



Chapter 1570 November 2023 Newsletter

The November meeting of Chapter 1570 was held at the War Eagles Museum meeting room on November 11, 2023.

The Chapter continued the tradition of having a mini-pancake breakfast, Elsa took the lead on this and provided lots of mini-pancakes with all the fixings, sausage, coffee and juice.

Many thanks go out for her skillful preparation of the breakfast, everyone enjoyed it!

While folks were getting their fill of pancakes, some tried out the “Cleco Challenge” that Michael Chang set up: The idea was to see how long it would take to grab a handful of Clecos and insert them into an aluminum channel that had been drilled with the appropriately sized holes.



Thanks, Michael for the fun Challenge!

Meeting

Tomás presided over the meeting, which started after everyone had finished their pancake breakfast.



- Vanessa thanked all the club veterans for their service. Today is Veteran's Day, so Happy Veteran's Day and thank you for all you did for our country! She also reported on the financial health of the Chapter, which looks good.
- Tomás reported that Elsa has agreed to take the lead on the Food Service Committee. Thank you, Elsa! She is looking for volunteers to help support the War Eagles Museum's 'Christmas At the Hanger' event, Dec 2nd. John Keithly immediately volunteered and hoped to promote the Chapter.

- Melissa (Scholarship Director) summarized the status of the Chapters' scholarship recipients:
Kaylee is back in Eugene and is looking to find a good flight school there to continue her training.
Skylar is just about ready to solo.
Nadette said that she took her first simulator flight and she is so excited to continue her training.
Dani is at the point of doing her Phase Check prior to departing on her cross-country .

Much admiration for these young ladies was expressed and strong wishes for their continued success!

- Elliot brought up the fact that the next Young Eagles event is currently scheduled on April 13, 2024. He noted that in previous years that date would be in the middle of the windy season here in the Southwest. He suggested that that date be changed to February 10, 2024.
After some discussion, the group agreed that the earlier date would be a good improvement to make, so the Chapter will *not* be having a Young Eagles Rally on April 13, 2024, but *will* be having one on February 10, 2024.
- Jody, representing the airport, told the group that airport resources are available if anyone sees any FOD (Foreign Object Debris) on the taxiways or runways. He recounted finding bits and pieces of a tire blow-out and encouraged those in attendance to report any trash or detritus that they see.
He also reported that there is a pre-construction meeting upcoming, and by the end of the year, the runway Will be Closed, and the taxiway will be utilized for take-offs and landings.
The runway is scheduled to be closed for a whole year, but there are good hopes that the contractor will be able to finish in 8 months.
There was a funding problem with some of the monies the airport had allocated and the RNAV scheduled for runway 28 approach had been affected. They are working to get those funds returned.
Jody also told the group that there is scheduling available for use of

the Compass Rose and to be sure to contact the airport management if anyone wants to have 'for-sure' access to it.

Finally, Jody said he is working with the airport's IT department to install more security cameras and mentioned several of the potential places that they are looking at.

Presentation

Tomás wants to try and incorporate a little bit of education into the meetings as 'A good pilot is always learning'!

To that end, the group watched a video from the AOPA's Accident Case Study: High Aspirations

As the video progressed, Tomás paused it periodically and engaged the group in discussions about what was happening and how it could have been mitigated or avoided.

Tomás left the group with a nice memory aid - CHORRD:

Conditions

Hazards

Operational Changes

Runway length/needed

Return Altitude

Departure Procedures

Tomás gave a very useful presentation on mitigating risks and a spirited discussion followed.

The meeting concluded with a recognition of the guests, and many thanks to Teddy Herrera for attending and bringing his family!