

Minutes for EAA Chapter 1397 May 11, 2017

Call to Order

We held a Regular meeting of EAA chapter 1397 on May 11, 2017 at Moberg field. We began at 7:08 PM. Presided over by Jon Blessing, with Dan Leger as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included: Numerous. Did not circulate sign-up sheet. Bji Flying club attended, flew the "red bird", and stayed for cook-out and meeting.

Guest in attendance: Jeff Roberts

Business Meeting Announcements/Discussion topics

- Welcome back Snow birds!
- Jon and Gary reported on the EAA Leadership weekend at Oshkosh. Excellent information and networking. Recommended that future Chapter 1397 officers and members attend in coming years.
- Brian got a Cessna 170, Rob Roed and Arnold Kleinsasser partners in a nice Stinson tail dragger.
- Where do we want to go as an organization? Young eagles history as an example. Tri motor flights. Treasury status. Ralph Moberg scholarship? This fall we'll discuss long range vision for EAA 1397.
- Does the group want to hold summer meetings at Moberg? Yes is the answer. Need food guidance. Buy the meat and pot luck combination? Will use the free offering jar. Suggestion since meeting was that members pay \$5 each for meal and one or more club members be in charge of food for meetings. May need a food committee. Will discuss at June meeting.
- Air Adventure 2017: Group chapter camping available. Six (6) sites per chapter. Single site is 20ft. X 30 ft. No additional charge for larger RV's. Cost per site is \$243/for the week. Sites are among the best available. EAA needs to know by 6/30. Anyone interested should confirm with Dan/Jon ASAP.
- Float Training: make individual arrangements with instructor.
- Basic Med: Jon completed his physical with his Sanford doctor on May 4th. This is good for 4 years. Have to fly with documentation. In 2 years have to go online and take a course. Go to: <https://www.eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-advocacy-and-safety/ea-basicmed-resource-center> to get the forms. Dennis Huwe stated that pilots cannot get into Canada without a 3rd class medical. He also said it doesn't hurt to check with your insurance company to see if they honor Basic Med. Have to go to a state licensed physician, not a physician assistant, etc. Northstar Insurance out of Fargo said as long as you are straight with the FAA it is not a problem. CAP will honor Basic Med.

[Since the meeting, Jon checked with David Leiting of EAA HQ. Here is his response: "Some doctors have had insurance concerns, but as far as we know there are no insurers within the aviation community who see Basic Med as an issue. Members are more than welcome to check with their insurance companies, but I don't foresee that being an issue."]

- By laws update: Made one little change driven by EAA. It is signed off now by the officers and the document will be sent to EAA HQ.
- Nominating Committee: The by-laws now call for a three person nominating committee to be announced in June to nominate persons to fill vacancies for election in October. Positions open this October are secretary and president. Gary and Mark are on the committee. We need one member-at-large. **(a) Anyone interested in being on the nominating committee should contact Gary Gregg or Mark Cook prior to the June meeting.**
- Encouraged anyone who is not a chapter member to join.
- Dennis Huwe said the Jacket he is wearing is a result of a B-17 ride by his wife. Dennis bought 3 estate planes. He will be selling 2 or 3. 182 Cessna, 120 Cessna, Stinson 108-2. Stinson and 120 has skis. Dennis has 5 cases of 20W-50 oil. If anyone interested contact him.
- 41st Annual Women's air race is coming through Bemidji. Here are essential details:
 Race Dates: June 20-23, 2017. 57 airplanes have registered. A total of 121 pilots (two per plane with 9 planes having 2 pilots and a "teammate"). The race starts on June 20th at 8 a.m. at Frederick MD (KDFR) and ends in Santa Fe, NM (KSAF). BJI is the mid-point and most northern airport. Total of 11 airports. Planes compete against their own pre-determined "handicap" vs each other. Total miles of race is 2,500. Planes may fly several airports in a day or stay over in bad weather and fly more the next day. Lots of strategy and variety of skill levels. Jon has informed BJI that our Chapter is available to help at the BJI stop, as needed. BJI is still in the planning stages and will let us know at our June 8th meeting.
 For more details go to: www.AirRaceClassic.org
- Mark Shorter had a guest. Jeff Roberts spent some time flying for Uncle Sam. He has a project. He is with the veterans Memorial committee. Want to improve our monument. Considering a Huey display. His goal is to get 2. The aircraft is free. The airport commission likely to give him permission shortly. He has Identified 2 preliminary sites. Seeking financial/other support. Huey can be mounted on a stick for 5-10K. Jeff will keep us posted. Jeff's contact information is 218-766-8193, ezystr@gmail.com
- Next meeting is June 8th at Moberg. Food/drinks will be available. This is a chapter social/gathering with a short meeting. Primary agenda item will be Moberg Fly-in plans.

NOTE: Former EAA Chapter 1397 member, Steve McQuirk, passed away May 2, 2017. In recognition of his past involvement with our chapter and his passion for flying hundreds of Young Eagles, a plaque remembering Steve will be sent from our Chapter to his wife, Linda.

Adjournment

We adjourned at 8:14 PM to go flying

Daniel R. Leger

Secretary

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Date of Approval