

EAA, Chapter 565
General Membership Meeting
February 1, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Adjourn: 7:55 pm

Attendance: ~35

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

Dick Morrell from the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) addressed the general membership thanking them for the use of the facility the prior Saturday. The CAP had approximately sixty seniors and cadets utilize our facility the entire day for a CAP event. Twenty-two cadets were able to have flights in CAP aircraft that day.

Larry McClure

- Member Dinner on schedule for Saturday 2/18 at 5 pm. Larry to grill filets with a cost of \$15 per person including potato.
- Larry advised the membership that due to her changing job commitments, Colleen Wright has requested that she be relieved of her treasurer duties. He thanked Colleen for her service over the past two years. Treasurer responsibilities will be transferred to Scott Ford who will serve as secretary/treasurer.
- Please give any updates to member email addresses to Scott Ford or Larry if you are not getting Larry's periodic emails to the membership.

Scott Ford stated that the 2023 membership role currently has 77 paid members. Scott advised we will accept 2023 dues payments after the general membership meeting.

Dick Solar

- Aircraft registration renewals are now for seven years.
- FAA says flight instructors can do instruction to the owner in owner's experimental built aircraft without the need for a Letter Of Deviation Authority (LODA).
- Current indications appear that the December 3 crash at the Venice airport with three fatalities may have had several contributing factors including a relatively low time pilot departing to the west over the gulf approximately two hours after sunset.
- Dick discussed an FAA video titled 178 Seconds to Live which indicated that many non-instrument rated pilots who inadvertently enter IMC too often do not survive more than a few minutes.
- Experienced pilots remind us to not push the weather. If you are IFR rated stay current. Always have a plan for how you are going to handle inadvertent IMC conditions. Sometimes, an option is to keep the wings level and try to climb above an existing cloud layer. If you are not IFR rated consider flying with a pilot friend in VMC so you can get some additional experience under the hood. If you have one, consider setting up the autopilot prior to entering IMC. Make sure you are medically fit to fly.

Larry McClure

- Larry reminded all to also be aware of the importance of good aviation decision making.
- Last month's brisket dinner was great. Thank you to Joe Makray for organizing that. Joe reminded members to please bring the dishes you are assigned as we were short of side dishes in January.
- The B-17 has officially left PGD and is on the road to Oshkosh. In March it would have been here two years. EAA National hopes to have the aircraft back in the air by the end of the year.
- Larry advised there is a new Airworthiness Directive (AD) on RV aircraft. Vick Babyak advised his understanding was that the AD applied to cracking of the rear elevator spar at the hinge bracket attach points. It appears the AD applies to most RV models and is of particular concern to higher time airframes that have been used for aerobatics.
- Larry reminded everyone that this month the Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for 2/11 and the member dinner is scheduled for 2/18.

- Larry asked Stan Smith to provide an update on the Punta Gorda airshow and Stan advised that the current schedule is for the show to happen November 4&5, 2023 including one night airshow. The USAF Thunderbirds are currently scheduled to perform. The Airshow Committee will be looking for support from our EAA chapter as we have provided in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 by President Larry McClure.