

Minutes April 2022 Monthly Meeting

April 16th monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 1445 was held at the Casa Grande Airport terminal building; a beautiful morning for flying and number of members flew in.

Pre-gathering was spent out on the patio watching sky-divers prep, load up, fly out and drop.

The gathering started with the recognition of new members. Randall Hayhurst introduced himself and his Saberwing project, documented on the EAA Builders Log. Also new member Tim Swire has recently purchase a Sonerai and is going through his inspection.

President Cecil Orozco reviewed the criteria used by EAA National to rate chapters. Our chapter is making headway on a number if the criteria.

Our membership has grown to 88 with 14 new members added this year.

Lisa Pham was taken over as Young Eagles Coordinator. Lisa is working to set up a date for a Young Eagles Event for our chapter. Chris Collins needed to step down as coordinator but will remain a resource for us.

As our membership has grown, we are actively looking into larger locations for our monthly gatherings. We want to stay on the airport firewall so that we can accommodate both fly-in and drive-in members.

Other events in work are an Airport Yard Sale (Fly-mart) and special aviation movie events at a local theater for the summer months. These would be fund raisers for our chapter's outreach programs.

Cecil concluded with an invitation to all chapter members to attend the chapter board meetings held the Monday before the 3rd Saturday monthly gathering at 8 A.M. at the CHD terminal.

Scott Todd gave a "10 Minutes to Safer Flying" presentation highlighting:

- increased safety of using Vy for takeoff (which is roughly the middle of the White Arc)
- benefits of practicing Dead Stick Landings for better airmanship
- and a reminder to practice, practice, practice!

Our feature presentation was Operation Desert Storm by Mike Berry. Mike shared the history of American Trans Air (ATA) leading up to the ferrying of troops into the theater of operations, and his unique experiences associated with transporting troops. The presentation was insightful and interesting.

The gathering concluded with pizza, drink and social in the terminal area.

Watch for upcoming details on the May 21st workshop gathering at Chuck Millar's Airfield. RSVP's will be required as this is a private field.

Big thanks to David and Rene at the Casa Grande Airport for their help and support!