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CHAPTER 175
Smoke Signals
May 2012

Meeting Saturday
May 26th @ 0900
Breakfast @ 0800

PROGRAM
for
Saturday, May 26th, 2012

Mr. Kevin McNulty, President and CEO of NewWeave Social Networking will be our guest speaker. He will be presenting a program on how to enhance our aviation community and experiences with the tools of social networking.

NOTE: We are having a get-together picnic type of social, June 9th, from 10-2; \$7.50 a plate, great food and company. Just to get together and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

EAA Chapter 175 Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 28th, 2012

DATE: April 28, 2012

LOCATION: EAA Chapter House, Tampa Executive Airport (KVDF)

ATTENDANCE: 21

Business Meeting

The meeting was opened by President Bud Yerly at 0900. He thanked Charlie and Dolores Henwood for preparing breakfast, with assistance from Jeff Kaloostian. The Henwoods will cook the next several months, now that Earl and Pat Groff have returned to New Jersey for the summer, but assistance from other members is appreciated.

Minutes of the March meeting, which were published in the April newsletter, were approved without change. There

was not a Treasurer's Report this month, but Bud has been in contact with Tom McLinskey, who is out of town, and had no unusual transactions to report for the period. Guests were introduced and briefed the members on their interests in aviation.

Bud next briefed the members about a valuable opportunity that has become available to Jeff Kaloostian, our Newsletter Editor, chapter board member and Aerospace Technology program director at Robinson High School, near MacDill AFB. Jeff applied for and won a Hillsborough County Educational Foundation grant worth up to \$7,000 for his students at Robinson. The grant will cover purchase of basic radio-control model aircraft that his students will build and fly, applying textbook and "hands on" knowledge in aerodynamic principles, construction, math skills, etc. in the process. Funds are not available from the regular school budget for this special project, so Jeff had to proactively raise them to qualify for the grant money. It is a "matching funds" grant, so Jeff has to obtain half the total in order to be eligible for the full \$7,000 available. He has contacted all the usual supporters he has relied upon in the past for donations to other school aerospace programs without success this time. He therefore has asked the chapter to sponsor the needed \$3,500 to help him secure this significant grant, which may not be available to him again.

The chapter officers and directors have reviewed this request and all support it. Treasurer Tom McLinskey says our chapter funds are more than sufficient to handle the request. The grant also supports one of our missions of promoting aviation to young people. After a brief discussion, the motion to approve a \$3,500 donation to the matching funds educational grant was made by Gordon Knapp, seconded by Cdr. Gail Ryan and several others. It passed unanimously. Jeff thanked the members for their support, noting his students will be most appreciative and benefit from it.

In other business, Bud reported that long-time chapter member Jim Fleming is home now recuperating from his operation. We will continue to monitor his recovery.

Rich Denton, Sun 'n Fun Volunteer Kitchen Chairman, reported on the recent fly-in lunch operation, noting that it went very well, considering that we had to move from our familiar location to the new set-up in the Pavilion on short notice and make temporary modifications to the facilities to be suitable to our mass production operation as well. Rich and his co-chairman, Ken Gerace, held daily meetings with key staffers and conferred with Bud to work through problems caused by the new set-up, which went a long way to keeping things running as smoothly as possible. Chapter members

and other volunteers pitched in to make it work and we even added some new helpers this year. During the week, several Sun 'n Fun Board Members visited at the encouraging of Gordon, including Bob Knight, newly elected Chairman of Sun 'n Fun. He was most impressed and amazed at our operation and even had a chance to share some "sea stories" with Earl Groff, as both served on aircraft carriers during Vietnam. We look forward to more support from Sun 'n Fun next year and will consult with key management early.

Allen Chester made a "show and tell" on DuraCharts, www.duracharts.com which he purchased at the fly-in and found superior to the standard paper version offered by the government. He demonstrated how they can be folded without creasing or tearing and are much longer lasting at about the same price as the paper ones. Allen also mentioned his good luck of winning a Sennheiser headset door prize sponsored by the Flying Musicians at the Florida Air Museum.

In other business, Bud noted we are working on the possibility of another Open House type gathering for "adult eagles" in the fall as well as a fly-out or other such event. He said spot landing contests, flour bomb drops and similar activities of the past are not feasible now because of liability issues. Bud also spoke

about the fact many older aircraft are not being flown and represent good deals for people willing to put the effort into refurbishing them. It is a good way to bring people back into aviation. Don Miller spoke about new avionics equipment he saw at Sun 'n Fun designed for Mode S requirements in 2014. Allen Chester said he purchased a Skypad, which is similar to an iPad in features, for around \$700. We didn't have the ability to get the miniMAX project to the Sun 'n Fun fly market to try to sell and National Aviation Academy was not interested in taking it, so we need to resolve what to do with it. Gordon made some comments regarding Sun 'n Fun, noting that the Pilot Mall (previously Gifts of Flight) will be open for special occasions during the year, including an open house today with free lunch and giveaways. He passed around a picture of the new, landscaped Sun 'n Fun digital sign erected at the corner of Pipkin and Medulla Roads, where the majority of traffic passes by. He closed in noting that David Layman, proprietor of Earhart's Runway Café on Lakeland Linder Airport, passed away recently. An article in the Lakeland Ledger reported that the restaurant has a rare collection of Earhart memorabilia, because his family was close friends with the aviatrix, as well as Admiral Richard Byrd. He met both as a youngster. The Florida Air Museum has been gifted some of these historic artifacts. Art North

reported the Silver Lady Ercoupe is flying well and has two ownership shares available.

The Business Meeting closed at 0935.

Program

Chapter member LCDR Gail Ryan, USNSCC, was our program speaker. Gail began her military career with the Air Force and served at NORAD, where she was an intelligence specialist. She noted it is a joint command that began to protect the northern borders from Russian aircraft and missile attack, but broadened to encompass representatives from Denmark, Norway, Japan and more. The scope of activities ranged from tracking foreign hostile threats to internal security issues. Later on, she transferred to the Navy, working on intelligence assignments, including the Cuban missile crisis, and was recognized by President Kennedy for her efforts, among other honors.

She is currently active with the US Navy Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) <http://www.seacadets.org>, a youth program for ages 13-17. It was founded by the Navy League of the United States in 1958 and is a non-profit youth organization endorsed by the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Young people between 11 and 13 can join the Navy League Cadet Corps. Over 10,000

cadets are members of 286 units nationally.

Gail gave us a quick history lesson of how the series of wars in Europe during the 1800s, including the Crimean War and Russo-Turkish War, resulted in the devastation of the naval powers and available seamen of the period. To rebuild their navies quickly, nations and empires turned to orphanages for a ready source of recruits. Queen Victoria of England was a strong supporter of youth cadet corps and President Teddy Roosevelt was impressed after seeing it in Canada, though no official government program was formed here until decades later. So, the concept of young people serving in navy programs is not new and now some 32 countries have various forms of navy cadet programs.

USNSCC cadets wear official Navy uniforms, but with special insignia designating the Sea Cadet Corps. The cadets are organized along the same lines as the regular Navy in divisions, squadrons or battalions and are led by both Sea Cadet Officers, such as LCDR Ryan, or senior cadets. They follow the same basic training syllabus as regular Navy along with participating in community service projects. Training is classroom and "hands on" and includes: marksmanship, survival training, medical, airmanship, firefighting, SEAL training,

sailing, seamanship, explosives and a number of other specialties.

Gail said her group consists of 261 cadets who have participated in Sun 'n Fun for several years. They get a chance to meet the British Cadets while there. Gail would like to bring her cadets to an EAA chapter activity and Don Miller generously offered to pay the dues of any cadet who wants to become a member of the chapter. She said Cadet Phillip Harrington, who was badly injured in the crash of an Ercoupe east of Plant City several months ago, flew again at Sun'n Fun and plans to attend Pensacola Air Academy.

Graduates of the program are not required to join the Navy or any service, though many do and are eligible to start at advanced pay and rating. The US Service Academies have a number of USNSCC graduates in class.

Gail was thanked for her presentation and given a certificate in appreciation.

The meeting concluded at 1015.

Submitted by Gordon Knapp, Secretary

1. Checkout AOPA's safety reviews at: http://www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses

EAA NEWS

1. **NTSB spotlights safety factors for homebuilt aircraft, credits EAA for safety programs and leadership in GA community;** On Tuesday, May 22, the National Transportation Safety Board highlighted 16 recommendations to improve homebuilt aircraft safety, but also complimented EAA and its programs as helping to make the amateur-built aircraft community a safer place. The NTSB made its recommendations at a full board meeting in Washington, D.C., following a briefing by agency staff on an extensive safety study of homebuilt aircraft that began in 2011. EAA assisted NTSB with an initial survey by encouraging involvement of EAA members, in an effort to establish an accurate, comprehensive database of the homebuilt community. More than 5,000 EAA members participated in the survey. [Read more](#)

FOR THE FUN OF IT

1. An interesting twist in a long air race long ago: <http://jalopnik.com/5906006/how-one-australian-town-helped-a-doomed-plane-win-historys-greatest-air-race>

MUST READS

SAFETY

2. Don't forget the camels and Mercedes when you travel!

<http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2012/04/04/a-private-jet-with-space-for-both-the-rolls-royces/?scp=1&sq=boeing%20747-vip&st=cse>

3. Brit's restaurant "in the sky":

<http://www.jaunted.com/story/2012/3/15/121336/671/travel/British+Airways+Starts+the+Olympics+Celebrations+Early+with+a+Pop-Up+London+Restaurant>

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