



**EAA Chapter 122, Inc.**  
**Monthly Gathering Minutes**  
**September 15, 2020**  
**Hangar 2 HQ, Capital City Airport (KCY)**

After a few technical ‘head-scratchers’ with the Zoom “simulcast” setup, Jon Still (President) kicked the evening off by welcoming all those willing to don masks and exercise social-distancing to attend our first in-person gathering since February. He also welcomed prospective member Davis Bunting, a commercial pilot and CFI-in-training, who is relatively new to the Capital area and looking to get involved with EAA locally.

**Members Attending In-Person (17) included:** George Allen, Jerry Anderson, Conrad Brown, Nixon Cawley, Wade Becker, Seth Dunn, Don Fair, Paul Furst, Lee Janik, Bob Klenke, Wayne Laughner, Jake Myers, Mike Parks, Gordon Porter, Jeff Probasco, Mitch Reisinger, & Jon Still.

**Guests Attending In-Person (2) included:** Davis Bunting & Zach Myers.

**Members Attending via Zoom (7) included:** Dirk & Karen Berry, Mike Parks, Jim Probasco, Jay Schwabb, Kevin Shuttlesworth, & Jim Trygg.

The evening’s presenter — our own Don Fair — then gave a fascinating presentation on “Project CORONA,” a U.S. strategic satellite program (now declassified) operated by the CIA and USAF for photographic surveillance of the Soviet Union (USSR) and People's Republic of China from 1959 to 1972. Don was an engineer with the program for a defense contractor in the 60’s and 70’s. It was a very interesting presentation with numerous videos, photographs, and personal stories, and Jon presented Don with a chapter mug for his efforts.

Next, the chapter was brought up to date on member projects, to include Jim Haunstein’s L-16A restoration, Bob May’s Zenith 750, Jeff Probasco’s Kitfox, and George Allen’s Pietenpol.

Jon kicked off the business portion of the meeting by updating the group on the remaining calendar events for 2020 — to include giving official notice of the November Annual meeting — and made a general call for any nominees for the expiring officer positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, and one Director-at-Large. Mitch then updated the group on chapter finances and happily reported an account balance of \$8,916.43.

Jim Haunstein brought the Chapter up to date on our two Ray Scholarship recipients: Nixon Cawley recently passed his FAA written exam and is preparing to take his long solo cross-country flight. Our newest recipient, Conrad Brown, recently began flight training with chapter member and CFII Larry Forster at Cargill Aviation. Jon also introduced new member Jake Myers and his father, Zach. Jake is a 17-yr old flight student on a Flying Musician’s Association (FMA) Solo Scholarship, currently preparing for his first solo flight.

Wade Becker reminded everyone that the annual ‘AIM for the SKY’ fundraiser was being held on Wednesday, October 7th, and made a call for volunteers to help out with the event — an afternoon Sporting Clays event at Central Penn Sporting Clays in Wellsville, PA. Funds raised support Capital Area STEM outreach and aviation-related scholarships, to include our EAA Air Academy recipients.

The Gathering ended at 8:05 due to the expiration of our Zoom link, but a few attendees hung around to socialize a bit and help tidy up the Chapter HQ spaces.

***Our next monthly Gathering is planned for Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Capital City Airport, Hanger 2 HQ. For details, check our website at: <https://www.eaa122.org/>***

Ed Womer,

Secretary