

EAA, Chapter 565
General Membership Meeting
October 4, 2023

Call to Order: 7:04 pm Adjourn: 8:17 pm Attendance: ~36

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

Larry asked if there were any visitors present and Terry Stickler introduced himself. He is a tech counselor and A&P.

Vice President Dave Krug spoke to three items. First was the sign-up sheet being passed around for the 10/21 membership dinner. Cost for the event is \$15/person with a choice of entrée from Wally's. Second was a sign-up sheet also going around for the Chapter Holiday event at Twin Isles Country Club. Dave noted that we need to have the sign-up sheet completed and the \$35/person cost of the event received by 11/25. Finally, Dave highlighted that we are taking membership dues for 2024 starting now and that the dues continue to be \$30/year. New and renewing members are both requested to fill out the brief membership form to ensure our membership records are accurate.

Gary Duncan, COO of the Punta Gorda Airport, gave an update of the numerous construction projects in process at the airport. Some highlights are:

- Current work on taxiway D is complete. More to follow next year.
- Starting taxiway G and expect to complete mid-March.
- Maint. and Ops. bldg. to relocate by the Sheriff's office.
- Challenger is expected to be extended to Piper.
- Looking again at a hangar for transient aircraft at the FBO.
- In-line baggage system for TSA is slotted to go where the Snack Shack currently resides.
- Rental car building will be built new next to the terminal.
- The T-hangar list currently has 180 people on the wait list and 24 new units are expected to be available on 10/15 with some 50X50 by 11/1.
- Self-serve fuel is now moved to the Air Center with another planned for the north ramp January 2024.
- Restaurant construction has started and hope to finish in the first quarter of 2024.

Gary also noted that the next Honor Flight is scheduled for November 10.

Larry showed a brief video on the operation of our AED defibrillator.

Stan Smith provided an update on the Florida International Airshow scheduled for November 4&5. The USAF Thunderbirds will be the headline performers with numerous other military and general aviation aircraft already committed to perform. Additional performers and static displays are in the works. The airshow continues to look for volunteers and also relies on the support of our EAA chapter as we have provided for past airshows. The details of the support from our chapter still need to be worked out. A volunteer sign-up sheet for individuals from our chapter was circulated. They are in particular need of individuals with badge access to the airport gates such as individuals with Tenant Badges. One month before the show advance ticket sales are already much higher than in previous years one month before their shows. They are estimating 30,000 ticket sales this year. They already have over 600 volunteers from the community but rely

on our chapter for aviation experienced individuals for various flight line volunteer positions. They will start setting up the airshow on Monday 10/30 with a practice show on 11/3 and the official show 11/4 & 5.

Larry McClure reminded everyone that the next pancake breakfast is scheduled for 10/14 and the membership dinner is scheduled for 10/21. The next membership meeting is currently scheduled for 11/1 with a special speaker scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 by President Larry McClure.