

EAA Chapter 1094

Meeting Notes

January 13, 2024



Our first general meeting of the year was held in the terminal building at KSLR on January 13, 2024.

Vice-President Brad Rose got the meeting going at 9:06 and presented pins and award certificates for the 2023 officers.

Treasurer Everett DeWolfe reported that we have \$8,223.92 in our account, plus there were dues paid at the meeting that will be added to that amount.

We had a short discussion about cyber security and changes we should make to our website. Everett recently received a payment request from a fake member posing as our outgoing president seeking over \$3,000. It looked legit but Everett caught on to the scam before making any payments. In the future, our personal email addresses will not be posted on the website or in these documents. We will have a new email address for contact purposes.

Safety Briefing: Mike McClendon led us in a discussion during his monthly safety briefing. We analyzed four accidents. These accidents all had different characteristics. There is too much information to share here. Being present at the meeting is the best way to benefit from this information. These briefings are very sobering due to their sometimes-fatal outcomes and simplicity of causes. Many of us have found ourselves in similar situations. We must learn from the mistakes of others.

The EAA Chapter in Burlington, Kansas recently contacted Jeff Secules, chapter president. He was wondering about the possibility of our chapter hosting their chapter at the KSLR airport during the solar eclipse on April 8. Knowing that thousands of people will be descending on Sulphur Springs during that time, Jeff referred him to airport manager, Joey Baker. We discussed that it was doubtful that any of our members would choose to be at the airport during the eclipse. However, if you are one of those who would like to be there, it looks like you will have a lot of company. I suggest you drive in because all the aircraft parking will be full.

Program: Our program this month was presented by a new member to our chapter. Steve Maus lives in Bozeman, MT and at Lake Fork. Steve brought his wife with him and a good friend from Lake Texoma, Don Boze, drove in (due to weather) to assist. Steve is very active with the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF), a group of pilots who maintain and improve backcountry airstrips for recreational use. Many of these airports are in the northwest but they are expanding across the country and also have airports in northwest Arkansas, a few in Texas, and many more in the eastern United States. (Cedar Mills and Mineola Wisener are two of the RAF locations near us.)



Steve told us the history of the RAF, how they began with six people around a campfire twenty years ago, how they operate, and their plans for the future in or near our area. The RAF now has over 11,000 volunteer members and membership is free. It is the 3rd largest aviation organization, right behind AOPA and EAA.



In a future program, Steve will tell us about Fly-Oz. That organization is working on airfields in the Ozarks and include places like Trigger Gap, Gaston's, Ponca, AR, and Bentonville, AR. There is an airfield guide showing the location of many of the RAF and Fly-Oz locations. (See the links below.) Our chapter members have been proposing a multi-day fly-out to such a location and this will help us learn about possible destinations to consider.

Here are some links to check out. There are some fantastic videos about the RAF and videos of the airfields and amenities. Be sure to click away! Each site has lots of links to and information about individual airfields. The photography is excellent!

The RAF: <https://theraf.org/>
RAF Airfield Guide: https://airfield.guide/filter_airports.asp?
Fly-OZ: <https://www.flyoz.com/>

Here are some dates to put on your calendar:

April 20, 2024 - Young Eagles Rally at KSLR

May 11 - after our chapter meeting, Fly-Out to Cedar Mills (3T0) for lunch.

June 15-16 - Father's Day Fly-In and Camp-Out at Brad Rose's Foggy Bottom Strip (77TE)

July 22-28 - AirVenture at Oshkosh

September 26-28 - ArkanSTOL - STOL Competition

October 25-27 - Reklaw

November 1-2 - National STOL Competition, once again hosted by Legend Cub at KSLR. Our chapter members will be judges and hold other volunteer positions at this exciting event.



Also, please add our monthly chapter meetings to your calendar. We meet every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the terminal building at the Sulphur Springs Airport. Meeting locations and times are subject to change, and we will provide plenty of advance notification.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: February 10 at KSLR at 9:00 AM.

Here is the link to our membership form for those who would like to join our chapter:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/0apw83x20awfffr/Chapter%201094%20Membership%20Application%20v%201.pdf?dl=0>

