



**EAA CHAPTER 1279
(F70)
Minutes of Chapter meeting held on 7/29/2023
@ Hangar A17**

The meeting commenced at 9:30am for the VMC Club scenario and then went right into our regular Chapter meeting.

Peter reported that there have been two fatal accidents at French Valley Airport within the past couple of weeks. He reminded us all that we need to take flight planning seriously and to always do a very thorough pre-flight inspection prior to any flight.

Peter congratulated one of our junior members, Clayton Fleming, for having been awarded the national EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship, which provides \$11,000 in funding toward his private pilot license. He will be learning to fly with EFI, which is a flight school on the field. Peter will be sending out a press release to create a little more publicity.

Our chapter bank balance is currently \$4,427.84.

Our chapter BBQ in June was a great success. A total of 26 aircraft flew in and 116 people attended.

Manny reported that his RV-6 build is coming along.

Doug's Long EZ build is having a few issues. He installed a new oil cooler and he is having trouble with the autopilot. He said the autopilot servos are not working properly with his avionics at this time.

Dave's Xenos has been repaired and is ready to fly again. He asked for volunteers to help rebuild a friend's Cessna 150. This could be a project that the Explorer Post may want to participate in.

Lance is helping Manny on his RV-6 in order to get some experience that he can use when finishing the Sonex he purchased.

Peter said that, when he did a full power run-up on the pietenpol, he must have picked up a rock, which damaged the leading edge of the wooden propeller. He was able to repair it with epoxy.

There was a discussion about the rare Cessna 195 that is now based at French Valley Airport.

Dan Ybarra hasn't made it back from AirVenture yet. He went there early in order to volunteer. He will be giving us a report next meeting.

Tom Wilson said he attended AirVenture this year and he congratulated Peter for his leadership, which has helped our chapter to become very vibrant and recognized by the national EAA leadership. We were awarded the "Gold Seal Chapter" designation, which is the highest level that can be achieved by a chapter.

Our next Young Eagles Rally is scheduled for October 7th.

It was reported that the FAA is looking closely at modifying the parameters for aircraft to qualify for Light Sport designation. It's possible that there will no longer be any gross weight limit, flight speeds could be as high as 250 knots, and the aircraft could have retracting landing gear- as long as the stall speed is no higher than 54 knots.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.