



EAA CHAPTER 1279 (F70)

Minutes of Chapter meeting held on 1/27/2024 @ Hangar A17

At 9:30am, Dan Ybarra presented the VMC & IMC Club scenario/questions.

VMC question- “What are the requirements for acting as PIC after scuba diving?”

FAA doesn't have any specific regulations except prohibiting operating an aircraft with a known medical condition making you unable to meet the requirements of a medical certificate. Generally you should be good by waiting 24 hours after your dive.

IMC question- “Is it legal to log PIC time when acting as a safety pilot in VFR conditions?”

You can legally log PIC time when you are acting as safety pilot during the time the pilot flying is under the hood. This is because you are considered a “required crew member” during that time.

Angela Jamison, the Director of Riverside County Airports, gave a presentation about happenings at the various airports. She said that F70 is still on track for getting a contract control tower. There are a number of hoops to jump through yet, but she is taking all of the necessary steps needed. She also brought her beautifully restored Piper Colt for show and tell.

Peter reviewed what took place at the recent Chapter Board of Director's meeting. He expects that our Chapter will be receiving the “Chapter Gold Award” again this year- and he thanked everyone for volunteering and doing the work necessary to meet the requirements of this prestigious award. We are considering doing a public open house in September (promoted through social media) to help the public understand and appreciate the importance of this airport. We may do a fundraising raffle for a flight or two during this event.

There was a discussion about holding our annual Chapter dinner sometime in March. Peter asked for a vote as to whether it will be held at Pala Resort (more formal style

dinner) or possibly at the French Valley Airport restaurant. The majority voted for the airport restaurant.

Peter said that, due to the increase in our Chapter membership, we need more folding chairs & a couple more tables. We are checking into the possibility of moving our monthly Chapter meetings to a different location in order to have more room and maybe access to better audio/visual equipment.

Peter asked everyone to let him know of any suggestions they may have for interesting guest speakers for our Chapter meetings.

There was a discussion on the fact that there is a pietenpol project that the owner is willing to donate to anyone interested in finishing the construction. Peter said it could possibly be a Chapter project, however, someone would need to step forward and take ownership of the project. Peter has the contact information for the owner, in Camarillo, if anyone would like to arrange to go up there and look at it.

Peter said there is also an owner of an Aircoupe who would like help recovering the wings. Peter said there are several of our members who have the skills necessary for the job and this could possibly be a good project for anyone interested in learning those skills.

There was a discussion about the possibility of offering Young Eagle flights to some of our junior members after our monthly meetings.

March 1st is the deadline for our junior members to apply for aviation scholarships through EAA.

Our next Young Eagles Rally is scheduled in April this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.