



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



## **Minutes of the Meeting of August 3rd, 2021:**

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Gillette at 6:01 pm, at the Gary Gannon hangar at Cumberland Airport. Thank you, Gary (and Mgr. Ric) for hosting the meeting and carting folding chairs to Gary's hangar.

### **Welcome to some newer members!**

- Jake Herringer of Rice Lake – bases a Piper Cherokee at RPD
- Gary Crisler of Rice Lake – Gary built and has been flying a gyrocopter for years; he just purchased a Cessna 150 and is taking lessons with Dave Nielsen (look for the Scooby Doo sticker; no, look for “the Pickle”)
- Chris Olson of Hayward – Chris was a member 15 or so years ago. Recently purchased a Tri-Pacer from the gentleman who had it at UBE and now Chris bases it at SSQ.
- Welcome aboard guys!
- Quick note on attracting members (not part of our meeting) – Secretary Volker was asked recently if being a 631 member was invite-only. The person asking (and another friend of his) had that perception. Brad noted “No, not at all; apologies if there is that perception; and if so 631 needs to change that; thanks for pointing this out!” So, let's put on our thinking caps and see what we can do to stifle any such perceptions and be as welcoming as possible to any area residents interested in aviation.

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

Gary Gannon moved to approve; Kirby Crawford 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

### **Treasurer Report for End of July, 2021 (Treasurer Jeff Potocnik not able to attend today; Pres. Gillette summarized report for all):**

Dave Nielsen moved to approve; Ric Brekke 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

### **Young Eagles/Ray Foundation Scholarships - YE Coordinator Jack Langland:**

- Changes at HQ
- Changes from HQ
- Currently, the position of YE Leader at HQ is open

- There are new paper forms for rides. The forms do not include a photo waiver as HQ's legal dept. deemed that to diminish the liability waiver part of the form. Legal Dept. says we can use any photos w/o waiver as long as we are not selling such. Throw away any old forms you have, plz
- Old educational material is still good to use
- HQ is interested in how 631 does things due to our YE program being robust
  - Coming up on 10,000 flown (in top 25 chapters)
  - We are rural and we hop around to several airports
  - Etc.
  - Jack noted that Dick Nelson started it all for 631. Jack also showed the award that he received at AirVenture (YE "Horizon" award). Jack noted that he accepted the award on behalf of the whole chapter as the Chapter's YE efforts are done by quite a team of volunteers – "All those that have helped over the years earned this award for the chapter" said Jack.
- Jack L. recently flew his 1800<sup>th</sup> YE!
- Mid-August – Jack will reserve spots for 631 to send youth to Air Academy (Camp)
  - Jack is going to request 5 spots for 631
  - 631 has sent 33 kids to date
  - Depending on the age group, the camp costs \$800 to \$1200 per camper
  - Normally we get a \$5 credit for each YE ride we do, but this year the credit is \$10 per YE ride.
  - Reserving the spots costs \$200. Jack normally asks the parents to reimburse 631 for this money down, but if hardship we don't press that.
  - Come November/December Jack will ask for names/suggestions.
- Next YE rallies: Cable on 8/7; Rice Lake on 8/14; Cumberland on 8/28

### **Scholarship Items:**

- Jan Kittinger led a discussion on 631 scholarship funds that have been fundraised over the years. Her understanding is that these funds are to be used only for 631 young eagles, and primarily to be used to send YEs to Air Academy camps at KOSH. Sound correct? Good question/discussion Jan; thanks for bringing up for clarification. President Bob Gillette respectfully disagreed with that and noted that he and Judy were very involved in the establishment of the fund and it has been (and should be) used to provide flight training scholarships to youth in addition to being used for other youth aviation initiatives like sending YEs to Air Academy. No action taken on this.
- Ray Scholar Braeden Dennis started on lessons!
- Leah McGrane has soloed!
- Related to Jack Langland's YE report above – Jan Kittinger moved to reserve 5 spots for Chapter 631 for 2022 Air Academy (youth camp) at KOSH at \$200 each. Dave Nielsen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

### **Chapter 631 Non-profit status – notes by President Bob in the absence of Treasurer Jeff Potocnik who is leading this effort:**

- 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 Potocnik has made a first draft – available for review. Jeff will take comments and produce a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft for final review.

- Stay tuned

### **Tech/Safety:**

- Bob G. noted that Jurg Grossenbacher, FAA FSDO and FFAST Safety Team member plans to do a safety seminar for 631 on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The presentation is titled “Are you safe to fly?”
- John Ostrem discussed a recent seminar he went to on Swift Fuel (like is available here at Cumberland)
  - No-lead fuel found to be just fine for the old engines that were developed before lead was ever put into fuel (makes sense)
  - A man in the crowd gave testimony that while using Swift his oil analysis showed 4 hours of operation while in fact he had 40 hours.
  - GAMI coming out with another non-lead fuel – stay tuned.
- Doug Karis commented on an IO-320 engine he recently inspected that had sat in a hangar 40 years non-pickled. No rust! How is this possible? The key is having an insulated hangar (Brad didn’t catch whether also heated). If you are in just a metal shell and the floor sweats bad at certain times of the year, that can be a real problem if not flying regularly.

### **Old Business:**

- Chapter Picnic/camping outing at Gillette’s Lakewood Lodge. The date has been changed to the weekend of September 18<sup>th</sup>. Judy, Jan, and Dave Misner will get some organizing going. Thank you Judy, Jan, Dave!

### **New Business:**

- John Ostrem noted that there will be a meeting at 6 pm on 8/18 to put finishing touches on organizing the 631 Cumberland Fly-in. A lot of those attending will be Island City Aero Club members, but all 631ers very welcome.
- Shell Lake Fly-in Labor Day Weekend
- Officer elections in November (reminder). Minor discussion on “should we have a nominating committee?” No action taken.

### **Adjournment:**

Don Fiedler moved to adjourn. Jack Langland 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gary Gannon 3<sup>rd</sup> (just missed 2<sup>nd</sup>).  
Approved.

*Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary*  
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