



**EAA CHAPTER 1279  
(F70)  
Minutes of Chapter meeting held on 8/26/2023  
@ Hangar A17**

Prior to the regular membership meeting, Peter DiTullio led a discussion about VFR & IFR scenarios. Members were encouraged to tell the group what they would do if confronted with each flight scenario.

Membership meeting commenced at 10:02am with members and guests in attendance.

Jeff Arnold with Leidos Flight Services walked our members through the process of obtaining a thorough pre-flight weather briefing using 1800wxbrief.com. He said that pilots who self brief with their service online are given priority access to a live briefer when calling flight service. You can also obtain a fast text briefing on your phone by texting the airport designator to 358-752 as follows:  
by texting “Metar CRQ PT” to 358-752, you will receive a text back from Leidos with the current weather at Palomar Airport in plain text.

Jeff also told us that there is a new government aviation weather site at [AviationWeather.gov](http://AviationWeather.gov) that he encouraged us to check out and use.

Peter Griffiths told us he found a pair of sunglasses after last month’s meeting and asked if anyone recognized them.

Peter reported that Clayton, the winner of the EAA flight scholarship, soloed last Saturday, and is making good progress toward obtaining his private pilot certificate.

Lance McNeil is starting his Private Pilot training with Tyler Wood. Tyler is one of our youngest members whom our chapter mentored and he is currently a flight instructor at Flight Ventures.

The 99’s are offering an all day IFR Refresher course in September for a \$99 fee, including lunch.

Peter reported that we have 28 Young Eagles scheduled for the rally to be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>. He is looking for more pilots to volunteer in order to keep the number of sorties per pilot to a reasonable number.

The airport manager asked Peter to remind everyone who uses the airport wash rack to clean up and stow the equipment after using.

It was reported that this September will be the last Air Race to be held in Reno Nevada.

Our chapter now has 111 active members.

Next month our guest speaker will be a former Air Force pilot who completed 200 combat missions in Vietnam, flying an F4 Phantom.