

# EAA Chapter 391 - The Flying Tumbleweeds

## Richland, Washington

### May 2025 Chapter Meeting Minutes



Thursday, May 15, 2025, 7:00 PM, Ryan Risor's Hangar, 1865 Bronco Lane, Richland

Members in Attendance: Greg Anderson, Chris Bolkan, Craig Cooper, Jerry Cooper, Jeremy Dahl, Bill Dana, Edward Keenan, Greg Keyes, Steven Kirschenmar, Vassili Kobyltchak, Rick Laws, Earnie Lee, Marjy Leggett, Derek Marsh, Bonnie Molitor, Delmar Noyes, Brian Rodriguez, Tom Seim, Jerry Williams

#### Old Business

- Approval of minutes from the April meeting.
- Treasurer's report: Bill Dana reviewed the amount of funds in the checking account. The Taylorcraft N44481 sales proceeds have been added to the account.

#### Young Eagles - Bill Dana

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Free lunch provided for the volunteers!
- Our Young Eagles event is planned for Saturday, May 31st, at the Richland Airport (KRLD) at Sundance Aviation. Time is from 0800 to 1300.
- The Young Eagles event is our single biggest event of the year for our Chapter 391 (so far!). It is so important that we promote aviation interests and opportunities for our young people. As always, the number of volunteer pilots establishes how many kids we can fly. Bill Dana discussed volunteer responsibilities and start times.
- Bill distributed details of the plans at the meeting. Contact Bill for clarification of any issues!

#### Ninety-Nines Compass Rose Painting at KRLD

- The Ninety-Nines (International Organization of Women Pilots provides networking, mentoring, and flight scholarship opportunities for recreational and professional women pilots) which includes pilots Marjy Leggett and Bonnie Molitor are planning on painting a compass rose at the Richland Airport (KRLD) in a week on Saturday, May 24th, starting at 0800!
- **Please come and volunteer to help Marjy and Bonnie with the painting! Location will be in the vicinity of the restrooms at KRLD! It is possible donuts will appear due to divine intervention!**

#### Chapter Video Magazine

- Charlie Becker reviewed EAA operations for this year which includes:
  - Webinars.
  - Wright Flyer exhibit upgrades at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh.
  - Young Eagles and the Sporty's Learn to Fly Course.
  - Air Venture (July 21-27) which includes a visit by the Lockheed Connie aircraft.

## **VMC Club**

- VMC Club Question of the Month concerns additional items that can be discussed after the pre-flight checklist has completed when a passenger is present. Discussion includes reviewing operations if an emergency is encountered and proper passenger behavior.
- VMC Club Video dealt with practicing touch-and-go landings at a non-towered airport with several other airplanes and another airport enters the down-wind pattern very close on your left and does not acknowledge the radio announcements. Options are to perform an immediate 360 degree turn or to immediately exit the pattern.

## **IMC Club**

- IMC Club Question concerns airport instructions as the elevation to turn right once airborne from the runway for noise abatement. The answer is, it is the pilot's discretion at what elevation to make the right turn.
- IMC Club Video deals with taking off on an IFR flight plan in an older Mooney M-20 with recent maintenance operations. Once airborne, the oil pressure gauge registers below the recommended operating pressure. Recommendation is to immediately return to the airport to determine the root cause of the problem. Be ready to announce an in-flight emergency if the condition takes a turn for the worse!

## **Next Month**

- June Chapter Meeting: June 19, 2025.
- No EAA 391 Chapter meeting in July (Go to Oshkosh Instead!).
- August Chapter Meeting: Thursday August 21, 2025

Greg Keyes - Secretary - May 17, 2025