



EAA Chapter 122, Inc.
Monthly Gathering Minutes
16 January 2021
Conducted via Zoom VTC

Jon Still (President) opened the January Gathering at 7 PM with 31 members attending via Zoom VTC.

Members (28) present included: Larry Bashore, Wade Becker, Thomas Bevard, Davis Bunting, Heskell Burnstein, Nixon Cawley, Larry Forster, Jonha Heisey, Rick Harowicz, Joe Hainey, Jim Haunstein, Lee Janik, Tom Johnston, Bob Klenke, Gregory Lewis, Bob May, Brian Moore, Brian MacDonald, Adam Messer, Jake Myers, Gordon Porter, Jeff Probasco, Mitch Reisinger, John Sibole, Jon Still, Charles Thiemann, Jim Trygg, & John Zazworsky.

Our Guest Speaker, John Sibole, Director of Aviation at Eastern Mennonite University-Lancaster and chapter member, spoke about their 4 year Aviation Leadership & Management degree program. This is the only 4-year Bachelor's Degree program in PA that includes FAA Professional Pilot Certification. Currently in its 3rd year, the school has grown exponentially and been fantastically successful, despite the ongoing Covid crisis. For further information, contact John at John.Sibole@Emu.edu. Jon Still thanked Mr. Sibole for his outstanding presentation and offered a chapter coffee mug as a token of appreciation (to be presented at the first in-person opportunity).

Jon then played a snippet of the EAA Chapter Video Magazine, featuring Jack Pelton (CEO) who highlighted the role of air transportation in the distribution of Covid vaccines and was proactive about the likelihood of Oshkosh AirVenture being held in July. The episode also noted that ***EAA HOME BUILDERS WEEK will be presented from Tuesday, 1/26 to Saturday, 1/30*** covering all aspects of building and owning experimental aircraft. You will need your EAA number to sign on to these free webinars.

Jon noted that our chapter is always looking for volunteers. Zoom seems to be the way to conduct meeting at this point in order to keep everyone safe from Covid. EAA 122 Chapter has made modifications with our internet carrier to provide a better Zoom meeting for our membership. Board is working to purchase better lights and equipment for the purpose of any presentations made by our members for all to enjoy.

Jim Haunstein (Ray Scholarship Coordinator) reviewed the status of our Ray Scholars: Nixon Cawley, our first Ray Scholar selected in the Fall of 2019 — passed his practical exam in early December and is now a certified Private Pilot. Congratulations, Nixon!!! Conrad Brown — our 2020 Ray Scholar who was selected last summer — recently completed his FAA written exam & long cross country solo, and expects to take his FAA practical exam mid-February. Jim also noted that the chapter expects to receive **TWO** scholarships for 2021 under the EAA 50/50 program, in which our local 501(c)(3) partner — the AIM for the SKY Initiative — will partner with the Ray Foundation to provide up to \$10,000 each towards Glider, Sport Pilot, or Private Pilot certification for two area youths. The application deadline for these scholarships is 29 February. If you know of anyone interested please have them visit our website to download and submit an application!

Brian Moore (Young Eagles Coordinator) noted that we are seeking applications for area youth to attend the Air Academy Young Eagles Camp — all expenses paid except transportation to/from

Oshkosh. If you know of anyone interested please have them contact Brian or visit our website to download and submit an application.

Jon announced that Davis Bunting has volunteered to stand up a VMC Club, which will meet for 1 hour on the 1st Tuesday of each month, starting in February. Davis is a CFI at Carlisle Airport, and will host VMC Club meetings VMC Club is modeled after the popular IMC Club concept, which provides organized “hangar flying” focused on building proficiency in instrument flying. The VMC Club will do the same, but for pilots who are not instrument rated and fly primarily under visual flight rules and under VMC. The VMC Club offers monthly meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience, using real-world scenarios to engage members for a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, provide recognition, foster communications, promote safety, and build proficiency.

Wade Becker (President, AIM for the SKY Initiative) announced that the balance of his 501(c)(3) account is over \$30,000, thanks to the efforts of our volunteers who participated in its 2nd Annual Fundraising event in October. This fund provides scholarship funding for youth chosen by our chapter to attend EAA Air Academy camps, as well as scholarship funds for pilot, mechanic, and post-secondary aviation-oriented education.

Jon asked members with current projects to provide updates. Bob May is working with Adam Messer to balance the carburetors on his completed Zenith 750, and hopes to get it airborne for its first flight in the coming months when as weather gets better. Brian Moore & AJ Bodoh — also building Zenith 750s — are using a laser CNC cutting machine to fashion their instrument panels. Jeff Probasco and Jim Haunstein are both continuing to work on their respective Kitfox projects. Jim provided some detail about his work on positioning the wing section using a water level, as well as fabric and panel work.

The Gathering ended at 8:35, with a few attendees staying on the Zoom connection to socialize afterwards.

Our next monthly Gathering will be held Tuesday, February 16th at 7pm, via Zoom. For details, check our website at: <https://eaa122.org/>

Kevin Shuttlesworth,

Secretary