

EAA, Chapter 565
General Membership Meeting
March 1, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Adjourn: 8:00 pm

Attendance: ~46

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Larry McClure immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Two guests were introduced to the membership. Steve McGerdi (sp?) from chapter 1414 in Poplar Grove, IL and Kevin Chaffee.

Larry McClure introduced Gary Duncan who is the current COO of the Punta Gorda Airport. Our chapter Board of Directors had just made Mr. Duncan an honorary member of our chapter. Mr. Duncan then provided the membership with an update on the state of the airport.

Gary Duncan

- 2022 was the best year ever for the airport with over 1.8M passengers.
- Currently starting to select a designer to expand the terminal. Estimated value of the expansion is approximately \$40M.
- Design is done on a new inline baggage system to improve TSA and baggage handling. Estimated value of new system is approximately \$25M.
- Expect to move self-serve fuel to the Air Center sometime in the summer. Eventually they plan to have a second self-serve location on the north ramp.
- Expect to have taxiway Golf finished by the airshow.
- All 10 of the planned 60X60 hangars are leased.
- There are an additional 24 T-hangars under construction in the 600 area.
- There are 9 planned 50X50 hangars and 6 more 60X60 hangars coming.
- Runway 04/22 is almost done.
- Runway 09/27 overlay is done.
- Taxiway Delta behind the terminal is in process.
- The planned restaurant at the Air Center is held up in permitting.

Larry McClure introduced Ani Taddeo (sp?) from the Commemorative Air Force (CAF). Ani spoke a few moments about the unique opportunity to view a piece of history at our airport with the only still flying B-24, Diamond Lil, owned by the CAF. Several other aircraft are also here and offering tours and rides.

David Krug noted that we are evaluating floor cleaning products.

Larry McClure noted the prior month's minutes had been posted on the web site and hearing no objections approved the February minutes as posted.

Dick Solar – Best Practices

- May want to consider doing your runup close to the hold short line as to not hold up traffic.
- On initial call to tower or ground consider giving the entire call rather than waiting for them to acknowledge before relaying your info.
- Don't change frequencies until they tell you to.
- If you say you are going to "land long" then do it.
- If ATC asks you a question, make a decision and answer the question.

- When coming in to an uncontrolled airport, don't say "anyone in the pattern."
- Long straight in approaches do not have the right of way. A straight in approach is considered anything aligned with the runway heading but further away than a normal base to final turn.
- Make sure you leave the hold short area so other traffic can land.
- In general, you should be looking outside the airplane 90% of the time and only looking inside 10% of the time.

Larry McClure

- We plan to have the mower repaired rather than incur the expense of a new one.
- Larry reminded everyone that this month the Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for 3/11 and the Member Dinner is scheduled for 3/18. The Member Dinner is currently planned to be a chili cookoff with charge for the dinner of only \$10 per person. Anyone participating in the limited number of cookoff contestants is not required to pay the \$10 charge.

Kathy Futch noted that Capt. Dennis Kirk was dealing with health issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by President Larry McClure.