

EAA Chapter 565
General Meeting
March, 2021

President Larry McClure opened the meeting at 7:03 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest and new member Jim Coonan introduced himself. Jim has built 3 aircraft and is currently working on a light sport "Panther". He also teaches a class in Windsor chair making.

Larry McClure handed out EAA awards for service to: Bob Mauti, Brad Gamblin, Ken Hill, and Scott Sorenson for serving as officers over the past year.

Larry discussed the potential need for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be kept at the chapter building. Having such a device can mean a life saved in the event of a heart attack. The cost is in the \$1000 range and requires no or minimal training to use. We will have experts present the benefits of having an AED accessible at the next meeting.

April promises to be an active month for our chapter. The national EAA has scheduled the B17 to visit PGD on April 9th to the 11th. We will need several volunteers to assist with this activity.

Also, we will resume our Pancake Breakfasts on April 10th to coincide with the B17 visit. Then on April 17th, we will have our dearly missed pitch-in dinners, starting slowly with burgers grilled to perfection.

Vice-President Chris Hallinan presented a review of the National EAA activities coming up this year, not the least of which will be AirVenture. There will be a "Learn to Fly" day on May 15th. Active participants can get a week long pass to AirVenture. In June, the EAA sponsors a Young Eagles Day, and, of course, Sun n Fun is scheduled for April 13th to 18th.

Ron Mallard is looking for a volunteer to restore model aircraft. Please contact him for more information.

The February meeting minutes were approved and Treasurer, Colleen Wright, reports we are consolidating banks to minimize paperwork.

Ron Mallard reported on the airport expansion. The new FBO is scheduled for completion late this year with new terminal and restaurant and self-serve fuel. There will be new hangers:

Ten- 60 x 60 hangers

Five- 50 x 50 Box hangers

24- tee hangers

One- 100 x 100 transient hanger

Taxiway E will be widened and extended to runway 27.

Runway 4-22 is expected to close in January of 2022 for 10 months to redo the base and paving. Finally, parking for an additional 1000 long-term spots is under construction, with expected completion by March, 2021.