

EAA 143 Chapter meeting notes for Nov. 2, 2023

Attendance: 15

Badge contest winner: Ed Hadaway opted for cash instead of AVgas and donated his prize money to chapter 143 on his behalf.

Minutes for October 2023 meeting were approved

Lee Townsend reported the website is under construction planning to be online and operating by next chapter gathering.

Treasury bank account is up and running. About \$900 in the account, 17 members have paid in for their dues. Any digital or physical form of payment is acceptable. Ron Shippee initially outlaid the chapter application fee, chapter insurance, state filing money, and PO box approx. \$500. Discussion and motion to vacate PO box was approved.

Builders report Dan reported waiting on new parts, no new progress on Sonex. Leo had no new progress on Fly Baby. No new progress on A-Plane.

Ron informed the group that the Chapter Logos can be put on any fabric for \$25 each. He also made inquire for T-shirts: Option 1, 2 colors. Option 2, 3 colors... pricing TBD.

AMA chapter joint projects: To earn a BSA merit badge the scout must build and fly model airplane. Joe from AMA club has already helped students build flying model airplanes for their merit badges. We also offer to coordinate visits to Martin State airport tower for merit badge. Ron Shippee is credentialed through Scouts BSA for Merit badge.

To keep children occupied while waiting during Young Eagle events, there was discussion to introduce them to park flyers in hangers and or build flyers and have competitions, or possibly even have park flyers available to keep youth entertained.

STEM SIM program update: Age limit 15 YO and over. STEM tours to Martin State airport tower are also a part of the STEM program. Ron Shippee has sent letters to recruit new students for winter STEM program classes. Total of 15 students completed summer/fall classes. And 4 rusty pilots.

Chapter build vision: Ron informed the group that we are able to obtain a RV-12 cockpit build for 3 screen simulator, possibly eventually with motion. We will take delivery of the cockpit after all internals of cockpit panel are removed. The simulator will be used by the STEM program.

A-Plane was offered to be turned over to the Chapter for a build project. No final determination.

Safety talk: Defective keys and mag switches can cause "hot mag" incidents. Mike Bush presented information about a fatality that had recently occurred from a defective mag switch.

We viewed the EAA Chapter video Magazine, which presented new guide book for non builders to help be more informed about purchasing and operating a "homebuilt" built by other builders.

Discussion on YE workshop program. Webinar in Nov. '23.

Dan informed the group that he talked with Fallston flying club about working a scholarship for Chapter STEM program. Discussion about other opportunities to raise scholarships funding for STEM Program. Meet and talk with Matt about Aero education program.

The chapter is targeting late spring for its first YE event.

Ron Shippee reprised the China Clipper presentation from last month.

Discussion about doing a Chapter lunch flight to whomever be interested.

Discussion about refreshment funds for chapter gatherings: \$5 donations requested. For any gathering that covers more than the actual costs, the overage will be put into the treasury and the funds will be used for future social events.

Next meeting approved for December 7, 2023.

Meeting dismissal.