

29 April 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Experimental Aviation Association Chapter 143 Meeting 4 April 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Due to the on-going remodeling of the Essex Skypark FBO the April Chapter meeting was held at the Fallston Airport (W42), thanks to the prior coordination provided by Chapter member Dan Deford. There were 10 attendees, to include 3 first time attendees.
2. The Chapter President was not able to attend due to family medical issues, thanks to Lee Townsend the VP for leading the meeting.
3. Also thanks to Lee, Leo Dresher, and Brianna Carr for providing the meal for the evening.
4. New members in attendance: Raul Cisneros – student pilot, involved with the Maryland Aviation Association; Wilson (??) – rusty pilot, plans on joining EAA; Rossi Force – comes from a family of pilots, plans on building a Kitfox, will join EAA soon; Chris Descotean – 2nd time at meetings, flies out of Martin, has joined EAA.
5. March Chapter meeting was canceled due to the beginning of the FBO renovation and the temperature was too cold to meet in the Community Hangar. Plan is to meet in the Skypark Community Hangar in May when the temperature is warmer.
6. Lee continues to work on the webpage – we need to push more involvement with builder’s pages to supplement the webpage.
7. Brianna discussed the involvement that Ron and she had with the filming of the Smithsonian Aviation documentary. More on that later.
8. Lee, Ricardo and Ron have gotten the motor mounted on the Affordaplane. Muffler has to be modified, Ricardo has a resource for the work needed and will work the issue.
9. Team leads for the Affordaplane build project will be Lee, Dan, Ricardo and Ron. Plan is to hold build sessions on Saturday mornings from 10 to 1400. First build Saturday will be announced, all are welcomed. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.
10. The club has been donated an RV12 salvaged cockpit. The cockpit needs to be stripped of the engine, and all avionics which will be returned to the person that donated the cockpit. The plan is to turn the cockpit into a realistic RV12 flight simulator to support the STEM Flight Simulation Program.
11. *Builders Reports:* Leo – no report; Dan – no report; Kevin – has received new replacement empennage kit for his RV10, no work completed.
12. *STEM Report:* Ron Lane, Mark Jakubowski and Ron Shippee setup a PC Xplane 10 simulator at the Sollers Point High School career day. Many students flew the simulator, asked lots of questions, a few filled out STEM applications. Ron discussed the possibility of an aviation magnet school at Sollers point with some of the school administrators but little progress was made.
13. No immediate plans have been made to start the Chapter Young Eagles program, more to come soon. Some discussion about holding first YE event during Wings & Wheels event in October.
14. The Chapter has notified the Essex Skyark Association that the Chapter is ready to support the Skypark Wings&Wheels in October when they are ready to discuss the event with us.
15. Next meeting 2 May 2024, Essex Skypark Community Hangar, meal/social hour 1800-1900, meeting/presentations 1900-till complete.

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