

EAA Chapter 565 General Meeting

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by president Larry McClure followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Larry McClure made B-17G Captain Tom Ewing a life time member of EAA Chapter 565 and presented him with his own name tag.

Dick Solar reported on the new school for people wanting to become IA's. He also gave a briefing on bad weather flying. He report on a gentleman that came out of the clouds at 800 feet and had to pull up to avoid crashing. Dick Solar mentioned that the aircraft is located on the North Apron of the airport, with wings buckled. If anybody is interested in seeing what happens when you pull back on the stick to hard.

The chapter has took control of the old Warbird Squadron building. President Larry McClure stated that since Captain Tom Ewing gave the chapter a new 80" TV, that the old Tv should be mounted in the Warbirds building.

Ron Mallard gave an up date on the construction that is on going at the airport. He said that runway 4-22 will be closed for the next 300 days for construction. New hangers will be constructed at the north end of the airport along with new FBO facilities.

Jim Kalette reported that the 2021 EAA Chapter 565 Christmas Party is scheduled for December 8th and will be at the same location as last year, Twin Isles Country Club, with the same menu as 2020. He is asking for a head count in order to reserve what size room.

The pancake breakfast will be held on the June 12th. The members dinner will be held on the June 19th. The theme will be Mexican Night.

Tom Ewing, Captain of the B-17G bomber "Aluminum Overcast" gave an update with a slide show of the ongoing repairs to the B-17G and the reason for it being grounded. The slide show also included s short history of the production of the B-17's overall.

At the end of the B-17 presentation Captain Tom Ewing presented B-17 bomber jackets to members that helped out with various tasks on the B-17G "Aluminum Overcast". The recipients of the bomber jackets were, Wally Rojem, Jim Lyons, John Stott, Larry McClure, Ned Rose and Ron Mallard. Captain Tom Ewing praised each and everyone of the members who received the bomber jackets for their outstanding contribution. Captain Tom Ewing also praised the chapter as a whole for their support.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.