



## July 13, 2024 Chapter 1570 Newsletter

The regular monthly meeting of Chapter 1570 was held on July 13, 2024 at 9:00 am at the War Eagles Museum's Conference Room. Tomas Peralta, President presided over the meeting.

The first order of business was: Donuts! Thank you Tomás for bringing them, all who had one really enjoyed them.

The next order of business was reports from the officers present:



Rick giving the Treasurer's report, Melissa standing by.

Rick's report showed the club to be solvent, with money in the accounts available for some of the activities we have planned.

Melissa reported that our scholarship recipient, Jazmine, has been making great progress towards her Private Pilot: she has all requirements met and is ready to take the check ride!



Jazmine is ready to Fly!

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Tomás addressed the group with information about the upcoming Airsho (October 12-13). The Chapter will be going and working with the War Eagles Air Museum. Tomás will be contacting the other Chapters in the area to see if they want to join in. Tomás is anticipating having a STEAM area for the kids – Elliott and Michael Chang are in Oshkosh now gathering information on activities and resources. Tomás would also like to have 3-5 airplanes on display. Red Arrow Flight Academy will provide a couple and Tomás hopes that members will volunteer to fly in for the remainder of the spots.

The paperwork to land on Biggs Army Air Field needs to be completed pretty quick, in the next month or so. If you have an aircraft that you would like to have on display at the Airsho, please contact Tomás at: [tomas@flyredarrow.com](mailto:tomas@flyredarrow.com)

The Chapter is also looking for volunteers to help man a table at the Airsho to promote the EAA. Tomás is gathering names, and will have a special kick-off meeting to start the organizing.

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Tomás then turned the meeting over to Jody Young, Doña Ana County Jetport Administrator

Jody addressed the group with a lively presentation of some of his adventures as a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) and later a Naval Helicopter Pilot. His career spanned some 20 years.

He started out as part of the “tip of the spear” as an NFO on an EA-6B Prowler which is a 4 place electronic warfare aircraft (also capable of limited strike ability) that the US Navy operated off of aircraft carriers.

He transitioned to flight school and became a Helicopter pilot. In that role, he concluded his career on a Tiger cruise flying Medivac. He feels that in that role, it was his most memorable service.

With all that training and experience, Doña Ana airport got a real gem when Mr. Young decided to assist in operations here!

After giving the group some real insight to a small part of the vast operations of the US Navy, Jody continued with an update to the local scene.

The runway construction is proceeding. He described the widening of the runway and the addition of some offset taxiways; the FAA is requiring taxiways from the ramp area to the runway to be offset in their continuing effort to limit runway incursions.

As far as the runway goes, there needs to be grooving and painting. But, the end of the project is in sight, maybe before the end of the year.

Jody also discussed midterm projects like run-up areas and RNAV equipment installation for runway 10-28.

As part of the airport’s on-going efforts, they are looking at a 30-year vision. Items such as a second, cross-wind, runway are being looked at, as well as the possibilities surrounding being a regional cargo shipping point. The airport management is looking at all the infrastructure that could be needed with a growth in commercial commerce: A jetport Terminal building, County Satellite offices, an FSDO Field office, even an aircraft maintenance facility.

Thank you, Jody, for a wonderful and enlightening presentation!

Thank you also for your 20 years of service to Our Country as a Naval Officer!

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The meeting concluded with some general discussion about conditions at the airport. Jody encouraged all the attendees to bring any ideas or important matters to him as he is always available in the airport's Operation Office.

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