



EAA Chapter 122, Inc.
Monthly Gathering Minutes
February 19, 2019
Hangar 2 HQ, Capital City Airport (KCYX)

Jon Still (Chapter President) opened the February Gathering at 7:00 PM, welcoming all present and thanking Bob May for the fine job he did of cooking the hot dogs & hamburgers that everyone enjoyed in the hour prior.

Members (28) included: Jim Haunstein, Ed Crouse, Paul Furst, Ed Womer, Bob May, Kevin Shuttlesworth, Don Fair, Mike Parks, Jon Still, Dan Rothermel, Bradley Krahn, Mark Atchison, Mitch Reisinger, Wade Becker, Paul Farber, Joe Hainey, Tom Harry, Noah Reighard, Arlin Sauder, George Allen, Paul Whippo, Bill Schlak, Lou Nieves, Brian Moore, AJ Bodoh, Jeffrey Probasco, and Dirk & Karen Berry.

Guests (9) included: Jane & Conrad Brown, Frank & Nixon Cawley, and Craig & Micah Betts.

Jon then presented the Strategic Vision and 2-5 year outlook agreed upon by the Chapter's Board of Directors (see posted slides), highlighting a new Mission Statement for the Chapter as follows: *"The chapter will grow thorough SUSTAINED community outreach, high quality monthly programs, ACTIVE public education, and MEMBER-DRIVEN initiatives, to insure the long-term viability of general and experimental aviation in the Greater Harrisburg Area."*

Jon also discussed guiding philosophy for chapter gatherings and events, using the EAA's three-legged stool based on "Aviation—Socialization—Education," with the Education leg further broken down for our chapter into a triad of "Building—Flying—Sharing."

Next, Wade Becker discussed a new 'Aim for the Sky' Foundation that is being founded as a 503(c)(3) fund-raising organization to support the chapter and its educational outreach programs (i.e., scholarships). Establishment of this foundation will allow EAA Chapter 122, Inc. — a 501(c)(4) organization — to utilize its funds solely for the purpose of supporting the membership (social events, speakers, food, etc), while utilizing Foundation Funds to support education outreach in the form of scholarships, support infrastructure, etc. While the details are still being finalized with the pro-bono help of local lawyers, accountants, and advertising agencies, the first fund-raising event is already scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 6th 2019. This will be an 'Aim for the Sky' Sporting Clays Shoot at Central Penn Sporting Clays, located at 75 Quarry RD in Wellsville, PA. Jon & Wade have already coordinated a skydiver to jump in with an American flag for the opening ceremony, as well as a helicopter to conduct a "shell drop" raffle and giveaway. This will be an exciting event for available chapter membership to participate in!

Wade further discussed the possibility of "modernizing" the chapter logo in various ways to provide further exposure and recognition, while better aligning with EAA National. Jon added that one way of gaining name recognition now that we have a home at Capital City Airport would be to paint "EAA 122" in big letters on the roof of Hangar 2 — an idea which already has the support of Skyport Aviation (from whom we rent our spaces)!

Next, Jim Haunstein discussed a new initiative called the Ray Aviation Scholarship that EAA National is undertaking thorough a generous endowment from the James Ray family. This fund will provide an annual amount of \$1,000,000 dollars to EAA to provide complete certification flight training for youth ages 15-19, administered thorough local EAA chapters. Chapter 122 has applied to be a Ray Scholarship chapter, and Jim will be its first coordinator. We expect to receive word regarding our designation from EAA National sometime in March. If selected, the chapter would select a candidate to be our first recipient, then endeavor to get him or her certified as a private pilot within 1 years' time.

Next, Jon discussed a new 'Flying Start' Program, designed to help break down the barriers and debunk the myths that many have about the process and costs involved with learning to fly. Under this new EAA initiative, local chapters like 122 become the conduit by which the local community gains access to aviation training. Fully supported by EAA National with advertising, promotional materials, videos, and social media templates, a chapter's only real burden is providing the space and coordinating with local flight schools (such as Cargill Aeronautical Academy & Harrisburg Pilots, both conveniently located at CXY). Chapter 122 has targeted Saturday, 27 April as a date to run its first 'Flying Start' Program event.

After entertaining questions from members about the above initiatives, Jon transitioned to the 'Business Meeting' portion of the evening.

First, the chapter's 6-month event calendar was presented (see slide) and discussed among the attendees. Then, membership voted to approve the last month's minutes with a motion by Bill and second by Ed. The chapter Treasurer, Mitch Reisinger, then presented his report, with total chapter to date being \$8,093.20.

Mitch further discussed the chapter's new online "Roster Management" system at www.eachapters.org/. Access to this chapter directory & database is available to all paid members — an initial username and password can be requested by emailing Mitch at: mitchellreisinger@gmail.com

Jon then introduced three Young Eagles that were present for the evening — Nixon Cawley, Conrad Brown, and Micah Betts (as well as their parents). He then announced that the chapter's Board of Directors had selected Micah Betts to receive the 'Jerry Rosie Memorial' Air Academy Scholarship provided by the chapter this summer. He encouraged the other Young Eagle attendees to take part in the chapter and continue to apply for additional scholarship programs that will be available in the future.

At this point, Mike Parks came forward to discuss the primary source the chapter has used in the past for fund raising — touring visits of the EAA's B-17 bomber ('Aluminum Overcast') and Ford Tri-Motor to Capital City Airport. Mike said there is a good chance that the chapter will get to host either the B-17 or a Tri-Motor this fall.

Mike then talked about the ongoing EAA project to replace the wings on the Ford Tri-Motor. The \$1M total cost of this restoration is being offset by a current fund-raising project, and 160 chapters who most benefit from its tour fundraising visits have been asked by EAA National to consider donating \$1000 each in support of the project. On behalf of the Chapter Board of Directors, Jon asked for a motion to provide funding, which was made and seconded, then approved by a majority of the current members. Mike also mentioned that anyone who was able to donate the tidy sum of \$10,000 towards the restoration would receive the "Week of Lifetime" flying in many of the EAA's planes and helicopters at Oshkosh. He also noted that any individual members who choose to donate to the project at the EAA website (<https://tingoose.eaa.org/>) should mark their donation with our chapter number for additional credit.

Finally, Jon reminded all that it wasn't too early to begin planning to attend AirVenture'19... just do it!

The business meeting concluded at about 8:30 pm.

Next Event: FFAST Presentation: CRM (Jim Steele) — Saturday, 16 March in Hangar 2, Capital City Airport.

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Ed Womer

Secretary