

**EAA**  
**CHAPTER 175**  
**Smoke Signals**  
**Apr 2012**

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**Meeting Saturday**  
**Apr 28th @ 0900**  
**Breakfast @ 0800**



**PROGRAM for Saturday,**  
**Apr 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The program for our upcoming EAA meeting will feature Commander Gail Ryan. The commander is recognized for her expertise in many activities worldwide. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 PM.

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A board meeting will be held following the program at 10 AM this Saturday. All board members are requested to attend

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**EAA Chapter 175 Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Saturday, March 17th, 2012**

LOCATION: EAA Chapter House,  
Tampa Executive Airport (KVDF)

ATTENDANCE: 30+

Business Meeting

This was a special meeting mainly for the purpose of distributing credentials to chapter members and associates who would be working in the Volunteer Kitchen during the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In. Because Volunteer Kitchen Chairman Rich Denton was attending the final of three chairmen's meetings at Sun 'n Fun this morning, our chapter meeting was postponed from the normal 9 a.m. start time to 2 p.m. to enable Rich to get our credential packet at that special meeting and drive back to the chapter house for distribution to us. Also, because the fly-in opening day was March 27<sup>th</sup>, but we would be already serving lunches to volunteer workers several days prior to the first official event day, we had to move our regular chapter meeting up a week to the 17<sup>th</sup> instead of the 24<sup>th</sup>.

It turned out to be quite a busy day at the chapter house due to schedule mix-ups. Not only did we

meet a week early (though in the afternoon, rather than the usual morning), but the CAP was conducting a training mission on the 17<sup>th</sup> that had originally been scheduled for the prior Saturday. As a result, the chapter house was jammed with CAP personnel and a larger than typical turnout by our members. Fortunately, after a brief period of confusion, all worked out well, though we had to “keep it quiet”, so we wouldn’t disturb the CAP mission project---a challenge for our group. The CAP was not utilizing the classroom, so we met there. Additionally, Don Miller donated a full BBQ luncheon for the chapter, including all the “fixins” and drinks, prior to the meeting. In fact, he brought so much food we were able to feed several CAP folks who missed out on their lunch, which generated some goodwill for us. Thank you, Don, for your very generous support!

The official meeting began at 2 o’clock. Minutes of February’s meeting were approved as included

in this month’s newsletter. Secretary Gordon Knapp thanked Vice President Steve Reisser for taking those minutes in his absence, since he was attending the second Sun `n Fun Volunteer Chairmen’s Meeting in February as an emeritus member of the Sun `n Fun Board. Bud distributed a sign-in sheet for the Volunteer Kitchen and asked all who planned to work to complete their contact information. He then turned the balance of the meeting over to Rich Denton, just in from Sun `n Fun with the latest information about the fly-in and our credentials.

Rich covered highlights of the Volunteer Chairmen’s meeting, including the theme of this year’s event, “How May I Help You?” that all volunteers are to promote to fly-in guests. The main objective is for fly-in participants to have an enjoyable experience during their stay and it is up to all of us to do our best to help that happen. As a reminder, Rich distributed theme buttons to all chapter volunteers to wear throughout the fly-in. He

then explained the credential rules: how many volunteer hours have to be worked for free admission to the event, etc. Not only would we be working from a new location this year, utilizing the kitchen that is part of the Pavilion by the air museum, there were several other site changes to get used to, including a relocated Volunteer “Yellow” parking lot and some spaces reserved in the vendor parking lot for our handicapped members who needed close-in parking. Rich noted transportation from the parking lots to the Volunteer Kitchen will be provided and covered the details. Camping for volunteers would be available in the old ultra-light operations area. Rich had the camping paperwork. He also spoke about the importance of filling out individual Volunteer Worker service cards in order to receive credit for your hours, patches and service pins. Data on total volunteer activity helps Sun `n Fun in applying for various grants, too.

Rich went into some detail explaining the layout of the new

kitchen facility in the Pavilion, both pluses (indoor restrooms, air-conditioning) and minuses (location, tight quarters, no cooking facilities), noting that change is always disruptive and that a lot of planning has gone into this relocation. He and Bud have had several meetings with Sun 'n Fun management to iron out the kinks and Rich noted Sun 'n Fun has been responsive to our requests, though the new set-up will present some challenges due to limited space. He asked everyone to pitch in and give it their best effort as we work out the problems that are bound to arise. Rich also thanked all chapter members in advance for coming together in the best EAA spirit despite misgivings about the new set-up, which is temporary this year, with permanent plans yet to be determined. March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the first production day, with a modest number of 400-500 sandwiches predicted. Volume will ramp up fast from that point, so he urged members to come out and help, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Rich then distributed credentials,

individually, to members, beginning at 2:15 p.m.

The meeting was officially over at that point, with no program this month, but Rich remained to answer individual questions from members.

Submitted by

Gordon Knapp, Secretary

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## MUST READS

1. Bill Eickhoff, recently retired Chairman of the Board of the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In for 28 years, and officer and volunteer for many additional years, will be honored by the City of Lakeland at its City Commission meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Bill's wife, Suzy, who has also devoted many years to Sun 'n Fun as an active volunteer, especially the annual fall "Wings 'n Things" Scouting

and youth aviation weekend, will be recognized with Bill for their years of service. Both Bill and Suzy remain active volunteers. The fly-in and related activities, such as the World Aerobatic championship several years ago, have brought national and international attention to the Lakeland area, along with significant economic benefit.

2. All kinds of interesting aviation/other photos from the WWII era at: <http://pavel-kosenko.livejournal.com/303194.html?thread=22669914>
3. Anyone for a flying motor home! [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GwLZgX1cUA&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GwLZgX1cUA&feature=player_embedded)
4. Here is "U.S. might"! <http://gizmodo.com/5904242/this-is-what-70-fully-armed-f+15s-taxying-on-a-single-runway-look-like>
5. Check out this story on the RV-1: <http://www.wired.com/autopia/2012/0>

[3/predecessor-of-worlds-most-popular-diy-airplane-flies-again/](http://www.earthtechling.com/2012/03/runway-in-the-sky-lands-planes-downtown/)

6. For all you who aren't scared of heights and want a crosswind challenge:

<http://www.earthtechling.com/2012/03/runway-in-the-sky-lands-planes-downtown/>

7. Pilot Mall open Apr 28<sup>th</sup>!

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