



EAA CHAPTER 1279 (F70)

Minutes of Chapter meeting held on 8/31/2024 @ Hangar A17

At 9:30am Peter Ditullio comenced the VMC & IMC meetings. This month's questions were as follows:

VMC- Are pilots allowed to modify the manufacturer provided checklists used for operating their aircraft? The answer in "yes" (at least for part 91)

IMC- When should flaps be retracted when making a stall recovery? The answer is Immediately retract the flaps to the previous setting. Retracting the flaps will tend to reduce the angle of attack of the tailplane, moving it away from the critical angle. As the flaps retract, you may need to reduce the back pressure on the yoke to avoid a subsequent wing stall.

It was reported that we have 28 Young Eagles signed up for the 19th of October. Since we had to cancel the rally in May, due to weather, the kids that were signed up have been automatically moved to the October rally.

The FCAP Spaghetti Night is scheduled for September 14th. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It is a fundraiser and they are asking for a donation of \$14 per person.

The EAA aero educate program is up and running online and is free.

Our junior members were reminded that scholarship applications are coming up in November.

The siting study has been completed for the proposed control tower at French Valley Airport. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$16 million and the FAA will provide \$5 million towards the project.

Pat Rodgers did a presentation about his company located at F70, Aircraft Restoration Services. His company was restoring the F-4 Phantom that is currently sitting on the ramp. Unfortunately, the Navy is refusing to allow civilians to operate and fly any F-4's, so the only option is for static display at a museum. His company's specialty is restoring UH-1 Huey helicopters (generally the Vietnam era versions).

Builder reports were given.

Marylee Hawkins reported that she is in the process of building an aircraft museum at Borrego Springs, and is also planning to build hangar homes for veterans.

Our member, Carly, is now flying as a first officer for JSX Airline.

Peter reminded us that the 25th anniversary of our EAA chapter is coming up in 2026. He wants us to give him any input we may have for putting together a celebration party.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12am.