

Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

The September meeting of Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031 was held at White Post Airfield (3VA7) on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 and called to order by Dave Ames at 6 PM. Those in attendance were Dave Ames, Chuck Calvi, John Ely, John Fontaine, Ed Farnley, Tom Leone, Mac McLaurin, Juergen Nies, Tom Parry and Stan Kerns.

Juergen Nies gave the Treasurer's report, as of August 31, 2023 we had a balance of \$1,308.66 in the bank account. We have had two new members join the chapter, John Fontaine and Gary Schaffer. Juergen reported that the chapter's finances are fairly close to what was budgeted. We are showing a higher balance than forecast but that's because we have not ordered new hats, a fairly large expense.

Juergen also reported on two recent flyouts, to Shannon Airport and Morgantown Airport. Both flyouts were well attended and these events continue to be very popular among chapter members.

Juergen gave a brief report on the Young Eagles program. The list of young people wanting to participate in a Young Eagles flight has been reduced and there are only few remaining. The chapter has not been aggressively promoting the Young Eagles program recently because we had a large backlog of youngsters wanting flights and only a few chapter members available to give flights.

The chapter continues to support the Story Teller program at OKV which is held every 2nd Friday. The chapter has supported the program by providing aircraft on static display and having someone available at the airport to answer questions. We do not have anyone available to put their plane on display for Friday's (9/15) program.

Dave reported that we have volunteered to have a table at the Women in Aviation program at OKV on September 23, 2023. The organizers of the program have not responded to our email volunteering our support so we may not be participating. Our support was well received in previous Women in Aviation programs.

Juergen reported on a conversation that he has had with Nick Sabo, OKV Manager, regarding our chapter hosting a pancake breakfast. Our chapter doesn't have the equipment (large coffee urns, griddles, etc.) to host a pancake breakfast but it is something to look into in the future. Juergen noted that the airport is very supportive of our chapter and willing to help with future events.

Juergen also noted that the chapter is pursuing with EAA to get on their 2025 schedule for their Tri-Motor program. It would be a joint fundraising program with EAA and our chapter.

There was discussion of chapter participation in the programs we support. It's generally the officers that provide the support and greater participation by other members in the chapter would be very helpful and would also allow the chapter to do more. Members are being asked to join in when they can to support the events our chapter sponsors.

Dave Ames reported that there are seven items in the chapter tool crib and they are currently housed in hanger #42. The items in the tool crib are available to all chapter members in good standing.

Dave reminded everyone that the annual chapter picnic is on Saturday, October 7th starting around noon. The chapter will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers, buns, condiments, plates and utensils. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. More information will be provided as we get closer to the 7th.

Dave also reported that the owner of a Mooney Ovation is forming a new flying club, probably based in Leesburg. If anyone is interested Dave has pictures and contact information.

Juergen reminded the members of Triple Tree, the week of Sept 18th through the 23rd. Three members indicated they are planning to fly down to the event.

That concluded the formal business and the meeting was turned over to Juergen Nies to tell the members about his trip to Montana in his 1960 Pacer. Juergen went into some detail of the sights and adventures of the trip but just a brief overview included a trip that covered 8 days, 39 hours of flying, \$1,700.00 in fuel and countless hours of enjoyment. Thank you Juergen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10. Minutes submitted by Stan Kerns.