

EAA Chapter 406 in person meeting @ The Port Conference Room, Wednesday November 10th, 2021, with potluck dinner.

There were 27souls in attendance.

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

Treasurer Jeff Varady reported that the chapter has \$3799.41 in checking and \$1316.39 in savings. Jeff reminds us to renew our membership dues. Dues are now \$40 per year per individual. At present 271.48 in dues have been collected.

We have guests tonight: Heather Bischoff and her two daughters: Elsa and Tera. They are interested in the Xenos new build project.

Also attending is our new **Ray Scholarship** awardee, Morgan Thomas. Doug Haughton said a few words in praise of Morgan, who he affectionately calls "Captain." Doug has known Morgan since he was born and feels that he has what it takes to become a pilot. So high hopes and expectations for Captain Morgan's success. Doug signed Morgan up with Avian to get his training started this January. And, to help mentor Morgan, young CFI **Adrian Hurley**, who instructs at Avian, will assist. I think with that kind of help and support Morgan will do well.

Doug also noted that there is a lot of effort and support around the **BPA scholarship program**. Assisted by Kevin Hurley and others, that program awards ten flight school scholarships per year of \$3500 each to worthy youth. Morgan would have received one of these scholarships had he not been awarded the \$10,000 Ray scholarship from EAA and EAA Chapter 406.

Also, to be noted is that we have **several contributors to the chapter's Xenos build project**. We encourage those that can, to contribute. You can do that by checking our website for the address in which to send a check, or use the PayPal Donate button on our website. Let Jeff Varady know that you have sent the check so he can be sure to keep an eye out. There has been some misdelivered mail of late.

Project Reports: Our president **Joel Mapes** discussed the efforts to get his ADSB working satisfactorily. It involved replacing the transponder and installing a new encoder source. Joel's comment was, "if it doesn't work, just change out enough equipment until it does." It works now.

George Steed reported on the interior refurbishment of his Bonanza. This included a complex story about how many cowhides it takes to redo the seats and panels in the plane, and how the prior material would never have passed an FAA flame test. George praised the upholstery work done by Tony, a local craftsman. And of course, how the lovely Mrs. Steed appreciates it. Excellent job George, we are all looking forward to seeing the final product.

Mike Friend is in Florida flying a Sea Ray and getting current with his sea plane rating.

Tonight's program was a presentation by the **famous Mr. George Steed, A&P**, retired teacher and former lead of student builds of aluminum airplanes in the schools over a 10-year period. George gathered all of the attendees that were under 20 years old and demonstrated how to work with aluminum. From how to remove the protective plastic covering, to the filing and smoothing of the edges (and how to do a lick test to prove it is smooth). And then how to hold pieces together with cleco

clamps, mark, drill, cleco, disassemble and deburr. All in preparation for riveting. In the amusing and engaging way that only George can pull off, he holds the attention of the youth around him, as well as all the other grey beards in the room, explaining the process so that it is understood. This training is to prime the folks who will start working on the actual Xenos motor glider build. George will be one of the mentors on the build and emphasizes the need for practice and reading and understanding the plans. The project is scheduled to start on December 11th. For those interested in participating, please contact Joel or Mike Friend and look to the website for more information.

To add to the information on the Xenos build, a part of a You Tube video was shown to inform how much help and information is available online. This should allow folks to review certain steps in the process prior to coming to a build session. Here is a link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9XCIXqHS1Q&t=985s>

Flying Start: EAA chapter 406 will host a Flying Start event on December 11th from 9am to noon. This program is designed for adults, and as a complement to, the Young Eagles events that have been taking place during the last years.

Directly from EAA Headquarters:

Flying Start

EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome and encourage new aviation enthusiasts to the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation.

The program consists of an EAA-prepared PowerPoint presentation and video that provide the attendees with information about learning to fly. The hosting chapter can customize this experience with information about their local chapter and flight training resources. The presentation is capped off with an EAA Eagle Flight for each attendee.

The goal of the Flying Start program is to provide interested adults a pathway to flight training and involvement with their local EAA chapter.

Our own EAA 406 member **Adrian Hurley** will be the CFI to help with the presentation. If you know of interested folks that might be interested have them visit our web site.

The next meeting will be in the conference room at the Port Office building (same place) on December 8th. It will be a potluck at 6:15 before the meeting which starts @ 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Donahue,

EAA 406 secretary