

EAA Chapter 406 in person meeting @ BACE, Wednesday August 11, 2021, with potluck dinner.

There were 12 souls in attendance.

Joel Mapes, President, called the meeting to order @ 19:10 and welcomed all.

We welcomed two visitors: Steve, who flew his RV 4 before selling it, and Marc, originally from France, who is interested in airplanes and is joining our group. Welcome to you both!

An update from Mike Friend: Mike and Joel attended Oshkosh this year and Mike purchased the empennage kit for the Xenos motor glider kit from Sonex, as he had threatened to do at our last meeting. It was felt that this kit would more directly allow youth to get involved in the building process than the more experimental project (Spark Solo), that would require more thought and design than compared to building from an established kit with good documentation. That kit should arrive at BACE in about 12 weeks.

Mike also had conversations with Jim Ruttler (who built a RV 10 and has a hanger at our airport), and Jim said that there are two teachers on Bainbridge Island that have some youth that would be interested in participating in the build of the new glider. That, and a construction captain, yet un-named (but George Steed's name was mentioned) would get the project started.

Mike paid for the empennage, sharing the cost with Joel Mapes. Mike also had encouraging discussion with other chapter members about contributing to the effort. It was asked that a fund raising budget be presented with the goal to meet for others to consider adding to the project.

Joel on updates: The Port will be making grading changes to facilitate drainage around the BACE building. We will be looking for volunteers to prep and paint the exterior of the building when the time comes. The port will provide the paint EAA 406 will provide the labor. Joel will send out an announcement when we need help.

Oshkosh 2021 Joel and Mike Friend attended Oshkosh this year. Joel provided a slide show and video of some of the highlights. Joel drove to the event and made stops at some of the EAA chapters along the way. Some nice pictures of chapter facilities.

More than 10,000 aircraft and 608,000 people attended OSH this year. The usual thunderstorms made their arrival. Lots of photos of planes, seaplanes, blimps, military aircraft, aerobatic displays, STOL aircraft showing their stuff, and balloons too. If you have never been to OSH, you have to go...it's too much to take in in one visit, which may explain why so many go year after year. Its great to have the show back after missing last year.

Andy and Rebecca Graham's new airplane: The Graham's purchased an Aeroprakt A-32 , which is now in Arkansas. This plane has a 100 HP Rotax 912 UL engine. It can cruise at 120 mph and has a 31 mph stall speed. It carries 30 gallons of fuel, so they can make decent cross countries. They went back for some flight training in the plane and are now waiting for the ferry pilot to deliver the plane to KPWT, perhaps as early as this Sunday. Look for a new, orange plane on the field. And, if you are interested, they have a Zenith 750 for sale.

West Sound Pilots Association is having a pancake breakfast at Olympia airport this coming Saturday. Jim Posner welcomes all to attend.

Doug Haughton, president of Bremerton Pilots Association announced that they have recently awarded two \$3500 scholarships to future pilots. BPA's goal is to award a total of 10 such scholarships this year. Doug spoke very highly of the recipients of the scholarships, explaining the high caliber of applicants.

Mark Donahue reported on the successful Young Eagle Rally recently held at KPWT. Some 6 pilots and planes provided introductory rides to some 30 odd youth. After a wait for the ceilings to lift, it was a nice day for flying. **Thanks to Susan Shaw** for organizing the event and for her thankful work getting kids into the air. **The Young Eagle's coordinator position is a big and time-consuming job and we all want to recognize Susan for her enthusiasm and efforts. So much appreciated!**

Next Month's meeting: We want to have Terence discuss the flight simulator and what he suggests for going into the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 8th @ BACE.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Donahue,

EAA 406 secretary