

# **EAA Chapter 565**

## **General Membership Meeting**

### **October 2, 2024**

Attendees - 16 Members, no guests

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President McClure with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry welcomed those that have returned to the area from up north.

Larry also reported that Member Dennis Kirk had just moved into his house after repairs were finally completed due to flooding from Hurricane Ian, and a few days after they moved back in it was a flooded again due to Hurricane Helene. Larry also met with member Doug Williams and he reports that Doug is not in good shape health wise.

Larry pointed out the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that's located on the north wall and gave an overview of its operation. He also went over the operation of the Life Vac anti choking device that is located in the same box as the AED.

Treasurer Hill reported that the Chapter is in good financial shape, essentially breaking even for the month of September (income of \$1068.00 and expenses \$1090.68 for a net loss of \$22.68) and we have \$16,186.33 in the bank account.

President McClure reported on the Florida International Airshow that will take place at KPGD on November 2 & 3. We have been informed that the airshow head of volunteers is no longer interested in our Chapter providing a volunteer pool at the EAA building during the airshow to respond to volunteer needs when and where needed. They want to handle all of the volunteer activities directly. It's unfortunate, because Chapter 565 has been doing this for years, and it has worked very well. There is new leadership at the airshow - and they are not interested in having us participate in this manner going forward. To that end, if you would like to volunteer to work the airshow you must go to the Florida International Airshow website (<https://floridaairshow.com>) and click on "volunteer." The Chapter will have the EAA 565 building open from 8am-4pm each of the two days for EAA members to congregate, socialize, and watch the show. The Chapter will provide coffee, donuts, and sandwiches for those that stop by.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 3 at the Twin Isles Country Club. This is the same location as last year, with the same menu and a cash bar. Cost is \$35 per person.

Dick Solar gave a very interesting presentation on "Strange and Different Airplanes". There are quite a few airplanes that manufacturers (Cessna, Piper, Beechcraft, Waco) developed as prototypes to try new design features and to test the waters to see if it would be profitable to mass produce. All of the aircraft that Dick featured in his presentation were never mass produced, and some of the concepts that were tested were very unique and kind of surprising that they didn't catch on. All in all, it was a fascinating presentation!

It was reported that the floor of the Chapter building will be cleaned and sealed on October 23.

The next pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 8am-10am.

The next Member dinner will be held on Saturday, October 19 with social hour at 5pm, and dinner at 6pm. The Chapter will provide Lasagna, and the member can bring a side dish, a dessert, or another pasta. Please give Larry a call to sign up and designate what you would like to bring.

The next Membership meeting will be held on November 6, at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Willecke, Secretary.