

EAA Chapter 565

General Membership Meeting

May 1, 2024

Attendees - 22 Members, 2 guests

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

Guest (now Member) Larry Maggiore and Bob Reese were introduced. Larry has been retired for 6 years, and is just learning to fly. Bob is a friend of Glen Coombs, and is flying with him. Both were welcomed to the meeting.

Treasurer Hill gave the Treasurer's report. Ken reported that the Chapter is in good financial shape with net income for the month of April at \$241.62. The bank account balance is \$17,333.01. Vice President Jim Kaletta presented a check to the board in the amount of \$2,500 as a personal donation to the Chapter. The board was very surprised and grateful for the donation. Thank you so much, Jim!

Secretary Willecke had nothing new to report.

Scott Sorenson reported that the web site is up to date.

Dick Solar then gave a very interesting safety presentation on pre-flight action requirements. FAR Part 91.103 has specific actions that pilots must perform prior to flight. The Acronym (there truly IS an acronym for everything) is NWKRAFT. Here are the actions that must be performed:

N - NOTAMS. Make sure to read the NOTAMS for the departure as well as the destination airport.

W - Weather. Check the weather for all areas along the route.

K - Known ATC Delays. Especially if flying IFR, make sure you are aware of any ATC delays.

R - Runway Lengths. Know the runway lengths at the departure as well as the destination airport.

A - Alternates. Have alternate airports in mind, even if VFR, in case the destination airport is not available. Remember that the departure airport can be an alternate.

F - Fuel. Make sure that you have enough fuel for the trip, plus reserves.

T - Takeoff and Landing Performance. Calculate the takeoff and landing required distances for the airports with current and anticipated conditions.

Dick reminded everyone that if you have an incident and the FAA gets involved, they will check to make sure that you have performed these actions prior to flight. He also had a really good trick that he uses on his airplane. He calculates the takeoff and landing performance for max gross weight and 100°F. Since he never operates over gross, and the temperature rarely gets to 100°, this is a quick and easy way to make sure that your performance is adequate by calculating a worst case scenario.

Meetings, Pancake breakfasts, and Member dinners for the summer months were discussed. There will be a June membership meeting on June 5, and that will be the last meeting until September. There won't be any pancake breakfasts in June, July, or August. There was some discussion about having member dinners. President McClure stated that if there were to be any dinners in June, July, or August - then the membership would have to form a committee to buy the food, put on the dinner, and clean up afterward. There was no initial interest from the membership in doing that, so consequently there will be no Member dinners in June, July, or August.

Saturday morning coffee and donuts will continue throughout the summer. Members meet at the EAA building at around 8am every Saturday morning until around 10. It's usually well attended and a great get together.

The May pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 8am until 10am. This will be the last breakfast until September - so come and get your fill of Ken's great blueberry pancakes!

The May member dinner will be held at the EAA building on Saturday, May 18 with social hour at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. The dinner will be a pig roast provided by Stan Smith and Joe Makray. The cost is \$15 per person and includes the meat, corn on the cob, green beans, french fries, and Louisiana Crawfish. There is no need to bring any appetizer or side dishes because there will be plenty of food. If you'd like to bring a dessert, feel free. There was a sign up list at the meeting, but if you'd like to attend and didn't get a chance to sign up, give Stan or Joe a call. The pig is 100lbs, so there will be plenty of food!

President McClure reported on happenings around the airport. The self serve fueling area at the North Ramp (200 series hangars) has just had the concrete poured for the fuel tank, and with the time involved for the concrete to cure, placing the tank and leak testing - it should be open either at the end of May or the first of June. The bathrooms at the 200 hangars are now rebuilt and open. There is still no opening date for the restaurant at the Air Center.

Hangar tenants are now getting lease violation notices if you have more than one 5 gallon can of gasoline in your hangar, or if you have more than 6 quarts of oil (you can have more than 6 quarts if stored in an "approved fire safety cabinet"). There is fine print in the lease agreement that states what can be stored in the hangar. The airport enters and checks the hangars twice a year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Willecke, Secretary.