

EAA CHAPTER 1031 MEETING MINUTES

3-15-2023

- Members in attendance: Dave Ames, Stan Kerns, Kyle Wallace, Ernie Benner, Samantha (Sam) Stahl, John Munroe, Mary Ellen Hutchins, John Ely, Marcus (Zeke) Zechini, Keenan Wolfe, Ron Holt
- John Munroe, Chapter President opened the meeting at 6:02PM
 - Introduced new member in attendance, Sam Stahl. She recently received her Private Pilots License, and she and her brother are flying their Cessna 150 down to Texas where she will be attending a condensed training school to get her Instrument Rating.
 - Since our Treasurer was absent, he will give his report at the April meeting.
 - Talked about our tool crib and the next purchase of aircraft scales for \$1375. Two of our Chapter's builders are getting close to needing them: Chuck Calvi with his Bearhawk and Mac McLaurin with his Aeronca Champ.
- Kyle Wallace gave a Young Eagles Rally report while showing pictures from our web site. He thanked all the pilots and volunteer ground crew for making his first Rally a success. Dave Ames told him that Nick, Airport Manager, always gave the YE pilots a discount on gas on the day of the Rally and he should ask Nick to do this for future Rallies.
- John discussed the Ground Breaking for the new Airport which should be finished some time later in 2024.
- John also showed video of the March 10th Story Teller Event at OKV where Stan Kerns showed his Mooney aircraft and gave glowing comments about the Facilitator who really connected with the kids.
- With the end of Old Business, John talked about the resignation of our Secretary, and asked for nominations for a new Secretary. Dave Ames nominated Stan Kerns for the position and he was voted in unanimously.
- John discussed flyouts next weekend and mentioned the HIGHLAND COUNTY MAPLE FESTIVAL FLY-IN/CAMP OUT, VIRGINIA. It is near Monterey, Virginia and they have a shuttle van that can run you the short distance into town where you can enjoy everything MAPLE. The runway is 2300 feet and they have a campground onsite for those wishing to stay overnight on Saturday.
- John mentioned a Winchester Public Schools Event on April 18th, 20th, 25th and 27th. The Winchester public school is planning field trips to the Winchester airport for their PK classes. Each day between 36 and 54 kids will arrive at about 9:30 AM for about 1.5 hours to experience the activities at a GA airport. Juergen is planning to do a short STEM class on how airplanes and helicopters fly.
- John demonstrated our current borescope he brought to the meeting. Discussed the problems RVs were having with hinges on the horizontal stabilizer near rear spar.

- John Ely, the Chapter's Technical Advisor, said that unlike certified aircraft that have tens of thousands of hours and have therefore uncovered numerous design flaws with solutions; homebuilt aircraft have significantly fewer hours and these design flaws are just starting to show up now.
- Ernie Benner then gave a very informative presentation on the overhead projector about the use of borescopes to inspect cylinder valves without having to remove the cylinder, which he does on a regular basis with his plane. The presentation was well received by all attending. We must get him back in the future for more presentations on his flying adventures. I believe he gave a presentation of this trip to Greenland in the past and I was there. It was a fantastic journey and very entertaining.