

EAA Chapter 122, Inc. Minutes of Monthly Gathering September 19th, 2023 Hangar 2 HQ, Capital City Airport (CXY)

Jon Still (Chapter President) kicked off the gathering at 7:00 pm sharp. Total Attendance was 31 people.

Members (27) included: Chris Albright, Kevin Ayres, Charles Baughman, Dan Cassidy, Glen Diem, Seth Dunn, Don Fair, Al Fox, Paul Furst, Alexia Gonzalez-Soto, Padraic Gray, William Grubb, Jim Haunstein, Eric Herman, Lee Janik, Bob Klenke, Rick Lamb, Greg Lewis, Doug Martin, Bob May, Mike Parks, Brian & Kira Moore, Kevin Shuttlesworth, Jon Still, Will Stover, & Chad Wiest.

Presentation: "The Air Academy Experience." This summer, Chapter 122 sent kids to Air Academy Summer Camps — Matthew Bair, Bruce Parsons, & Riley McKenzie. All 3 had a great time and got the opportunity to fly in both helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft, as well as participating in various wood, metal, and fiberglass building projects such as wing ribs, spark plug holders, and kneeboards. Our members in attendance got the chance to ask great questions about their experiences and live vicariously through their stories and pictures.

As always, our full Events Schedule for 2023 can be found at: https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa122/2022-events.

Young Eagles Rally: If you haven't already signed up for our upcoming Rally on Saturday, September 30th, please consider doing so ASAP! We still need pilots and ground volunteers to make this a standout event for local youth. There's nothing better than a big smile on a kid's face after they get their first ride in an airplane!

Ray Scholarship Update: 2 new scholars for 2023 — Peter Engle & Elijah Kongel.

AirVenture Oshkosh: Record attendance of 677,000 for the 70th Anniversary of AirVenture! A good time was had by all!

National Air Races: On September 17th, immediately following the T-6 Gold Race, two veteran air race pilots — Chris Rushing and Nick Macy — were killed in a tragic midair collision while landing. Our condolences go out to the pilots' families. Jon showed an educational video from The AOPA Air Safety Institute on the mishap with the intent of educating chapter pilots about the mishap. This was the last year for the National Air Races at Reno, NV, but there are currently 5 cities bidding to host the races starting in 2025.

The formal Gathering adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes from previous Gatherings are available at: https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa122/documents/minutes.

Our next Gathering is planned for Tuesday, October 17th. For details, check our website at: https://chapter-s.eaa.org/eaa122/2022-events.