

EAA, Chapter 565
General Membership Meeting
May 3, 2023

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Adjourn: 7:40 pm

Attendance: ~27

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Larry McClure immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry McClure

- Larry noted that several members are helping Bruce update the panel in his RV7A and Bruce reported that while the installation is not complete, they have recently powered it up.
- Many thanks to the team of volunteers who continue to make our Pancake Breakfasts a success. We currently plan to suspend Pancake Breakfasts after the May 13 breakfast and do not currently plan to resume until the second Saturday in September. However, if any members would like to volunteer to keep the event running through the summer, please let someone on the Board know.
- No Membership Meeting planned for July 5 but we will resume in August.
- Reminder, we have Saturday morning coffee at the facility each Saturday from 8:00 until about 10:00.
- Discussed the newly stripped and waxed floor. Thanks to Dave Krug for coordinating this effort. The floor looks great. Dave requested that members try to remember to use the new floor mats to help protect the floors.
- Larry noted that he had purchased a new vacuum cleaner for the chapter.
- The Board has been working for several months now to update our Bylaws to be consistent with the current template provided by EAA HQ. We will post our current proposed revisions on our chapter web site and plan to have a vote at our next Membership Meeting which is currently planned to be June 7. We will need at least 25 members present to have a vote. Proxys and votes by email will be accepted from qualified members. If you have any comments or recommended changes to the proposed Bylaws, please contact Larry McClure or Scott Ford.

Scott Ford noted that the chapter is having a normal year financially in that we typically operate at a deficit until the fourth quarter when dues are collected.

Jim Kaletta reported that Twin Isles Country Club will provide prime rib for the Year End Holiday Celebration at the same price, \$35/meal.

Dick Solar – Safety Talk

- Dick noted that from the limited information currently available, last month's accident at the Venice airport appears to be similar to the accident from a few months ago. Pilots are reminded of the significant potential for spatial disorientation when taking off at night with an immediate loss of horizon due to weather or lack of appropriate ground lights to establish a true horizon reference.
- The FAA has established a new program for small certified aircraft produced before 1980. The program is called VARMA and, under certain circumstances, it allows the use of appropriate off-the-shelf parts to be used on these aircraft provided the parts not be critical to safe flight should the off-the-shelf part fail. It appears the program will still require a 337 and some sort of FAA field approval

but if you own or are maintaining such an aircraft you may want to research and become familiar with the details of this new program and the maintenance options that are now allowed by the FAA.

- Last month Dick talked about takeoffs. This month he talked about landings. First, Dick highly recommended IFR Magazine for those who do choose to fly IFR.
 - A good approach speed is critical to a good landing. For many light aircraft, 1.3 times V_{so} at your current weight and configuration is a good approach speed. Remember that your POH may establish V_{so} at gross weight. Since we often are landing at a weight below gross weight you may want to utilize an approach speed slightly lower than the POH but typically not higher unless other conditions dictate a higher approach speed.
 - One article suggests that 60% of landing accidents have at least a contributing factor of being too fast. Another study suggests that 38% of landing accidents are considered high energy landings. Only 4% of landing accidents are considered too slow.
 - Remember that a 10% increase in landing speed equals a 20% increase in landing distance.

Larry McClure – New Business

- Kathy Futch presented a nice picture of their amphibious seaplane and Larry accepted the picture with plans to have the chapter have it framed.
- Congratulations to Steve Smith who just got a job as a pilot for Spirit Airlines.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 by President Larry McClure.