

EAA Chapter 122, Inc. Monthly Gathering Minutes September 17, 2019 Hangar 2 HQ, Capital City Airport (KCXY)

Jon Still (President) opened the monthly Gathering at 7PM, following a 6:15 social that featured pizza & desserts provided by members.

Members (25) included: George Allen, Jerry Anderson, Wade Becker, Dirk & Karen Berry, Micah Betts, AJ Bodoh, Nixon Cawley, Lee Janik, Don Fair, Paul Farber, Paul Furst, Jonah Graybill, Bob May, Brian Moore, Lou Nieves, Mitch Reisinger, Bill Schlak, Kevin Shuttlesworth, Jon Still, Charlie Thiemann, Jim Trygg, Paul Whippo, & Ed Womer.

Guests (6) included: Sheri Anderson, Dick Duncan, Leon Graybill, Arnold Offner, Brian Seltzer, & Will Thiemann

The evening's presentation was titled "My Air Academy Experience," and was provided by Micah Betts, our Air Academy camp scholarship recipient for 2019. Micah started his presentation by thanking the membership for his scholarship and by showing a point-of-view video of some of his experiences at camp, as well as during the various flights to and during his time there. He also brought a few of the things he made while there, to include a wing rib. Micah then answered questions from the members and said that he had an AWESOME time while at Oshkosh. Jon thanked Micah for his great presentation and provided him with a Chapter 122 coffee mug. Jon also introduced the other present Young Eagle's who are in the running for the Ray Scholarship fund that the Chapter will be offering to help pay for their flight training.

Following the presentation, Ed Womer (Secretary) asked for a motion to approve July's minutes as posted on the chapter website. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Mitch Reisinger (Treasurer) then reported that as of August, the chapter had 64 paid members and \$6,763.00 in its account. Mitch also noted that we had 3 new members joining this evening, which would bring the count to 67.

Jon reviewed the Chapter Outlook for the remainder of 2019, highlighting October's planned presentation by Bob May: "Building the Zenith." There was discussion about having the annual Holiday Party on a Friday or Saturday evening earlier in December rather than the usual 3rd Tuesday, and the membership unanimously agreed that that would be acceptable.

Jon then thanked Brian Moore for agreeing to assume the role of Young Eagles Coordinator following our upcoming Young Eagles Rally on Saturday the 21^{st.} He noted that 10 pilots are registered for the event, but there is still a need for some ground crew. The Chapter is using a new internet-based system (<u>https://youngeaglesday.org/</u>) to register pilots and Young Eagles, which makes everything run smoother. There was some discussion amongst the members about the upcoming event, which is expected to draw as many as 70 kids and their parents.

Next up was Paul Whippo, Event Chair for the upcoming Ford Tri-Motor tour stop at Cap City Airport from 17-21 October. Paul mentioned that our past major sponsor — LB Smith Ford in New Cumberland — has declined to be a major sponsor this year and that the Chapter is looking for other major sponsors. Paul brought posters and other promotional materials for members to distribute at businesses around the area, and asked them to email him (vetmph@yahoo.com) with the location for reference. Ed Womer, Volunteer Coordinator for the event, passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in volunteering, and noted that we would

need at least 8 volunteers each day (THU-SUN) to support the event. Volunteers can expect to get at least 1 ride on the Tre-Motor, if not more. Email Ed (<u>edwomer68@yahoo.com</u>) if you would like to be involved as an event volunteer. Paul ended by noting that he had had a personal issue come up that requires him to step down as Event Chair, and asked for a volunteer to replace him. Jon noted that whoever stepped up would get the opportunity to *fly in the right seat of the Tr-Motor to the next tour stop!* Please contact Paul or Jon ASAP if you are willing to accept this mantle of leadership!

Jon then acknowledged and thanked those members who have donated items to the Chapter and also those who have come out to help with Chapter HQ cleaning and upgrades. Any and all help is welcomed, so if you have the time to help, contact any chapter officer (<u>https://www.eaa122.org/leadership.htm</u>) to volunteer.

Jon then discussed the ongoing effort to update our Chapter Bylaws to bring them into alignment with the EAA International recommendations. Jon reviewed member inputs so far, and asked that anyone else with comments please bring them forward ASAP so this process can be completed. The plan is to put them to a final vote during our Annual Membership Meeting in November.

Wade Becker (Vice President) thanked Mitch, Don Fair and Joe Hainey for their setup of the new flight simulator provided by the 'AIM for the SKY' Initiative. Many of the members had the opportunity to view the simulator in action during the social hour prior to the meeting. Mitch noted that the simulator was in its final stages of testing and would be fully operational for the Young Eagles Rally on Saturday.

Keven Shuttlesworth gave an overview of his efforts to set up an AOPA Fly-In at Capital City Airport in the Fall of 2020. His ongoing talks with AOPA are very promising and a committee including EAA Chapter 122, the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (SARAA) and Skyport Aviation (FBO) — among others — has been established to make required preparations for the possibility of hosting such an event. Such an event would be a great boon to the airport community and local business area.

The business portion of the Chapter Gathering was concluded at 8:30 pm.

Our next monthly Gathering will be held Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 at Capital City Airport, Hanger 2 HQ. For details, see our website at: <u>https://www.eaa122.org/</u>

Ed Womer,

Secretary