

EAA Chapter 1094

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2020

1. Fly-In Breakfast

- a. The menu included pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, coffee, milk and orange juice.
- b. Jeff Secules, Tim Smith, Julia Robbins and John Gandy did most of the cooking and we appreciate all the volunteers who assisted. Clean-up by the cooks and Maritza Rose, Ginger Rose and others.

2. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by the president, Jeff Secules.
- b. About 35 members and guests were in attendance.

3. Reading of the Minutes

- a. Notes from the July meeting had been emailed to the membership. There were no official minutes of the virtual meeting from last month.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. No official report but our account has been basically unchanged since the shutdown in March.

5. Old Business

- a. The Airport Beacon plaque is almost ready to be made. We will be voting on it soon. It will likely be a bronze plaque. (A sample will be attached to the minutes and your input is welcome.) Jeff showed photos of the beacon in its old location at the Sulphur Springs Airport and showed the map of the airway system and its location near Saltillo. John Bradberry has done almost all of the research and interviews for this project. It would not exist without his work. We appreciate the time he has dedicated to this almost-completed project!
- b. Jeff is continuing his flight training after his recent solo. He has done a dual cross-country and his night cross-country is coming up next week. He will be going solo very soon.

6. New Business

- a. Our September 19 meeting will be held at the home/hangar of Chuck Olmsted, north of Sulphur Springs. (XA17) Chuck is finishing up his MOAC Legend Cub project and he will take us through his building process. He has a strip but it's not for the average pilot. Fat tires and experienced pilots can handle it but you will want to speak with Chuck before going in. (903) 380-3178. It may be 2,200 feet long but looks really narrow by the water! His address is: 1651 FM 1536 Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. His airport is 14.2 driving miles from KSLR and is listed as "Chuckster". For those who want to fly to the Sulphur Springs airport, we can provide car rides to his airport if requested.
- b. We are hopefully scheduling our Fall Fly-In on October 16/17. That could change if there are conflicts. The location is Hidden Springs Airport just northeast of the Sulphur Springs VOR at the Home of Mike and Mary McClendon. (94TS) There are nice facilities at the 2,000 foot strip and it will be great for camping. Watch for trees and wires. If driving, the address is 2100 CR 3511 Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.
- c. John Gandy gave us an update on the airport at Franklin County. The airport now has fuel available. It took a long political process to get the fuel flowing again. He credited the Optic Herald newspaper for helping to encourage city and county leaders to be more supportive of the airport. The runway was resurfaced in 2019 and got new LED lights. He discussed the impact of general aviation airports on the local economy.

7. Safety Program

- a. Our Safety programs are provided by Mike McClendon. He was out of town so Jeff discussed three accidents and their causes. Accident information can be found at

www.NTSB.gov and you can look up specific incidents for your model of aircraft and learn from the mistakes of others. www.FAAsafety.gov is a great site for additional training.

- b. All three accidents were by older pilots who were not very active or current and the accidents were classified, naturally, as pilot error.

8. Upcoming Events

- a. There is a fly-in next week (August 22 from 9 to 11) at the Wood County Airport (KJDD). They are also having a hangar liquidation sale. A member is selling his hangar and all of his tools and supplies and much more - and even an Aeronca project. No food available but plenty of camaraderie and fun – and new toys to take home.

9. Next meeting dates

- a. Regular meeting will be at 9:00 on September 19, 2020 at the home hangar of Chuck and Karen Olmsted at Chuckster Airport. (XA17)
- b. The October meeting will be our Fall Fly-In/Drive-In/Camp-Out at the home hangar of Mike and Mary McClendon at Hidden Springs Airport. (94TS)

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned and some members checked out John Gandy's "new" Cessna 180

Submitted by Ben Scarborough, Chapter Secretary