



Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 631 - The Blue Hills Flyers
Rice Lake, WI



Minutes of the Meeting of May 7th, 2019:

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Gillette at the Rice Lake Airport Terminal Building at 5:35 pm – Full house of 35 per Kirby. Thanks Bob and Judy for bring enough pulled pork to feed an army! Thanks to others who provided food/beverages.

April 2nd, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Shell Lake Airport):

Jeff Potocnik moved to approve; Gerry Winch 2nd. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for End of April, 2019 - presented by Treasurer Jeff Potocnik

Jack Langland moved to approve; Kirby Crawford 2nd. Approved.

Young Eagles Discussion - Jack Langland:

- We have two YEs slated to attend camp.
 - Byron Ripplinger of Sarona (son of Dan & Heather Ripplinger)
 - Cameron Nelson of Rice Lake (has flown with Ed K.)
- May 18th is “Learn to Fly Day” and also is our Young Eagle Rally at Vetterkind Field
- Vetterkind YE – Fire dept. will have brats. Jack and Sue Perry rounding up kids.
- Jack L. noted there is a new on-line program for registering both kids and pilots. There will be a learning curve, but please attempt to use it. Use of the program will aid certificate paperwork during the rallies.

Ray Foundation Scholarship Report – Brad Volker

- Logan Henning has been selected as 631's nominee to EAA HQ for a Ray Foundation Scholarship of up to \$10,000.
- Logan turns 16 in late June and his formal application to HQ will be submitted shortly after that assuming he can secure a 3rd class medical and a student pilot certificate.
- Assuming all works out, Logan plans to take lessons at Superior Flying Services at Bong Memorial Airport in Superior.
- There was strong competition; 631 had two other excellent applicants – Shawn Harris and Sean Hodkiewicz.
- Logan and Dad Brian were in attendance at the meeting and Logan provided a thank-you letter to the Chapter-see attached. He is extremely excited about the opportunity.

Tech/Safety:

- There was one mention of some recent incident with a Lancair somewhere, but Secretary Brad did not catch enough of it to make a good note (sorry).

Old Business:

- Interested in 631 apparel? If so see Brad or Janis. There is an inventory of shirts and hats available.

New Business:

- 631 "Report Card" from HQ. 631 scores a 6 out of 10. Looking at criteria Jeff P. thinks we should score at least a 7 out of 10. No requirement to improve, but things we could do to have a higher score: run a "Flying Start" program; have IMC and/or VMC club(s), have more club officers attend leadership training at KOSH (Bob has done this). It was noted that our YE program is more robust than the typical chapter and we can only do so much. We can consider doing more over time.
- Brad V. noted a request from Ric Brekke to assist CFII Sandi Randall of Romeo Aviation with expenses she incurred recently in traveling to Oklahoma City and attending classes to become a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE). Island City Aero Club made a \$500 donation to assist Sandi and Ric would like 631 to consider doing the same. It will be good for our area to have a DPE. Sandi passed the training and returned with DPE status for several categories. Chuck Aldrian moved that we donate \$500 less a \$631 membership cost to Sandi. Bob Rand 2nd. There was brief discussion – Sandi is a very good instructor; it will be very good to have a DPE in our chapter area; some concern that Sandi is not a member of the chapter nor involved with the chapter. Motion passed.
- Brad V. noted a request from Ric Brekke that 631 participate in Cumberland Airport's 2019 Fly-in this year if possible. If Brad understands correctly 631 was more involved at one time but then withdrew for insurance reasons when the airport started having air shows? All agreed "Let's hear more from Airport Manager Ric Brekke on this." Ric was unable to attend the meeting tonight.
- One more Cumberland note – would 631 be interested in helping Island City Aero run a brat stand during the YE rally at Cumberland? 631 and ICAC split the proceeds. It could be the food for both the YE crew, and any parents/kids that are hungry while waiting for YE rides. Discussed briefly, but decided that 631 would already have its hands full with the YE activity. Certainly don't mind if ICAC would like to do it and keep all the proceeds!
- President Bob noted that HQ would like to see VMC and/or IMC clubs within chapters. Not sure at this time if 631 can muster such – stay tuned.
- EAA's "Flying Start" program. President Bob and YE Coordinator Jack noted that 631 intends to initiate this program locally. Bruce Dakins has agreed to chair this effort. Currently, the plan is to develop a "waiting list" of potential student pilots; and then kick off 631's effort to "take the group under our wing" once a small group is assembled. Know someone who wants to know more about aviation and learning to fly? If so, let's get them on our list – see Bruce. Thanks Bruce!
- Gerry Winch noted:
 - On July 3rd the City of Shell Lake will be shooting off its annual fireworks from the airport this year rather than the beach (location for many years).

Safety concerns have prompted the change. This will require closure of the airport on July 3rd from 6 pm until midnight. Gerry invited 631 to have a cookout during the shutdown – best seats in town for the fireworks. The general public will view from the highway 63 area whereas the local aviation crowd is invited to the airport ramp. Please consider flying or driving in, and spending the night (camp at airport, or we'll find you a bed). Gerry will arrange passes so 631 members can drive down Burgs Park Drive past the road block that will stop the general public.

- This Saturday May 11th AOPA's Andy Miller will perform a Rusty Pilot's seminar at Shell Lake Airport. Please consider attending if you are not signed up already. It should be a very informative seminar even if you are not real rusty. See Gerry for more information.

Adjournment:

Ed K. moved to adjourn. Dick Leitner 2nd. Motion Approved.

Post Meeting:

Dr. Dan Johnson of Menomonie (recently retired as one of our area AMEs; excellent photographer) gave a very interesting slide presentation on the Perlan Glider project that he has been recruited to be the medical advisor for. **Very interesting – see PerlanProject.org.**

- Glider has a goal of reaching 90,000 feet MSL!
- Towed by an Egret tow plane to approximately 40,000 MSL
- Perlan – Icelandic for Mother of Pearl
- Has made it to FL760 already
- Going for FL900 this coming season
- Major Sponsor – Airbus
- High Altitudes made possibly by “mountain waves” – airflow over the Andes Mountains in far southern Argentina

Thank you Dr. Dan!

Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary
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May 6, 2019

RE: EAA Chapter 631 Ray Foundation Scholarship Acceptance Letter

Dear Brad,

I am honored to have been selected by the EAA Chapter 631 as the recipient of the Ray Foundation Scholarship. Becoming a pilot has been a dream of mine for as long as I can remember and it is only through this scholarship that my dream can become a reality. I could not be more thrilled to start my flight training with the help of Chapter 631 as you have been a huge help in getting me to this stage of my career.

I am more than ready and excited to take on the challenge of flight training in the next year and I will not let you down. It would be more than I ever could have imagined to earn my private pilots license on my 17th birthday.

Thank you so much to the EAA Chapter 631 and the Ray Foundation for this unbelievable opportunity, I can not wait to get started! I am also very thankful for everything the Chapter has done for me over the past several years from Young Eagle Rides to sponsoring me so I could attend the EAA Basic Air Academy. Thank you, this scholarship means the world to me!!

Thanks,



Logan Henning