

Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2023

The July meeting of Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031 was held at White Post Airfield (3VA7) on July 12, 2023 and called to order by Dave Ames at 6 PM. Those in attendance were Dave Ames, Chuck Calvi, Marcus Zechini, Thomas Leone, Mac McLarin, Richard Baker, Greg Nielsen, Keenan Wolfe, Juergen Nies, Bob Metcalfe, Ed Frawley, Ron Hott (and wife) and Stan Kerns.

Dave presented chapter updates:

John Munroe is at the Mayo Clinic with his wife,

Juergen Nies will lead a fly-out to Gordonsville (KGVE) on Saturday, July 15th, for a pancake breakfast, weather permitting.

There are 26 youngsters that have signed up for the Young Eagles program. In light of the number signed up the chapter may need to schedule a rally to get the flights completed timely.

Women in Aviation program, we are still waiting for additional information but the chapter will participate and support the program.

Fundraisers are being planned to raise money for the chapter; working with EAA's Ford Tri-Motor program for late in 2024 (the new terminal should be completed at KOKV and the taxiway relocated) and a 50/50 raffle to be held at the Chapter's Annual Picnic. The picnic is being planned for Saturday, September 16th.

Juergen presented the Treasure's report, as of the end of June the Chapter had a balance in the checking account of \$1,249.26. Juergen also reported that the Chapter had three new members sign up last month raising our total membership to 44.

Keenan Wolfe updated the Chapter on recent progress with his RV8A since his presentation last month. The intermittent auto pilot squawk that was reported last month was caused by a loose wire and has been repaired. Problem solved; auto pilot is now working fine.

The informal program of the evening was a presentation by Juergen of the restoration of the right wing of his Pacer, which he flew to the meeting for members to see. It was a major project, taking a total of nine weeks, working six days a week and \$1,650 in material to complete the project. (The consensus among the members was that Juergen had done an excellent job.)

There was discussion of attending the EAA annual fly-in at Oshkosh and the complexity of the instructions to fly into Oshkosh during the annual fly-in. Juergen and others emphasized the importance of being thoroughly familiar with the instructions before attempting to join hundreds of other pilots in the very crowded airspace at Oshkosh.

In addition to Juergen Nies in his Piper Pacer, Tom Leone in his T51 Mustang and Ron Hott in his Rans S-7 flew into White Post for the meeting.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 6:45; however, most members remained until after 7:30 admiring Juergen's restoration project and taking advantage of the opportunity for a close-up inspection of the T51 and Rans S-7.

Minutes submitted by Stan Kerns

