



EAA CHAPTER 1279
(F70)
Minutes of Chapter meeting held on 11/26/2022
@ Hangar A17

The meeting commenced at 10:01am in the presence of members and guests.

Peter reported that he is in the process of recovering from another stroke. He was feeling much better and expects to be back to normal soon. He said his daughter would not be happy if she knew he was attending this meeting today.

Vicki Powszok, the manager of French Valley Airport, made a presentation. She confirmed that, based on the calculated cost, it has been decided that they will not be moving shade hangars from John Wayne Airport to French Valley. She also stated that an FAA Control Tower has been approved for French Valley Airport. She said it was approved in August and it is generally a 5 year process from approval to finished and operating Control Tower. Other news is that the county tie downs are scheduled to be re-surfaced and KTM Motorcycle Company is building a facility nearby.

We had a couple guests who attended the meeting. Ivan, who is a fueler at the airport, and Jack, who reported that he built a T-18 from 1963-1966.

It was reported that Carly Ghafouri just received her commercial pilot license.

Peter reported that a long time member, Larry White passed away.

Dan Ybarra reviewed a list of activities that needed to be documented in order for our chapter to be given Gold Chapter recognition by EAA. He said it is very important for all of our members to return the EAA Chapter Survey that you should have received in your email.

Carly Ghafouri volunteered to take over the management of our chapter instagram account that was started by Tyler Wood a couple years ago.

Dan Ybarra received the Flight Leader award from EAA.

Peter reported that the chapter bank balance is currently \$3,956.32

Scott Strom volunteered to be the chapter liaison with the Explorer Post.

It was reported that, after researching, the cost of buying a flight simulator for the chapter is far too expensive to be practical (not to mention future maintenance/ software updates, etc.) We are looking into the possibility of renting some time on the EFI school simulators for our member use.

There was an update on the search for aircraft scales for the chapter tool crib. There is a used set being offered by Aberle for the price of \$1,000. Dan Ybarra said that racing scales can be purchased new for \$900 and they would probably qualify for the 30% rebate being offered to chapters to help buy tools for use by all members.

It was decided to waive the \$10 membership fee for any junior members to encourage the membership and participation of youth.

Peter Ditullio volunteered to coordinate the EAA scholarship program.

Al Graham reported that our chapter currently has 5 projects and 5 flying aircraft. He encouraged all of us to submit photos of our projects for the website.

Tyler Wood, who is now a flight instructor with over 500 hours of flight time, has had his photography featured in several recent issues of EAA Sport Magazine.

Peter has application forms available for any member who would like to obtain a clicker for the airport access gate.

Dan Ybarra reported that he is in the process of arranging a tour of the Control Tower at March Air Base.

It was decided that there will no longer be a fee for spouses to be members of our chapter. In addition, membership fees will be either \$20.00 per year, or \$50.00 for 3 years.

There will not be a meeting in December.

We are looking into setting up our annual chapter dinner at Pala Mesa Resort in March of 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am