

EAA Chapter 406 meeting January 12, 2022, held via Zoom meeting.

There were 17 souls in attendance.

Joel Mapes, President, called the meeting to order @ 19:00 and welcomed all.

New aircraft in the chapter: Mike Friend just purchased a beautiful RV 8. He described his inaugural flight as awesome. He loves the plane and the feel of the controls and its speed. He is working his way through a learning curve and will have tweaks to be made. Welcome to experimental aircraft!

Treasurer Jeff Varaday could not make the meeting; however, **Joel** tells us that we are solvent, and finances are OK. He encourages folks to join and pay their dues. You can pay your dues on our EAA Chapter 406 website that accepts Pay Pal. He mentions that EAA headquarters has raised the mothership dues from \$40 to \$48 (the first time it has been increased in years) and reminds members that in order to be chapter members we must be a member of the national organization.

He also expressed thanks and appreciation for recent contributions from members for the new Exnos build. **Mike Friend** forecasts a June 16, 2023 first flight.

Morgan Thomas, our recent **Ray Scholarship** recipient gave an update on his training. He is pre-solo and hopes for 4 more lessons before he will be able to solo. Weather permitting at this time of year. So far, so good. Keep up the good work Morgan.

What are members are up to: With a respite in the weather last Sunday saw **Rebecca Graham** described a nice flight in their new aircraft to Sequim then to the coast to Hoquiam area. **Mike Hersey** was flying that day and said he thought that there were 10 aircraft in the pattern. Looks like some pent-up demand for flying.

We were going to have **Harry Anderson** give a presentation of one of his outstanding long distance solo flights, but due to covid and the zoom format that presentation is postponed until our March meeting which, hopefully will be in person. Mark your calendar for that meeting, it will surely be interesting.

In the meantime **Harry** is working on his next adventure which, of course, is to replicate his 7 continent flying solo saga with a similar but different trip in a Allures 40.9 French built sailboat. The boat, newly constructed, will be shipped to Baltimore where **Harry** will attend its special outfitting to suit such a trip. He hopes to be able to start the first leg from the East Coast to the Azores in May. He expects this to be a two-year venture. Hopefully he will report back at the completion of each leg so we can follow the adventure.

Mike Friend, never one to let retirement slow him down, has taken a position on the Technical Advisory Board with **Zeroavia**, a company that is developing hydrogen powered aircraft. Mike showed a Toyota video that describes the features of hydrogen powered vehicles and explained the rational and reasoning for the case for hydrogen powered aircraft. Very interesting!

Our next meeting will be February 9th, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Donahue, secretary

