

EAA, Chapter 565

General Membership Meeting

January 4, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Adjourn: 7:36 pm

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

Dan Weber from Port Charlotte was introduced as a guest. Dan is interested in building a Bearcat.

Larry McClure

- Member Dinner on schedule for Saturday 1/21 at 5 pm. Joe Makray to make brisket and anticipated cost is \$15 per person.
- No new news on our building repairs.

Scott Ford stated that with a few members paying just before the meeting the 2023 membership role currently has 64 paid members with an additional 30 members shown as not paid for 2023. Scott advised we will accept 2023 dues payments after the general membership meeting.

Dick Solar provided a safety talk on the responsibilities of "Pilot in Command." He reminded everyone that the pilot has the sole responsibility and authority over the operation of the plane. Above all, your first priority should be to "Fly the plane."

Jim Kaletta advised that total attendance at the Holiday Season Party was 110 plus some additional airport maintenance personnel. We expect to reserve the venue again for next year's celebration.

Stan Smith advised that the 2023 Punta Gorda Airshow is currently scheduled to take place November 4 & 5. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to perform. Stan is actively involved in the management team for the airshow and, as always, the airshow will be looking to our EAA chapter for many of the numerous volunteers needed to produce such a massive and complicated event. Patti Wagstaff is currently also expected to perform.

Ned Rose noted that EAA corporate mechanics are expected to arrive this Sunday to continue the process of preparing the damaged B-17 for transport to Oshkosh for repair. Our EAA chapter has completed our support of the project.

Larry McClure

- Larry reminded everyone that we do have an AED on the wall by the man-door should we ever need it.
- Birthday Fly-In next Saturday for Sam James at La Belle.
- Old Farts Fly-In Thursday 1/26 at Jim Lyons' Condo Hangar from 10-2. Vans and drivers needed for transportation probably from FBO to condos.
- Pancake Breakfast on schedule for Saturday 1/14.
- Larry discussed how the code for the gate lock will change each month in 2023 and also the code for the digital lock on man-door to the EAA building.
- Ribbon cutting for runway 04/22 is on schedule for Tuesday January 10 and the current notam is scheduled to expire January 12.
- Next General Membership Meeting is WEDNESDAY February 1 at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 by President Larry McClure.