



EAA Chapter 1610

Meeting Minutes

4/15/23

Call meeting to order Mark Crist

Treasurer's report Mark Bearss Beginning balance \$5,656.73 . Ending balance \$5,656.73
No Transactions for March Two items to be paid in April \$275 reimbursement to Mike P. For filing fee on 501c3 and \$134.64 to Paul N for fabric for Longster wings.

Secretary's report Mike Petersen
We have been approved as a 501c3 Charitable organization. Donations of dollars or materials can now grant the donor a tax deduction. Filing next week for State of Minnesota exemption from Sales tax.

Report on Ray Scholarship 2022 current scholarship Mark Crist It looks like Mr. Selisker will be taking his check ride next week in Crookston. Just under the wire for the end of the month deadline.

Brainerd High School scholarship Mark Crist- Discussion on where we should go on the details of how this will work. After much discussion it was decided that we are really too late for this year as most scholarships are awarded around the first of May, some schools even have an awards day. Work will continue on the details of the scholarship with an anticipated goal of awarding the scholarship in the spring of 2024.

Discussion/planning Brat Sale Fundraiser Mark B. and Gordon will be putting together details. We will have a Brat tasting party at Hangar 60 at the next regular meeting of May 13. We will decide what brats to buy at that time. Gordon is handling the food part of the project and Mark B. will be handling logistics and marketing for the event. Sign up sheets were circulated with pretty good results. We are still short a few volunteers so some of you not at the meeting will be getting a call to sign up.

Discussion/planning of Young Eagles and Eagles flights. Sign up sheets for YE and Eagles were passed around. We could still use a couple of more people for the May 20 Young Eagles and the July 15 Eagles events. Flyer is done and will go up at grocery and liquor stores in the area. They will also be posted to the website and facebook page. We did not do a sign up sheet for help at our tent during the Breezy Point fly in on May 6. We will not be flying however will be set up to promote both the Brainerd and the Aitkin chapters. Hours are from 10-2, if you want to come out and help, enjoy the day, come on over.

Longster report - Longster progress has slowed somewhat. One of our top workers has been out sick. Fabric is in for the wings so that will start soon. Thanks to Paul for negotiating the wing fabric for only \$135

Sun N Fun report Craig Rodamaker reported on his trip to Sun n Fun in Florida. Like a mini Oshkosh he said the highlight was the Blue Angels. He also reported on the amount of equipment for sale especiall with regard to avionics. He also talked about meeting the author of the book "Ferry Pilot" and his stories of ferrying single engine aircraft across the Atlantic ocean.

New chapter t-shirts were given to those that wanted them for the upcoming summer season.

New business-

Possible participation in children's airport tours. May 19, 24,26. Our schedule is pretty busy into June with May being the busiest. Group voted not to participate in these tours.

One of our master craftsmen on the Longster is ill. Rollie N. underwent a heart valve replacement procedure in early April. Unfortunately he has developed a serious infection and was rushed back to the hospital in Duluth. We are hopeful of a full recovery but he will be there for a while for treatment. Group unanimously decided to send him a spring plant to let him know we are thinking of him. Mark B will take care of that. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Calendar of events

May 6, 2023 Breezy Point Fly-in-Sign up tent for Young Eagles and Eagle flights in May, July and September

May 13 Regular Monthly meeting **Brat tasting at Hangar 60**

May 20, 2023 Young Eagles Event Brainerd Airport

May 27-28, 2023 Brat sale fundraiser at Crosslake Ace Hardware

June 10 Regular chapter meeting Presentation - "Future of Electric Aircraft" Mr. Roderick Zastro,

Director of Bye Aerospace www.ByeAerospace.com

July 8 Regular chapter meeting

July 8 Pine River open house Late morning parade, afternoon open house. Chapter will be participating, details to follow.

July 15, 2023 Eagle Flights for adults Brainerd Airport

July 19, 2023 Hangar party at Hangar 60 Brainerd Airport

August 12 Regular chapter meeting

September 9, 2023 Poker Run No regular meeting

September 16 Young Eagles event at Breezy Point

Adjournment

Meeting concluded with a sobering video "Carbon Monoxide in the Cockpit" Very interesting true story of a Minnesota man.