Eagles flights just for a free plane ride but have not indicated a desire to continue to be involved in aviation.

The pig roast at Bermudian Valley Airport in July is a foregone conclusion as all members are enthusiastically in favor of the pig roast.

Haunstein reminded the membership that, due to our connections to the Experimental Aircraft Association, there are additional discounts for members at Ford dealers and John Deere dealers.

Dan Cassidy attempted to contact Don Pratt at Messiah College for information on the college's aviation endeavors but so far had no response from him.

Haunstein talked to the EAA chapter from Slatington in regards to a bus trip to Washington DC. Chapter 122 has to give the Slatington chapter a commitment on the date and on the money so that a bus can be reserved.

Since no new candidates received a written nomination, the current officer list has been re-elected by voice vote by the membership: Michael Spangler for the Board of Directors, James Trygg for Vice-president, and James Haunstein for President.

EAA headquarters are still developing the routes and schedules for the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and the Ford Trimotor so no information concerning any visits to this area is forthcoming until these details have been finalized.

There being no further business to bring to the membership, the official meeting was adjourned at 1957 hours.

Post-meeting presentations

The post-meeting presentation was a series of snippets on Kermit Weeks and his Fantasy of Flight museum and complex in Polk City, Florida. These films showed the results of restorations of aircraft that were virtually destroyed during a hurricane along with a tour of Kermit Weeks storage and his restoration facilities.

Editor's Note: The Fantasy of Flight now has a "Gee Bee Racer App" for your iPhone and iPad.