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**The next meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the KCEW FBO.**

**REMINDER---** Update your National EAA dues and local dues!!  
**It's a requirement to be a national member to participate in Young Eagle Events.**

## **Letter from the President;**

Well, January has quickly come and gone. I sure hope 2021 is treating you better than 2020 did thus far. As I write this I'm looking out my front window where for several days now we have had fantastic days for flying...in a simulator. Low ceilings and rain have kept the VOR approach into KCEW that runs right in front of my house very quiet.

Good weather or bad, one thing I like to do, that keeps me close to the aviation world, is to enjoy one of the many aviation related webinars, youtube videos, or podcasts that are available. If you're unfamiliar with these sources of aviation entertainment, I highly recommend you check them out. I really enjoy the learning and entertainment I get from them. They've inspired me to try and bring special topics to our chapter meetings for all of us to enjoy.

We have a diverse group of members with some amazing experiences, talents, airplanes, and stories that I expect we would all enjoy hearing about. I'm asking your Board of Directors to brainstorm ideas and I would ask you to do the same. What would you like to hear about? I'm sure others would like to hear about that too. Many of you I know have knowledge of certain

topics or great stories you could share...please consider doing so. We'd love to hear about it.

My goal is to try to have a special topic of some sort at each membership meeting. Tell us about the airplane you fly or built or are building, an amazing adventure you had using general aviation, technical topics on engines, instrumentation, or maintenance, Flying with the Civil Air Patrol, ferrying aircraft, etc., etc. We even have the means to support multimedia presentations or you can bring something for show and tell if you like. Just shoot me an email with your idea.

Kicking this off for us will be Kyle Koncak telling us about the Aventura II he just completed and is currently flying in phase I testing. His airplane is down for maintenance right now, but with some luck, he may be able to have it on hand at the meeting for static display.

I look forward to seeing you all. Blue Skies.

Chad Baker

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Aventura II

## Minutes from the January meeting;

Prior to the meeting there was a 9am IMC meeting attended by the following members;

Chad Baker	Chris Foltz
Cris Hunter	George Roll
Bill Cuilik	Cal VanDivler
Bob Burnet	Dick Russell
Pat Watkins	Lane Watkiins
Mark Kellner	Carl Franz
Gary Bean	Charley Booton
Tim Cook	Joe Campbell
Rick Bernardi	

The above also attended the Chapter meeting.

Attending the Chapter meeting only were;

Emil Pagliari	Shaun Ellis
Rich Pearson	Butch Raber
Jonathan Dunn	Paul Vermillion
Floyd Stroup	David Stroup
Kyle Koncak	

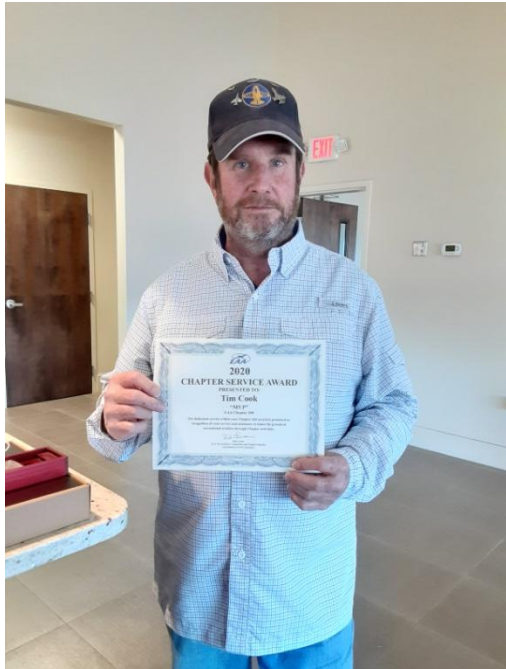
The meeting was called to order by our new president Chad Baker at 10: 10 am.

Chad discussed our opportunity to host the EAA B-17 which would require extraordinary effort and dedication from the chapter.

Also discussed was our offer to paint the call-letters "KCEW" and the CTAF frequency on the ramp. This is contingent on their repaving of the ramp scheduled over the next several months..

Gary Bean paid \$68.88 for our corporation fee and reported \$3,185 in the treasury not including dues collected during the meeting. Gary also needs our EAA member numbers to update the membership database. Discussion followed of a new volunteer as the Young Eagles chairman. Current chairman Mark Kellner is scheduled to move soon and we will miss his superb leadership. Unfortunately COVID prevented any YE events this year.

Tim Cook received a MVP award for his efforts and dedicated work to the Chapter.



Tim Cook MVP Award

Chad discussed a new Chapter Focus with several suggestions for this new effort: and wants to hear what we would like our Chapter to focus on, such as Tours, Young Eagles, Fly-in's, Fly-out's etc.

He would like to see us harvest the talent from our members concerning building airplanes, engines, flying experiences.

He suggested an event calendar for these presentations.

Gary discussed some email requests he received regarding questions about our chapter.

Jonathan Dunn gave us a report on his organization, ***Emerald Coast Aviation*** and its growth program. They are building some box hangars (to be heated and will store several airplanes). He also plans to hire a General Aviation Mechanic. A question from the membership generated a very interesting discussion of Quest Aviation.



Seen at the airport

What followed was a longer discussion about the EAA B-17 tour. Their scheduled arrival is the week of March 15 and the membership felt it was just too close to carry out effectively. COVID restrictions are still uncertain and two months is just too soon. It is a huge effort which will demand an extensive amount of time to coordinate. A chairman and staff of volunteers are needed for this future project, and if interested, please step forward.

George Roll discussed his A1A mishap at Yellow River. He said he came in too fast, bounced several times and contacted the fence at the west end of the runway. Silver lining is he has good insurance and plans to install a 160HP fuel injected engine and electronic ignition. It's only 4lb heavier and 60 more HP than his current engine.

George was very forthcoming with his accident and wanted it to be a learning experience for the chapter. He suggested we should continuously practice short/soft field landings and "go-arounds". Perhaps we might hear of his experience in a future AOPA safety podcast.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30. Below describes chapter duties for hosting the EAA B-17.

## B-17 Chapter Hosting Summary

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EAA chapters are critical to achieving the goal of growing participation in aviation by promoting the “Spirit of Aviation”. EAA Chapters have also been a vital part the success of the B-17 tour since 1994, which are a means for EAA to carry out its mission nationally. Revenue from the B-17 tour directly supports maintenance and operational costs for *Aluminum Overcast*, allowing EAA to keep the historic aircraft flying for future generations to experience and appreciate. More so, touring events are mutually beneficial for EAA Chapters: They project a positive message about aviation within your local community, bring positive media coverage to your local airport and chapter, and present an opportunity for members to volunteer, raise funds, and most importantly, *have fun!* EAA Headquarters is here to support you in your hosting efforts – we will do all we can to provide resources and aid you in preparing for your event. We trust our hosts a great deal and see tremendous value in leveraging your local knowledge and expertise to create a unique event that is successful for your chapter. This summary is intended to provide a brief synopsis of what you can expect from a tour stop as a prospective host; more information can be found in the *B-17 Chapter Manual*.

### Benefits and Chapter Revenue:

Each tour stop generates an average of 20 new EAA members (and potential new recruits for your chapter). Chapters receive a commission on seats, merchandise, and ground tour sales, with proceeds averaging \$3,000 based on the following rates:

- **Base Commission.** Ground Tour sales: 25%, Merchandise sales: 15%.
- **Flight Commission.** 1 to 25 seats sold: \$10/seat; 26 to 65 seats sold: \$20/seat; 66+ seats sold: \$30/seat
- **Sponsorships.** 20% of any cash sponsorships raised. While not required, sponsorship is a good opportunity for hosts to build local relationships and raise additional funds by leveraging the B-17 tour stop. Sponsorship guidelines can be provided.

### Basic operating requirements:

- **Airport and Runway.** The B-17 requires a minimum 5000’ x 100’ runway for flight operations, and adequate ramp space for ground operations (approximately 1-2 acres minimum) which is easily accessible for crew, volunteers, and passengers.
- **Chapter Roles.** While EAA takes care of many of the “big issues” such as marketing and booking of passengers, chapters assist with “local matters” in the planning, preparation, and execution of each stop, and are asked to

provide volunteers: ➤ **Tour Stop Chairman:** Has overall responsibility for the B-17 visit and serves as the main POC with Air Tours staff.

- **Marketing Chairman:** Works directly with EAA marketing team to coordinate promotions and local advertising.
- **Volunteer and Equipment Chairman:** Leads onsite volunteer team, makes equipment arrangements to ensure a successful visit, and works with the Senior Tour Coordinator after the B-17 arrives.
- **Onsite Volunteers.** In order to run the operation safely and efficiently, four to six volunteers are necessary during the visit. Depending on the airport or FBO requirements, additional volunteers may be required.

• **Marketing/Promotional Support.** Hosts help distribute EAA-provided printed promotional materials within their communities. EAA provides additional marketing support in the following ways:

- While the budget is limited, the marketing team will place paid advertising for your tour stop location. If you have any suggestions of possible radio/print outlets to look into please share those with us as early as possible!
- An EAA “eBlast” is sent advertising your location approximately two weeks prior to your event. This communication will be sent to all EAA members and non-members in our system, within a 100 mile radius of the tour stop.
- EAA Marketing will also reach out to media outlets in your area to invite them to our complimentary media flight the Thursday of your tour stop. At every tour stop, we aim to make at least one flight full of local media representatives.

On behalf of the EAA team, thank you for contributing to the Spirit of Aviation, and I look forward to answering any questions you may have! I may be reached at jeisele@eaa.org or (920) 426-6176 (office) or (920) 252-3455 (cell).

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