

EAA Chapter 18 Minutes from January 28th 2025 Meeting

The January meeting was called to order by Vice President Tim Meyer at 7:30pm at Crites Field in Waukesha. We had 2 guests introduce themselves.

Program: Evan Piper presented the program via ZOOM. Evan who is an A&P and a flight instructor suffered a spinal cord injury during an engine out forced landing in Florida. He used CAD to design hand controls to operate the rudder pedals on his airplane. He obtained a STC and then installed them in a low wing Piper aircraft. He was able to return to flying. He then started a number of businesses to provide mobility access to cars, boats, homes and motor homes. Currently he is the Mayor of North Miami Beach Florida.

Building Reports: John Nate was working on the aileron hinge installation on the Defiant. Fred Keip was doing a major overhaul on the engine for his Wag Aero Cubby. He is waiting for warmer weather before attempting to break in the engine. Jim Rodrian reported installing a new ELT in his Defiant. He accidentally set it off twice. This triggered a call from the US Airforce. Jim also replaced the magnetos with Sure Fly ignition system. He can now taxi at 500rpm instead of the 1,000rpm when mags were used. Mark Matelski had open heart surgery. He is feeling fine but will be off of work for a few months. Mark said this will give him time to work on his Hatz Biplane project. Jeff Wisneski has removed the Aero Vee engine from his Wiaex aircraft and will install a Rotax 912. Jeff used CAD and a 3D Scanner to design and make new parts. He said they fit perfectly when installed on the airplane. He is now building an oven so he can cure his parts after powder coating.

Flying Reports: Vice President Tim Meyer has been promoted to the Commander of the Timmerman Civil Air Patrol. Congrats. No flying reports as it has been too cold and windy.

Ray Scholarship: Jonah Fayen reported he has completed the long cross country flight and night flying requirements. He is still waiting for better weather so he can do his solo cross country.

Announcements: Glen Botsford is accepting dues for the 2025 calendar year. The dues are still only \$10.

New Business: Our annual Project Patrol is starting to take shape. It will probably be a Saturday morning. No date or locations are set so far. The annual Chapter Spring Picnic will be at Burlington Airport in May. It will coincide with the Young Eagle Rally which will also be at Burlington Airport. Meisner Aircraft will furnish chicken and ribs. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Young Eagles: Cindy Robinson reports that she won the chili cook off at the Waukesha Winter Fest at Crites Field. The event was held on Saturday Jan. 18th. There was a large crowd and

chapter members brought a Mooney and a Cherokee for cockpit climbs. Next YE event will be at Burlington Airport in May. Events are being planned for Waukesha, East Troy, Capitol Drive and the 128th Air Refueling. No dates yet set but the events will run from 9am until 1pm.

Treasurer report: Glen Botsford gave the treasurer report. The report was approved.

VMC: Next VMC meeting on Tuesday Feb. 11th at Timmerman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Ceranski