

EAA Chapter 1094

Meeting Notes

July 18, 2020

1. Virtual and Person-to-Person meeting



- a. The meeting was opened by President Jeff Secules. This meeting was virtual, but President Jeff Secules set up a big-screen TV with speakers on the patio at the KSLR Airport Terminal. About ten people spread out as we practiced social distancing. Some on the patio had their computers and cell phones active. Some people attended the meeting virtually.
- b. We began with a **Safety Meeting** presented virtually by our own Mike McClendon who was in Colorado.
 - i. We discussed a weight and balance accident of an overloaded Cessna 172.
 - ii. The heavy aircraft attempted a high-density altitude take-off with full flaps. The distracted pilot forgot to retract flaps before take-off and caused the fatal accident.
- c. Mike also gave a presentation of "The Bom". The unit looks like a tiny bomb mounted on the wing and is self-powered by means of a small propeller mounted on the back making it look like a torpedo. The unit transmits situational information to a tablet or phone in the cockpit and is a great back-up unit, especially for IFR. It also has ADS-B "In" capability. Mike was heavily involved in the development of the unit. You can learn more about The Bom at this link. <https://levilaviation.com/thebom/>
- d. As our newly designated EAA Chapter Flight Advisor, Mike hopes to use an accident report and have a safety presentation at each chapter meeting.



2. First Flight

- a. After 20 years and 1,700 hours, Tim Smith has completed his Sonex and performed the first flight in the early morning hours before our meeting. You can see his first take-off and landing on our chapter Facebook page with this link. [Tim Smith First Flight](#)

3. Solo Flight

- a. Our chapter president, Jeff Secules, completed his Solo at Code 1 Flight Training in Wills Point! You can view his first take-off at this link. [Jeff's Solo Experience](#) (It was *really* windy, so I did not post videos of his landings! You're welcome, Jeff.)
- b. Jeff thanked everyone in the chapter again for helping him get his start into flying. He has since completed his first dual cross country and logged several night landings.

4. Aircraft in progress

- a. Chuck Olmsted recently got his fuselage (MOAC Legend Cub Homebuilt) back from the paint booth and is currently installing the windshield.
- b. His Warrior is again ready to fly after engine repairs and he is looking for a prop if anyone has one for sale.

5. Newly Acquired Aircraft

- a. Ben Hines recently completed his PPL training, sold his Cherokee, and purchased a Mooney.
- b. He and his wife are getting serious about doing some cross-country travels and an IFR rating is likely in the future.

6. Around-the-Room comments

- a. Kathy Wright is busy preparing for virtual learning for her students in the upcoming school term.
- b. Tom Allan is still stuck working from home in Dallas. He is doing some IT support for teachers stumbling into this new distance-learning virtual process.

- c. Brad and Maritza Rose sold their house in Rockwall and are back at Foggy Bottom Airport full-time near Winnsboro. Brad is airplane shopping – again!
- d. Rumor has it that John Gandy purchased a Cessna 180.
- e. Many aircraft were parked at the terminal as transients came in to have breakfast at The Red Barn. Dr. Chuck Jones interviewed several pilots for his project writing about the “Hundred-Dollar Hamburger”. Be watching for an upcoming article.
- f. The rotating beacon project is still on hold and will be until the current situation returns to normal.
- g. AirVenture has been cancelled! “Notkosh 2020” is still attracting pilots as some are still planning to appear at the airport.
- h. There is a lot of Oshkosh 2020 merchandise on sale at half-price on the EAA website. Get your Oshkosh souvenir/collector’s item!
- i. We have our new chapter logo and we discussed getting polo shirts made up for members.
- j. Gary Reeves from Decatur was the 2019 National Instructor of the Year. He was at our airport for breakfast recently and wrote a check for a \$300 donation to our chapter. Gary is a lead rep for the FAA Safety Team and we look forward to having him come to our airport for a program in the future. You can visit his website at <http://www.PilotSafety.org>
- k. Jeff discussed getting started with the VMC and/or IMC programs provided by EAA.



7. Next meeting dates

- a. Regular meeting will be at 9:00 AM on August 15, 2020. We hope to be able to meet in person, maybe in a chapter member’s hangar. We will probably also try to have a simultaneous virtual meeting and will let you know as details develop.

8. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned and members enjoyed watching several aircraft operations at the airport due to the active Saturday morning crowd.

Submitted by Ben Scarborough, Chapter Secretary