



EAA Chapter 122, Inc.
Monthly Gathering Minutes
February 17, 2021
Zoom VTC

Jon Still (President) kicked the evening off by welcoming those attending via Zoom with the COVID pandemic ongoing.

Members (27) included: Wade Becker, Heskell Burnstein, Davis Bunting, Dan Cassidy, Nixon Cawley, Jonah Graybill, Joe Hainey, Rick Harowicz, Jim Haunstein, Lee Janik, Tom Johnston, Brian MacDonald, Bob Maternowski, Bob May, Adam Messer, Brian Moore, Arnold Offner, Mike Parks, Gordon Porter, Jeff Probasco, Mitch Reisinger, Jay Rossignol, Kevin Shuttlesworth, Jon Still, Jim Trygg, Ed Womer, & John Zazworsky.

John Zazworsky and Jon Still — both retired military pilots and instructors — tag-teamed an informative presentation regarding organized “Formation Flying” for civilian general aviation pilots, focusing on the need for proper training and safety considerations. Jon Still is a designated lead & instructor for the North American Trainer Association (NATA), a Formation and Safety Training (FAST) signatory for former military aircraft produced by North American Aviation (P-51, T-6, T-28, & L-17 Navion), while John Zazworski is a designated lead for Formation Flying Inc. (FFI), which focuses primarily on civilian GA aircraft such as Cessnas and Bonanzas. Each will be presented with a Chapter 122 mug for their excellent presentation.

Following the presentation, Jon pointed out that our chapter now has its own YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMxliDnyBOB7ClgdH5VEyNA/playlists>), where videos of past gatherings can be viewed, as well as Young Eagles events and other chapter activities.

Mitch Reisinger, chapter Treasurer, requested that those who have yet to renew their memberships please do so — currently about 47 of our 85 members from 2020 have renewed. Dues can be renewed via our membership webpage at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea122/membership>.

Brian Moore (Young Eagles Coordinator) noted that our chapter selected 2 students for scholarships to attend this year’s Young Eagles Air Academy Camp. (Unfortunately, neither of our students selected to last year’s cancelled camps were able to attend this year.)

Jeff Probasco (Ray Scholarship Coordinator) highlighted the fact that the chapter received 2 scholarships for 2021, and is currently seeking applications from qualified candidates ages 15-19. He also updated the group on our 2020 scholar, Conrad Brown, who is getting ready for his practical exam and expects to take it before the end of February.

Jon reviewed the chapter’s upcoming events, noting that the “Flying Start” event planned for April would be moved to 15 May to take advantage of an offer from EAA National to provide 2 free AirVenture tickets to any chapter holding a Flying Start event on that date. We plan to offer the tickets to our membership via raffle.

The chapter was brought up to date on several ongoing member projects, to include Jim Haunstein’s Kitfox, Bob May’s Zenith 750, and Brian MacDonald’s R-12.

The Zoom Gathering ended at 8:35.

Our next Gathering is planned for Tuesday, March 16th via Zoom VTC. For details, check our website at: <https://www.eaa122.org/>

Kevin Shuttlesworth,

Secretary