

EAA475
Chapter Newsletter
September 17, 2020
Albertus Airport, Freeport, IL

Members present: Regular Meeting: - Three members

Poplar Grove visitors and regular meeting :- Nine members

Poplar Grove Visit

Prior to the regular chapter meeting nine chapter members, plus two family members, visited the Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association (PGAEA) where a 1930s designed 'Curtis Jenny' is being built, from scratch, using original manufacturer's drawings, by a team of dedicated enthusiasts and experts. The visitors were given an excellent overview of the history of the aircraft, its service life application together with an extremely fine detailed description of the original and current build techniques. 'Close up' access to the aircraft was permitted with a 'hands off' caveat to protect the machine from inadvertent harm. Every question was answered comprehensively and with delightful enthusiasm from our presenter. At the conclusion of the presentation chapters members gratefully made an individual contribution to the project accompanied by a similar contribution from chapter funds. In summary, it was a fascinating and enlightening experience to observe an old classic bi-plane being built, using some modern processes, but still observing the original techniques utilized 90 odd years ago. Special thanks were extended to our presenter and our co-coordinator/enabler for the visit.

The subsequent regular meeting at Albertus airport was called to order by the President at 1910 hrs.

August Meeting Minutes

The President asked if any members had comments regarding the August minutes; none were forthcoming. A motion to accept the meeting minutes was made, seconded and all members present approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report stating that the chapter had made a donation that evening to the PGAEA. He then reported the resultant account balance. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and all members present approved.

Mail Run

It was confirmed that the mail-run is still scheduled for September 26th with a planned launch time of 10:00 hrs local.

USAF Museum, Dayton, Ohio - Planned Visit

The President advised that a visit to the museum had been 'locked in' for 23rd October 2020. Individual's plans and domestic arrangements were yet to be confirmed. Following an 'off-line' discussion with one of the chapter's members regarding access to the museum's back-shops the President took an action to contact the museum management to determine if this was feasible given the 'Covid 19' restrictions.

A motion to adjourn at 1958 hrs was made, seconded and approved by all.