## EAA CHAPTER 1265 MONTHLY MEETING 4/15/2023 RAYS ROOST

Joe Hopwood started the meeting at 9:30

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joel read last month's meeting minutes.

Someone made a motion to accept as read, the motion was seconded and carried with unanimous vote.

Roger Barnhill gave the Treasurer's Report.

Roger gave Joe the report concerning \$8,600 loans. The bank balance on 3-31-23 was \$6,160.98. Petty cash balance of \$60.50 Total balance: \$6,221.48

Russ made a motion to approve, the motion was seconded and carried with unanimous vote.

- 1. We voted on whether to continue sending telephone messages to announce each monthly meeting. There were three votes for and fifteen against. However, we will not close the Calling Post account but will no longer record and send the announcement. Joe will continue sending the announcement via email.
- 2. If there are folks that would like to receive email notification on their cell phones as text to their phone number, that is possible. You would need to check and see how to do that depending on your wireless carrier.

For example, if the recipient's AT&T wireless number is 555-123-4567, use 5551234567@txt.att.net {for AT&T Mobility} or use 5551234567@cingularme.com {for {AT&T Wireless}.

## Note:

The recipient should be aware that their carrier may charge for receiving text messages, depending on their cell phone plan.

3. Corey Kirkwood, Chief Instructor at Foley Municipal Airport, was our special guest this month and he gave an interesting briefing presentation on the creation and

development of rotor wing aircraft including auto gyros. He also brought a top-of-the-line model auto gyro and gave a demonstration flight to Garrett Tirpak. He is also the sales agent for the manufacturer and provides instructions. The normal method of obtaining a new one is to travel to the factory in Italy and build it onsite and have shipped home. The cost, including shipping, ranges from approximately \$65K to \$150K depending on equipment.

- 4. The average age of our membership just took a sharp decrease. We have four new members, one of which is in the single digits. It is a family membership, the Freed family, Patrick, Gena, Diane and Vilah.
- 5. We did not work on the project, but the builders had installed wings temporarily and decided to leave on so all could see the progress.
- 6. EAA's Flying Start event previously scheduled for May 15-20 has been canceled as we could not get support from EAA 485 due to a scheduling conflict.
- 7. George helped Joe with the builders' log funds expended and it is on track now.
- 8. Completion is still looking on track for 1 year.
- 9. Russ wanted to discuss the level of completion for which we were aiming. He will look for a paint shop. We should decide on the level of finishing before we install the wings to facilitate transportation to paint shop.
- 10. The safety briefing discussed how complacency can lead to control issues. Especially after a 100-hour inspection when maintenance personnel have not professionally installed inspection panels. Reversed controls can cause serious issues if not discovered before flight.

Our next meeting will be 5-20-2023.

Joe ended meeting at 11:10