



EAA Chapter 122, Inc.
Monthly Gathering Minutes
March 19, 2019
Hangar 2 HQ, Capital City Airport (KCYX)

Jon Still (President) opened the March Gathering at 7 PM, welcoming all present and thanking those who brought food for the amazing potluck dinner enjoyed during the hour prior. **40 people were in attendance.**

Members (36) included: Jim Haunstein, Wayne Laughner, Doug Martin, Jim Trygg, Ed Crouse, Paul Furst, Bob Klenke, Tom Johnston, Bob May, Don Fair, Mike Parks, Jon Still, Mitch Reisinger, Wade Becker, Joe Hainey, Lawrence Benander, Noah Reighard, Arlin Sauder, George Allen, Paul Whippo, Lou Nieves, Brian Moore, Jim Trygg, AJ Bodoh, Jeff Probasco, Bill Schlak, John Sibole, Dave Gestl, Leroy Sheaffer, Charlie Stroup, Larry Bashore, Paul Farber, Herb & Nancy Rose, and Dirk & Karen Berry.

Guests (4) included: Daryl Dethlefs, Brett Flower, Leon Graybill, & Jonah Graybill.

Jon kicked the evening off with a plaque presentation to Mike Spangler, Chapter President for 2017/2018, designating him a 'Plank Owner' of our new CXY HQ and recognizing all he had done to acquire our new home.

Jim Haunstein gave a very informative and engaging presentation on "How to Pick a Project," sharing both his successes and failures as a builder over many years. His central theme was "you just don't know what you don't know," so know your 'mission' (what *kind* of plane will serve you best), be optimistic, ask others for help (family, friends, type groups, etc), and jump in with both feet... and hands!

Following Jim's presentation, upcoming events for the next 6 months were presented, and minutes for the February gathering were approved. The Treasurer (Mitch Reisinger) reported that the chapter's bank account balance was \$7,129.75 at the end of February. Mitch noted that new member & renewal dues can now be paid via a secure PayPal link on our chapter website at: <https://www.eaa122.org/membership.htm>. He also reminded interested members to email him (mitchellreisinger@gmail.com) if they would like networking access to our new membership database (www.eachapters.org/).

Wade Becker gave an update on the 'Aim for the Sky' Initiative, noting that the new 503(c)(3) fund-raising organization held its initial Board of Directors meeting and finalizing its establishment as a foundation in support of educational outreach programs. Its first fund-raising event is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th 2019, at Central Penn Sporting Clays, 75 Quarry Rd, Wellsville, PA. The organization has already received about \$5k in corporate commitments, and hopes to raise about \$15k from the event. It has coordinated a skydiver to jump in with an American flag for the opening ceremony, as well as a helicopter to conduct a "shell drop" raffle giveaway. This will be an exciting event for available chapter membership to participate in — please email Wade (wbecker@rklcpa.com) if you would like to volunteer!

Jon updated the group about the 'Flying Start' Program, scheduled for Saturday, 27 April, and designed to help break down barriers for individuals interested in learning to fly. EAA is creating custom banners, videos, and promotional materials for our event. We will provide a BBQ lunch and Eagle flights, as well as coordinating with local flight schools (Cargill Aeronautical Academy & Harrisburg Pilots) for their participation.

Jon then opened the floor for further comments / questions / updates.

Jim Haunstein updated the group regarding our Ray Aviation Scholarship application, noting that EAA National designated our chapter as 'qualified,' but selected us as an alternate for now (ranked 96th out of the 200+ chapters that applied). If/when we are so designated, EAA will grant the chapter up to \$10,000 to administer flight training to a local youth age 15-19. We hope to be designated in the next year.

Mike Parks gave an update regarding the Ford Tri-Motor re-winging, noting our generous chapter donation of \$1000 toward the project, and indicating that we are in good position to get the Ford Tri-Motor or B-17 'Aluminum Overcast' this year — schedules should be released soon. He also reminded any individual members choosing to donate to the 'Tin Goose' to mark their donations with our chapter number for additional credit.

The business meeting concluded at 8:40 pm.

Next Monthly Gathering: Tuesday, 16 April 2019 — Hanger 2 HQ (CXY).

'Flying Start' Open House: Saturday, 27 April 2019 — Hanger 2 HQ (CXY).

Jon Still, filling in for

Ed Womer

Secretary