

September 12th Chapter 39 meeting minutes

President Rob Hall called the meeting to order at 7:07pm with introductions from everyone in attendance giving their name and aircraft owned or being built. There were 18 folks attending.

The EAA Chapter video presentation was watched with talk about work for the expansion of Sport Pilot privileges. There were over 5500 volunteers at this years gathering. The chapter that hosted the breakfast earned over \$28,000 for their chapter.

The Hot Springs airport hosted a fly-in for back-country type of aircraft with breakfast, fly-outs to outlying airports, short field take-offs and landings. It held on the first Thursday after Labor Day.

There will be a fly-in at Ekalaka airport (MT74) on September 30th this year and at Sky Ranch (SD33) on October 1st this year.

Discussion was held for ways to expand our membership. Josh, Jim, and Rob will be helping with this effort.

Dave Utter will be launching a new EAA program to help with dues tracking. The form will include a form in which members may fill in information such as type of aircraft they own or are building, their address and phone number if desired.

Discussion was held about having a tour of the EAFB facilities and possibly getting a guest speaker from there.

The upcoming Christmas season always presents the discussion of our party location. Locations will be checked for availability and discussed at the next meeting.

Milo and Betty's memorial brick was brought up again since there is adequate monies available for the project to be completed and submitted to EAA.

The Game Fish and Parks proposal to close the park's airport is open for public comments until September 30th this year. Their airport is financed totally by GF&P and they say that the runway needs to be rebuilt and they have no funds to do so therefore are recommending closure. Some discussion comments were that the runway is in much better shape than many of the state's airport runways. So be sure to make your comments known if you use or have ever used the airport. A link for GF&P's comment form is: <https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/>. On that page, click on the Submit Public Comment and fill out the information then submit it.

Rob adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.