

EAA, Chapter 565
General Membership Meeting
April 5, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Adjourn: 7:55 pm

Attendance: ~48

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

Larry McClure

- New member Sonny Thurman and his dog were introduced to the membership.
- Reminder, we have Saturday morning coffee at the facility each Saturday from 8:00 until about 10:00.
- March's Pancake Breakfast was very successful.
- Chili cookoff Membership Dinner was successful but for several reasons we were over crowded. We will be forced to limit future dinners to ~50 people. Membership Dinner for May 20th is currently planned to be brisket.
- Larry gave plaudits to Vice President David Krug for his significant commitment of time to the organization. Dave's efforts have been instrumental to the successful and smooth operation of the chapter.
- Previous member Dennis Kirk continues with health issues.
- The 200 hangars are expected to be closed for about a week in May due to airport construction.
- 24 new T-hangars are expected to be open just west of the new FBO by the end of July.

David Krug noted that we are getting estimates to have the floors professionally striped, polished, and sealed. We are estimating approximately \$1,000 for this expense.

Scott Ford presented the Treasurer's report for the first quarter. Scott advised that we have a current Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Inventory Record. He advised that for the first quarter our income was within \$50 of our operating expenses. Larry McClure also advised that during the first quarter we incurred expenses for refurbishment of the lawn mower, a cover for the grill, and some commercial grade trash can covers for the kitchen area.

Jim Kaletta advised that the Twin Isles Country Club has been secured for our holiday season party. This is the same venue as last year. The current schedule is December 5 with cocktails at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00.

Scott Sorenson advised that our chapter web site is current and that we have repaired Chapter Archive Book #1 that had been damaged during the hurricane.

Dick Solar – Takeoffs

- Recommend immediately prior to taking the runway that you double check fuel on, mixture rich, trim set, and winds.
- Be prepared for left turning tendencies produced by torque, spiraling slipstream, and P-factor.
- A good T/O speed for many aircraft is VY.
- FAA recommends not turning crosswind until 700' agl so you can be at pattern altitude by downwind.
- Takeoffs are optional. Landings are mandatory.

Larry McClure

- April's Pancake Breakfast is currently planned to occur in three days on April 8 starting at 8:00.
- There is a sign-up sheet for a tour of the new emergency aircraft crash training facility over off Airport Road. The tour is scheduled for 11:00 on 4/12 and is being coordinated by Larry Lipple the Airport Firehouse Chief.
- April's Membership Dinner is currently planned for Saturday 4/15 with Brisket planned for the main course. A sign-up sheet is going around.
- The next Membership Meeting is Wednesday 5/3 at 7:00 with the Board Meeting prior at 6:30.

- The Ninety- Nines is an international organization of women pilots and the local chapter is requesting sponsors for approximately \$1,500 to cover costs to establish a new compass rose on the Punta Gorda Airport.

Bob Tridle advised he is selling his current aircraft and is interested in subletting his hangar in the 600's for some period of time.

Ani Taddeo (sp?) from the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) extended their thanks to numerous of our chapter members who assisted with the recent CAF aircraft that visited the Punta Gorda Airport.

Larry McClure advised that we are currently not planning to have a membership meeting in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 by President Larry McClure.