

EAA Chapter 565
December 5, 2022
General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Larry McClure immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry noted that this meeting was the first use of the new sound system.

The chapter welcomed Jacob Faulkner as a guest. Jacob is a student pilot who recently purchased an aircraft. We also welcomed new member Paul Rasmussen from Long Lake, NY. Carl owns a Cessna 185 and a Republic Seabee.

Minutes for the November general meeting were approved with no revisions.

Rather than his normal safety thought, Dick Solar provided a very helpful list of potential Christmas gifts for pilots.

Larry McClure pointed out that the aircraft outside our building is actually a DC-2 and not a DC-3 as most members had thought.

Jim Kaletta reminded everyone planning to attend the EAA Chapter 565 Christmas Party at Twin Isles Country Club the next day (December 6) that the country club requires collared shirts and no blue jeans.

Larry McClure advised that, due to the damage from hurricane Ian, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has lost their existing meeting place on the airport. In concert with Airport Administration and the CAP, EAA Chapter 565 has offered to allow the CAP to use our facility which we currently lease from the airport. Additionally, to accommodate joint use of the facility EAA Chapter 565 will move our monthly membership meetings to Wednesdays beginning January 4, 2023. As part of this joint use, we hope to get internet access in our building.

The B-17, that sustained damage from hurricane Ian and was outside our building temporarily, has been moved to the hangar north of the tower and is currently planned to be dismantled and trucked to Oshkosh for refurbishment.

Larry McClure advised that, with the exception of the large open-air door, essentially the entire front of the EAA Chapter 565 building needs to be rebuilt after hurricane Ian. Because EAA Chapter 565 leases the structure from the airport, the airport had their insurance company perform an inspection of the damage after hurricane Ian. The inspection uncovered some hurricane damage to the structure that may be covered under the airport's insurance policy. While the inspection revealed that the roof appears to be OK, it also identified that a significant portion of the damage was compounded by significant wood rot and degradation of the entire front wall that clearly existed prior to the hurricane. Before we proceed with repairs, we will wait to see the official position from the airport's insurance company and the airport.

The Pancake Breakfast is on schedule for this Saturday, December 10, at the normal time from 8am to 10am. All volunteers are welcome to assist in this event.

Dick Solar advised his understanding that construction on runway 4/22 is expected to be complete by December 15, 2022. He also noted that the construction to the west of the Punta Gorda Air Center (new FBO) is for the new hangars.

There will be no monthly member dinner in December. However, the January member dinner is currently scheduled for January 21.

The next general chapter meeting will be WEDNESDAY January 4th, at 7pm.