

EAA 565  
General Meeting  
May 2, 2022

President Larry McClure opened the meeting at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had one guest, MaryBeth Dunlap. She is a pilot and currently training for her instrument rating.

Larry commented on the excellent dinner in April. However there were 9 members who signed up to attend, but failed to show. The cost of the Chateau Briand for these no-shows resulted in a \$100 cost to the club. Please make every effort to attend the dinners when you sign up.

The April meeting minutes were approved as written.  
Treasurer Colleen Wright reported all State forms have been completed.  
Gary Boschee reported that regular yard work is in planning.  
Scott Sorenson reported he has updated the website with additional pictures.

Dick Solar presented a talk on the concerns all pilots need to have of thunderstorms. Updrafts and downdrafts associated with thunderstorms are strong enough to break an airplane. Slow your airplane to maneuvering speed. Thunderstorm life is typically 45 minutes. Be aware of the weather and avoid thunderstorms by a 20 mile distance. BE SAFE!

We will have our pancake, eggs, and sausage breakfast on May 14<sup>th</sup>. They have been very well received. Coffee, juice and fruit are included.

Our monthly dinner is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>, and will feature simpler fare. Come and enjoy the food and companionship of fellow members.

Tom Ewing reported on the recent article he wrote for "Warbirds Magazine", in which he praised the response of Punta Gorda Airport and EAA Chapter 565 for their efforts in coming together to provide a facility and volunteers for the B17 repair.

The EAA B25, "Berlin Express" will visit PGD on June 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Brad Gamblin suggested our chapter consider providing a "flyover" of the opening ceremony of the Rotary Club's "Field of Flags" at Laishly Park on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Ken Hill