

Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031

May Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025

The May meeting of Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031 was held in the Business Center, Winchester Regional Airport on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, and called to order by Dave Ames at 6 PM. Those in attendance were: Dave Ames, Ed Frawley, John Fontaine, Mac McLaurin, Juergen Nies, Tom Parry, Matt Van Eck, Kyle Wallace, Zeke Zechini and Stan Kerns.

The first order of business was the Treasurer's Report. There was no change in the chapter's finances from last month, the balance in the checking account is \$1,803.46.

Kyle Wallace reported that there has been no activity in the Young Eagles program. Currently there is a shortage of pilots available to fly Young Eagles and there have been very few requests for flights.

New member Matt Van Eck was welcomed into the chapter and members introduced themselves and the airplane they fly. Matt is new to the Winchester area and flies an RV-10, which he built.

Dave Ames reported on the success of the Apple Blossom Flying Circus program at OKV on April 26th and our chapters participation with static displays. Dave also reported that our chapter had a table setup with information about the EAA and its programs at the Front Royal Airport's Wings and Wheels program on May 10th. Thank you, Mary Ellen Hutchins.

Juergen Nies reported that he will be presenting STEM programs to kindergarteners from Winchester Public Schools on May 12th, 14th and 16th. He will demonstrate how airplanes fly and then escort the children out to look at a static display.

Members were reminded that as of May 5th, construction has begun on the taxiway serving RWY 14 and the taxiway will be closed west of the terminal. Planes landing on RW14 will need to back taxi on the runway 14. Pilots are reminded to use extreme caution when landing at OKV.

The Chapter has received the donation of an RV-14 empennage kit from a former member. The Chapter is in the process of inventorying all the pieces as well as making a determination of its' value. Once the inventory is completed and we know the current value of the kit, the chapter can list it for sale.

A food truck is now open for lunch at OKV on Wednesdays. It is hoped that with enough support the truck will increase the number of days it's at the airport.

Juergen Nies gave a demonstration of a metal shrinker/stretcher tool which we now have available in the chapter's tool crib thanks to the generous donation of member John Ely. Juergen has used the tool to make a new frame for the panel in the Pacer which he is remodeling.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45. Minutes submitted by Stan kerns.