

EAA, Chapter 565  
General Membership Meeting  
December 6, 2023

Call to Order: 7:04 pm    Adjourn: 7:55 pm    Attendance: ~26

The meeting was called to order by President Larry McClure immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry asked if there were any visitors present and two were identified. John Pace is an EAA member visiting the area from Atlanta. Another individual named Earl advised that he is interested in learning to fly.

Secretary/treasurer Scott Ford advised that there is just over \$18K in the chapter checking account.

Scott Sorensen advised that airshow pictures have been posted to the chapter web site and holiday party pictures should be posted shortly.

Dick Solar provided a safety discussion on alternators. Many pilots don't notice an alternator failure until displays start to fail and/or radios go dead. If your aircraft has an electronic ignition system an alternator failure can be a much more serious event. Once a failure is identified remember to shed load on the battery and don't assume electrical systems like gear and flaps will be available later in the flight. Recommend preflighting the alternator to include belt condition if equipped and visual condition of electrical connectors. Some pilots with belt equipped alternators even fix a spare belt to the engine aft of the propeller so that if the primary belt fails you can quickly replace the belt with the spare without having to remove the propeller. Handheld radios, cell phones, and tablets provide additional backups in the event of an alternator failure.

Larry McClure advised the membership of the following items:

- Currently planning for our chapter to host a FAA FFAST program on airport communications. Dick and Larry are currently planning the event which is tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2024 at 9:00.
- Pancakes this Saturday 12/9 8:00-10:30
- Next meeting January 3.
- Pancakes also January 13.
- Member dinner January 20.
- November 2025 currently anticipating the Blue Angels.