

Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031

March Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025

The March meeting of Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031 was held in the Business Center, Winchester Regional Airport on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, and called to order by Dave Ames at 6 PM. Those in attendance were: Dave Ames, Darren Bittinger, Marcus Zechini, John Fontaine, Bob Metcalfe, Richard Baker.

Dave Ames gave the Treasurer's Report; the chapter's financial picture has remained the same. The balance in the checking account at the end of February was \$1,803.46.

There was no Young Eagles Report, and the three major YE pilots, Juergen Nies, John Munroe and Kyle Wallace are all unable to fly at this time.

Dave Ames mentioned the Apple Blossom Fly-In on April 26th at the Winchester Airport. This inaugural event will bring the Flying Circus up from Bealeton as well as food vendors, exhibitors, and static displays.

Dave Ames talked about the assistance of Congressman when having problems with the FAA about medicals or aircraft inspections. He read a piece from one Congressman's weekly newsletter and is included below: 'In one recent case, a constituent from Roanoke contacted my district office after experiencing an extended delay with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He had submitted his application for a required medical certification on August 1, 2024, but after more than six months without any resolution, he came to us for help. On March 4, 2025, my staff contacted the FAA to get answers. Just three days later, on March 7, 2025, the agency granted his medical certificate'.

Dave Ames mentioned the Front Royal Wings & Wheels event is on May 10th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

Dave Ames mentioned the next meeting of the Chapter would probably be at White Post, but further guidance will be forthcoming.

John Fontaine talked about his experience at SUN 'n FUN April 1-6. He stated that the attendance was lower than expected, and the winds were 20MPH or greater every day of the event.

Zeke then invited everyone to visit his hangar and look at the progress of his Oshkosh award winning 1940 Fairchild. The meeting then adjourned at around 6:35 and everyone followed Zeke to his hangar. His Fairchild is a thing of beauty, and he is probably about 80% complete to get the Fairchild into the air again. Minutes submitted by Dave Ames.