

Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023

The December meeting of Shenandoah EAA Chapter 1031 was held in the Conference Room, Winchester Regional Airport on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 and called to order by John Munroe at 6 PM. Those in attendance were Dave Ames, Richard Baker, Chuck Calvi, Ed Frawley, John Fontaine, Mac McLaurin, Bob Metcalfe, John Munroe, Juergen Nies, Bob Orris, Tom Parry and Stan Kerns.

Mr. Bob Orris, a new chapter member, was introduced and welcomed to the chapter. Bob is retired from the Air Force and currently working on his instrument rating.

Juergen Nies gave the Treasurer's report. The Chapter has approximately \$1,700.00 in the bank but has a major expense due, our chapter renewal for 2024. Jurgen also reported that members joining during the year will receive a notice on the month of their anniversary that their membership is up for renewal.

John Munroe gave a report on the details of the plans for our Annual January Chapter Dinner. It will take place again this year at IJ Canns on January 13th, starting at 6:30. It will be held in their small banquet room that will seat 25 people. The minimum guarantee to the restaurant is \$750.00 and that will include food and beverages. Members were asked to let John know by December 19th if they will be attending and how many guests they will have with them.

John announced that two-chapter members, John Fontaine (RV12) and Chuck Calvi (Bearhawk) had passed the FAA inspection of their planes and both were now cleared to begin the 40-hour flight tests. John Fontaine has had his first flight; Juergen showed a video of that flight.

Regarding chapter activities last month, John reported that there was an impromptu fly-out to Hagerstown, sort of a spur of the moment get together, that included 5 airplanes and 6 participants. Also, there was a fly-over of the Town of Fort Valley's Christmas parade that included 11 – 12 planes, several of which were from our chapter. John also had a short video of the Fort Valley fly-over.

Juergen Nies provided the program for the evening, a presentation and discussion of his 2023 flight in Pacer N3342Z from Winchester to Montana and back. It was a very interesting presentation and a brief recap includes a total of 3,600 miles flown, 38.6 hours logged, 295 gallons of fuel (fuel bill \$1,700.00) and 6.5 hours flown in IMC conditions. There is a video of Jurgen's flight on YouTube.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45. Minutes submitted by Stan Kerns.