

EAA Chapter 406 Zoom Meeting Wednesday March 10, 2021

19 folks attended this meeting.

Joel Mapes, President, called the meeting to order @ 1900 and welcomed all.

Jeff Varaday, Treasurer, gave the chapter financial status: savings \$6100.37, checking \$418.08

### **Student Pilots**

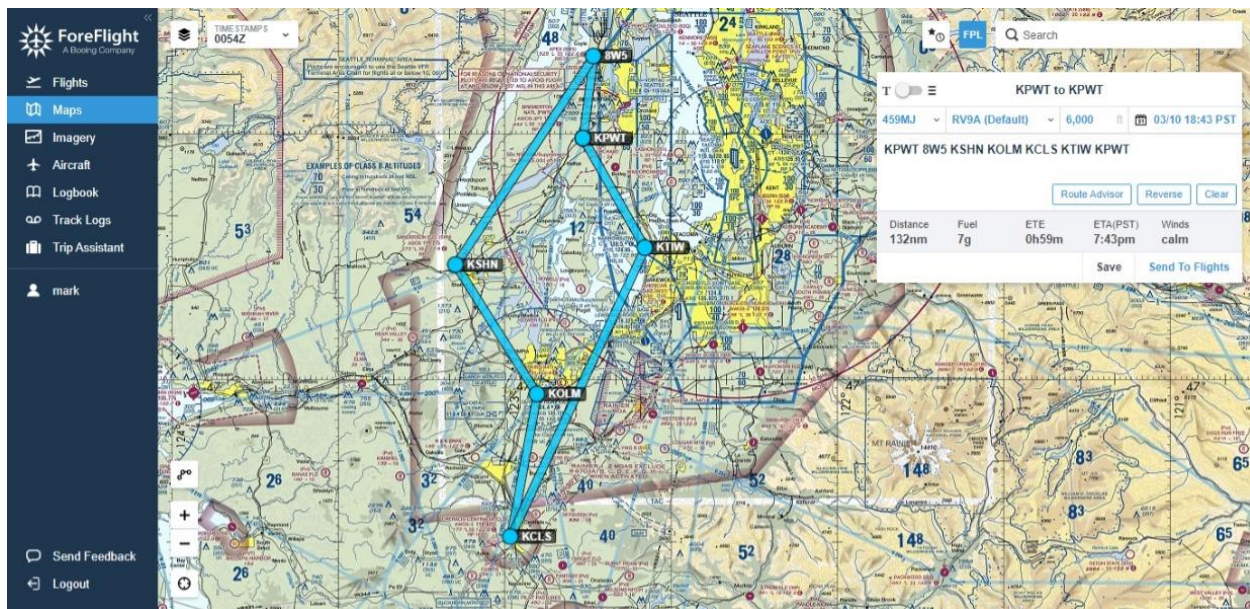
A check in with our student pilots: Julia has completed her long cross country and is hoping for her check ride soon. She is still working on it. Daniel has taken his written test but missed passing by 2%. He is working on retaking it and has lined up more flight hours to get to his goal. Joel offers the knowledge of all EAA members to help mentor and assist Daniel to help get passed the test. And Samantha is still working on her flight time and is pushing forward. She was challenged by changing instructors.

Our chapter is planning an event this April. A poker run for a way to get together in a safe way. Details are still to be worked out, but the following is what we have in mind:

### 2021 EAA Chapter 406 POKER RUN for the scholarship fund

1. Airports: Bremerton KPWT, Apex 8WS, Shelton KSHN, Olympia KOLM, Chehalis KCLS, Tacoma Narrows KTIW, and return. If this route were flown a total of 132 nm.
2. When: Schedule for Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, with a rain delay day of Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. Where: Start at any airport you like. Pick up a card (in an envelope) at a designated area at each airport. Hopefully plan on finishing @ Bremerton for a get together.
4. Fly to as many of these airports as you like. You do not need to fly to all of them, but you may. Collect a card at each airport you land at.
5. Take the best 5 cards of those you collect, that is your "hand".
6. Best hand wins the prize. (What is the prize...any suggestions?)
7. Annie up to play. Suggest a minimum contribution of \$10 to play (additional donations accepted and appreciated). All proceeds to the scholarship fund...or?
8. Can we have a burger burn, or a socially distanced get together at a hanger @ Bremerton in the afternoon to collect people's "hands" and toast a winner?

This can be as socially distanced event as the covid conditions dictate. Hopefully, it will allow us to get together in a safe way and look to doing more social events this spring/summer.



We will be looking for a few volunteers to help get the cards to the appropriate places at the airports. And checking with Warren Hendrickson it looks like we could gather afterwards with a doors open BACE and meeting outside for a BBQ and hanger talk. So, we would need volunteers for that. So keep the date open and look for more information posted on our website upcoming.

### Port Update

Warren let us know how successful the auction of the old signage and lights from the light renewal project went. Many thanks to all who bid on items but in particular to Doug Haughton and BPA members that assisted. The total proceeds of over \$11,250 will all go the BPA scholarship fund, so that will allow at least 3 potential future pilots. And the port saved money and did not add to the land fill. A win-win!

The new building project for the multiuse hanger/restaurant is out to bid at the end of this month. Hopefully, construction to start in mid to late May. He notes that the fire department will be training on the old building. He said if we are lucky perhaps this time next year, we will have the new facility up and running.

Good news on the just passed covid stimulus package which will allow more funding for airport infrastructure projects.

And finally, the port will provide all materials for EAA/CAP volunteers for repainting and sprucing up BACE. There is some drainage work that needs to be done by the port, but Warren said that he expects additional employees to come on board so as to be at full strength, so these and other projects at the port will get attention.

## **Oshkosh**

Joel mentioned that Oshkosh 2021 will see him attending via land vehicle (not flying in) and that there are opportunities to get preferred camping sites for Chapter members. If you are interested, please contact Joel.

## **Airplane Videos**

Folks were asked to submit videos of their planes in action for a presentation at the meeting tonight. Mark Donahue, Andy Graham, Art Tiller and Joel Mapes sent in videos and we all enjoyed watching them. Andy then posted a survey for us to vote on our favorite, and President Joel won! There were 3 nice videos...very impressive. Mark really needs to up his game to get into contention for the next time.

## **Vice President Andy Graham's evening presentation**

Andy made a highly informative and well-presented program of survival and rescue based upon his 20 plus years with Olympic Mountain Rescue. He mentioned that he estimates that they respond to aircraft crash rescues every other year.

His presentation discussed survival gear, how to survive a crash, first aid, what it recommended to bring with you in the aircraft when on cross country trips. Thoughts on how to stay safe, stay with the airplane and how to make shelter and call for help. There is a lot of great information and I believe he will post the program to the EAA 406 web site for those unable to attend the meeting. Thanks Andy!

## **Spark Solo!**

Mike Friend said that there was a recent magazine article about this project in **Soaring** magazine. I think that as a result there were leads for wings and other bits for jump starting the project. Good news with more info to come. Mike also mentioned that there is progress in the collaboration with **CAFÉ**. More information as it develops.

## **Fly-in and Car show**

The port and BPA are planning on this annual event to come off this Labor Day weekend, assuming the covid guidelines will allow. Fingers crossed.

## **Harry Anderson and his talk about his multi continent flying adventures**

Harry has offered again to give his presentation when we can all meet back in person. Harry was lined up last year, but you all know what happened. We look forward to the time we can meet again, perhaps in May. Stay tuned.

Do not forget the **VMC meetings** (on Zoom) the 1st Saturday in April @ 11 am, following the IMC group meeting. Good for wings credit and **Art Tiller** does a great job.

Joel called the meeting adjourned @ 20:40. See you next month.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** is scheduled for the next chapter meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Donahue, Secretary.