



*Experimental Aircraft Association*  
*Chapter 631 - The Blue Hills Flyers*  
Rice Lake, WI



## **Minutes Summary of the brief Meeting of July 6th, 2021 (no action taken):**

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Gillette at 6:00 pm, at the Civil Air Patrol hangar at Sawyer County Airport. Thank you, Al Flora and CAP for hosting us tonight. President Bob opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

### **Meeting Minutes of June 12th, 2021 Meeting (Warbirds North):**

Minutes available noted Volker, but not acted on.

### **Treasurer Report for End of June, 2021:**

Treasurer Potocnik's report discussed briefly, but action not taken.

### **"Garage" Sale that was held during our Shell Lake YE Rally**

A big, big thank you to the garage sale crew! Judy, Jan, Bonnie, Donna put a lot of hours and time into this. Many others put some hours into it. Netted roughly \$2000! Thank you very much to those that spearheaded and helped!

### **Shell Lake Young Eagle Event**

Thanks to the ground and flying crew of the YE event; went well.

### **Chapter 631 Non-profit status:**

- Thank you to Jeff Potocnik who is pursuing this effort (we thought we were 501(c)(3), but learned that we have technically been (c)(7))
- Jeff P. is in the process of drafting new chapter bylaws that will rely heavily on a template provided by HQ. Jeff will try to have the draft available for the August meeting even though he is unable to attend the August meeting.
- This is an ongoing effort. No action needed. Stay tuned for more on this as Jeff gets further into it.

### **Tech/Safety:**

- Engine out – the group seemed to lean towards power out landings (be able to make the runway even if engine quits) although modern training seems to trend towards longer flatter stabilized approaches.
- Density Altitude – beware; be cognizant of it.

### **New Business:**

- President Bob noted that a couple folks have asked if the picnic date could be changed from the weekend of September 11 to September 18. Secretary Volker will poll the membership on whether to adjust or not.
- Jurg Grossenacher of FAA FSDO FFAST Safety Team has asked if he could present at one of our chapter gatherings to do a safety seminar – we are looking at having him do that on September 21 at KRPD.
- Brad V. has made a nametag order; hopefully they will arrive soon (before AirVenture).

### **Adjournment:**

No adjournment since not an official meeting : )

### **Presentation by 631 Member Kelly Nelson of Cable**

Kelly is a retired Minneapolis Center Air Traffic Controller. Kelly gave a very interesting presentation on his career and what ATC Centers do. Kelly spent his entire career at Minneapolis Center in Farmington, MN. 30+ years. A grueling schedule, especially for those starting out. Kelly loved the job despite the schedule and sometimes tense situations. The entire thunderstorm season for the entire country would keep Minneapolis Center very busy as a lot of flights get re-routed northward to avoid southern weather. Kelly was the center manager during the Northwest Airlines Flight 188 that overshot Minneapolis from San Diego. See the following link for more information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest\\_Airlines\\_Flight\\_188](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northwest_Airlines_Flight_188). Kelly said that was the biggest headache of his whole career; he will never be able to forget that flight number. Kelly noted folks from all kinds of backgrounds end up being good at ATC work (not necessarily college graduates); and of course, some folks try it and are not cut out for it – it takes a personality of being able to solve problems under pressure. Very interesting Kelly; thank you!

*Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary*  
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