



## May 2024 Chapter 1570 Newsletter

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The May monthly meeting was held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with Tomás presiding.



### **Tomás in Very Festive and Aeronautical Attire**

He started the meeting after everyone had their fill of the complementary Donuts and Coffee. A very special thanks to Bruce King for bringing them – they were very much appreciated by all who attended!

Tomás recognized the attending guests, Kendrik Thomas and his son Adam. Adam is involved in the Las Cruces Civil Air Patrol, and is keen in learning all about aviation with an interest in becoming a commercial pilot. Tomás welcomed them and invited them to come anytime.

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Tomás then turned the meeting over to Elliott (Young Eagles Coordinator).

The Chapter held a “make-up” Young Eagles Rally on April 27<sup>th</sup>, to allow those to fly who had their flights cancelled on the previous Rally (due to high winds). There were 17 who had signed up, and the chapter flew about half of them. The wind was blowing (again), but at 280 degrees, it was right down the runway.



### **John doing a Pre-Flight with a Young Eagle (April 27, 2024)**

Elliott said that the next Young Eagle Rally will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>. He also said that he has seen some interest in an “Eagle” flight, which would be for folks over the age of 18. He mentioned that the Eagle flights are more of an Intro to Flying or a Demonstration flight. He thought that Red Arrow Flight School would be more involved as these flights usually are for adults who are interested in learning to fly.

Elliott said that he would coordinate such an event with Tomás, and he is looking for input: volunteer pilots and participants.

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Tomás then asked for reports from the various officers present:

Mellissa reported that Nadette and Jazmine are both doing well and are on track. Nadette was present and told the group that she is working on her next phase which is cross country work.

Rick reported the status of the Chapter’s finances. All is well in that regard.

Charles said that the Chapter’s EAA website “has been a mess”, but it looks like it is straightened out now. The problem was caused by a glitch in the web page development and publishing software (SiteCore). The website address is: [chapters.eaa.org/ea1570](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea1570)

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Vanessa shared the news that the Amigo Airsho is returning (after a 12-year hiatus!). She is involved in some of the planning and Tomás asked the group if they were interested in a Fly-in and having a booth set up to promote EAA. He said it would be a collaborative effort with our other local chapters, 125 and 555.

The idea was met with general approval. Tomás said the Airsho will be held on Biggs Army Airfield which requires a lot of paperwork to allow members to fly in and park aircraft on the military base.

Details will be forthcoming!

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Tomás continued the meeting by introducing the idea of a mentorship with Gadson ISD and Coronado High School Aviation Club.

Gadson ISD has been in contact and are interested starting an Aviation Program. They mentioned that they are in the beginning stages of organization and have a budget to work with. The information regarding Gadson ISD was very preliminary, and Tomás was querying the group if there was interest in helping.

Tomás introduced his nephew Mattius was in attendance and he is interested in starting an Aviation Club at Coronado High School. Mattius would like one or two members to help mentor their group.

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Finally, Tomás showed a safety video on a tragic accident involving a small GA aircraft flying from North Carolina to Waco, Texas. The pilot tried to pick his way through thunderstorms using weather information from NexRad. The information, while only minutes old, was sadly out of date due to the rapidly changing storm conditions. The group watched the video and discussion followed with several of the members (Rick, Shawn, and Juan) offering insights and experiences.

The moral of all the stories: Stay away from convective storms!

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