

EAA Chapter 406 Meeting minutes for June 9, 2021

Prior to the meeting, several members met at BACE for burgers, chips and soda.

President Joel Mapes started the meeting a little late due to Zoom difficulties.

Warren Hendrickson shared many details regarding upcoming airport actions, including:

Multi-purpose building/diner; bid irregularities caused a re-evaluation of submitted bids. The third least expensive proposal was eventually selected. The contractor has an established relationship with the port, but the budget will not allow inclusion of the proposed observation tower. If you find \$300k lying about, the tower could be included.

Extensive taxi way and apron work will begin next year. It WILL impact aircraft movements, so check NOTAMS before you fire up.

The maintenance crew is nearly back to pre-COVID numbers. They are busy burning grass and weeds in the tie down areas in preparation for the upcoming Bonanza & Mooney formation clinic. Why burn the weeds? No weed parts left to blow around and damage props.

The Puget Sound Regional Council Aviation Baseline Study has been released. <https://psrc.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c30caa9729e321c331db4a046&id=46c5a2db57&e=d09f1df8e7> Bremerton National is on the short list to become a hub for regional aircraft traffic. Read all about it from the link above.

June 30th is the expected date for re-opening Port facilities, however detailed guidance from the state is not yet forthcoming.

Susan Shaw made a plea for additional pilots for the July 17th Young Eagle Rally. The chapter will be using the EAA online YE registration system, so we need to know how many pilots will be supporting the event to accurately cap the number of young flyers. We don't want to disappoint kids who register by not having enough pilots to fly them.

The proposed pancake breakfast for the morning of the 17th, prior to the start of the YE rally needs volunteers. Contact the team at rainbirds406@gmail.com if you will be able to help out.

Isaac Stormer is living the dream. He recently purchased acreage near Chehalis and has access to a private 2100' runway. We look forward to a Rainbirds flock flight to his new digs.

Mike Friend provided an update to the Spark Solo project. He and Joel flew to Goheen airport near Battleground to inventory parts from a Pipistrel motor glider for use in the project. Mike also stated

that the Zero motorcycle based electric propulsion system is being completed in California and that he will be driving there soon to get trained in the details and bring it home to BACE.

The idea of using a Xenos-B motor glider kit as a known platform for testing the electric propulsion system is being explored. This approach would provide BACE with an 'RV' like build opportunity for youth engagement and result in a two place electric aircraft. Battery powered YE flights could be in our future. If you are interested in financially supporting a Xenos motor glider build, contact us at rainbirds406@gmail.com

Harry Anderson provided an update on his around the world solo sailing adventure and also shared his plans to follow by air the cattle drive trail from Texas to Montana. You can read more about the fascinating history of these impressive cattle drives at <https://www.brushnewstribune.com/2015/07/14/cattle-drives-on-the-texas-montana-trail/>

We welcomed visitors and enjoyed a brief QA session. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55