



Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 637 - The Blue Hills Flyers
Rice Lake, WI



Minutes of the Meeting of April 5, 2025:

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Potocnik at 10:10 AM in Dave & Sharon Nielsen's Hangar at the Shell Lake Airport. President Potocnik led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2025:

Approval of the February 2025 minutes. Sabrina Meddaugh moved to approve. Terri Olson 2nd. Motion Approved.

Treasurer Crisler's Report for End of March, 2025:

Treasurer Crisler summarized the latest finances.

- \$75 dollars received in dues
- \$64.44 out in Cumberland Breakfast supplies
- Overall balance at \$42,348.83

Jan Kittinger moved to approve the treasurer's report; Dick Zemaitas 2nd. Motion approved.

Scholarship Committee:

- Hunter Johnson is getting married. What?!?! :) Due to this and other endeavors he is pretty busy and thus is handing off the Scholarship Committee Chair spot to Sabrina Meddaugh.
 - Congrats Hunter, and thanks for your scholarship work!
 - Congrats and thanks Sabrina!
- Most interviews completed for the Ray and Schoonover scholarships.
- Decisions on recipients not yet made, but soon.
- Several quality applicants: Ethan Peterson, Sari Mavis, Mya Gardner, Aidan Olson, Matthew Leonard. (Brad wonders if he missed any here). Decisions will be tough.

Tech/Safety – Matt Rybarcik

Matt attended the recent A&P/IA refresher in Fon Du Lac recently. Several good topics, as always.

- Unleaded fuel initiative
 - Swift
 - GAMI
 - Concerns
 - Material compatibility – rubber hoses, plastic parts in carbs, seals/gaskets, stability (100LL is years whereas auto fuel is weeks).
 - University of S. Dakota stopped using Swift due to valve seat recession
 - Cirrus warranties void if using the new fuels
 - To legally use the new fuels you may need TWO STCs – one for engine and one for airframe.
 - Per Ric Brekke – the folks that make TetraEthylLead (TEL) are going to stop doing so in 2030. Time is of the essence to find replacement options.
 - Getting away from lead is an important goal, but proceed very cautiously – ask a lot of questions of experts before going there.
- Rotax Engines – have been and continue to be gaining in popularity. Very complicated but this is due to several redundancies. Use several fuels.
- Exhaust System Inspections
 - Inspections during annuals have been lax concludes the industry
 - Shrouds hard to remove
 - CO is deadly as a gas when inhaled
 - Cracked exhaust is also a big engine compartment fire hazard
 - Please do not skimp on this inspection!

Old Business:

- Chapter Camping at AirVenture 2025
 - 3 members are going to do this. 3 sites reserved for Gerry Winch/Bonnie; Gerry's Daughter, Sabrina/Mya Family. Ed Kromrey interested in joining if possible – will talk to Gerry after meeting.
- AirVenture 2025 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser – throw 631 name in hat to possibly be drawn for a date? Decided “No” due to lack of sufficient interest.
- 631 2025 50/50 Raffle? Decided “No” due to lack of sufficient interest.
- Cumberland Airport Flyin and Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, August 24th
 - Decided “Yes” due to sufficient interest/volunteer base.
 - Ric Brekke making a list of needs
 - Gerry/Bonnie already purchasing supplies
 - Pres. Potocnik will get sign-up sheets made for specific tasks
 - Ric Brekke noted “Thanks – excited to see this event continue.”
 - Look for more information from Pres. Jeff P. in near future
- Traffic Yellow T-shirts – the Chapter still has a bunch of these available to members (ask that a \$14 donation be made to the chapter per shirt).

New Business:

- Just a reminder to be safe/cautious and knock of the winter rust as you venture out to fly.
- Food at meetings. At Shell Lake, food is the norm. Other places it is a struggle. Could residents/hangar tenants of each location try to spearhead please? Bob Triplett offered to attempt such for Rice Lake next month (Thanks Bob!). Could

Brad as secretary attempt to send out meeting reminders including a link to the chapter calendar where folks can sign up for what they plan to bring?

Dates to Note:

- Next meeting is at Rice Lake Regional Airport (No presenter as of this time)
- Shell Lake has signed up for June 10th to be its annual Hamburger Social.
- IMC/VMC meetings – Third Tuesdays!

Adjournment:

Moved by Gerry Winch. 2nd by Russ Kittinger. Adjourned (Big thanks to all who brought food/beverages; thanks to Dave and Sharon for hosting!)

Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker, Chapter Secretary
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