

EAA Chapter 406 meeting March 9, 2022 held in person at the Port conference room

There were approximately 34 souls in attendance.

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

A treasurer report will be forthcoming. **Jeff Varaday** did not have his information available at the time. At present there are 32 members with dues paid for the year.

Ray Scholarship awardee **Morgan Thomas** reports that he is progressing with his flight training. He is waiting for weather and a check ride before his first solo which should happen quite soon.

**Joel** gave 2021 EAA Chapter Service Awards to **Andy and Rebecca Graham, Jeff Varaday, Susan Shaw, George Steed and Mark Donahue**. Note that **Joel**, being so humble, did not award himself an award. That needs to be rectified.

**Doug Haughton** gave a brief update on future events: there are 4 planning meetings for the upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Valve Cover Race". For more information contact **Doug** ([haughtondoug@gmail.com](mailto:haughtondoug@gmail.com)). He notes that the new building you see going up as you come into the airport will have a restaurant called "**Amelia's Hanger**" with a renowned restaurateur set to operate it. It might be possible to get that \$100 hamburger without having to fly anywhere, should the weather dictate. There will be the "**Formation Clinic**" this June, and a famous **Elvis** impersonator performing at the **December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday party** at the airport. More details to follow as we get closer to the event. Doug expects 150 people to attend, and notices will be sent out. And finally, **Doug** reports that BPA has recently awarded 3 more scholarships to 3 young women, and hopes to award a total of 10 scholarships this year. Many thanks to those on the selection committee, and to those donors that make this possible. These are \$3500 scholarships that give a great boost to help with the cost of getting a license.

**Joel** reminds us of the Young Eagle Event scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> where we expect up to 200 kids. For potential volunteers and pilots, make sure you are up to date on the youth protection protocols and on line training available on the EAA headquarters website. **Trish Williams** is our new Young Eagle coordinator.

**Mike Friend** reports that the Xenos project propulsion system was at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show in Puyallup this year. He said that the CEO of Dynon visited the booth and expressed interest in developing an appropriate panel for the electric powered plane. **Mike and Joel** expressed the opportunity for interested youth to get involved with the building of the new plane. Build schedule is Wednesday afternoon 4 to 6 pm, and Saturday 10- 12 am at the BACE building.

The featured speaker at this meeting was **Harry Anderson** discussing his **2019 Solo Flight around the World – Westbound**.

**Harry** made this flight, departing the home field of Bremerton airport, in late May for a trip that spanned 3 months in his **2001 Lancair Columbia 300**. This is his plane that he had, in 2017, made a prior trip around the round the world Eastbound. He had made a few modifications to the plane to make it capable, including installing a ferry tank for fuel, avionics upgrade, TKS deicing and a ham radio. He notes that he filed and flew almost entirely IFR.

A wonderful slide show of the area traveled, both from the air and, on side trips and on the ground. Too much to try to capture in these minutes. I recommend buying his book "**Flying 7 Continents Solo**", which describes his earlier eastbound trip, for a flavor of what we were able to enjoy at the meeting.

Just to mention, and to give an idea of the scope, he flew from and to the following airports:

Depart KPWT, Bremerton, USA, Sitka, Alaska, USA, Anchorage, Alaska, USA, Nome, Alaska, Anadyr, Russia, Magada, Russia, Yuzhno, Sakhalinsk, Russia, Chitose, Japan, Kitakyushu, Japan, Yantai, China (looking for the Silk Road), Hohhot, China (where he described his flat tire adventure), Ulan-Ude, Russia, Krasnoyarsk, Russia, Almaty, Kazakhstan, Boraloay, Kazakhstan, Skymkent, Kazakhstan, Atyrau, Kazakhstan, Krasnodar, Russia, Istanbul (Cerlu), Turkey, Sofia, Bulgaria, Bucharest, Romania, Bratislava, Slovakia, Rotterdam, NL, Coventry, England, Cork, Ireland, Inverness, Scotland, Reykjavik, Iceland, Iqaluit, Canada, Gimli, Canada, Grand Forks, ND, USA, Boseman MT, USA and finally back to home base Bremerton!

Reminds me of the Johnny Cash song "*I've been everywhere, man*"...

33 legs, 91 days, 121.4 flight hours and average speed over the ground: 149.8 knots.

**Pretty impressive!**

For more related information **Harry** recommends checking out [www.earthrounders.com](http://www.earthrounders.com).

So, if that's not enough **Harry's** next adventure is sailing solo to all 7 continents in a new boat he is having delivered to Annapolis, Maryland. The Allures 40.9, a 41-foot all-aluminum cutter rigged sloop, built in France will be his new ride. This trip will take place over a 2-year period (rather than three months in the plane) and he hopes to depart east to the Azores this summer. If you would like to follow along, Harry has his web site: [www.phywave.com](http://www.phywave.com).

I impertinently asked **Harry** his age at the end of his presentation and he replied, with a sly smile, that he turned 72 years this March.

After questions from the audience, Joel adjourned the meeting at 21:00.

Our next meeting will be April 13th, 2022 in person at the Port conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mark Donahue**, secretary