



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



Minutes of the (short) Meeting of November 5th, 2019:

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Gillette at Northern Lakes Community Church of Cumberland at 6:30 pm. Big Thanks to Hodgsons and Ostrem's for arranging the church to host our meeting and presentation tonight!

October 1st 2019 Meeting Minutes (Rice Lake Airport):

Brad does not have minutes prepared yet, so this tabled. Sorry about that :)

Treasurer Potocnik's Report for End of October, 2019

Treasurer Jeff discussed briefly – a couple notes:

- \$600 refund to 631 from HQ for YE credits
- \$50 donation from Chuck Aldrian (He refused payment for the pizza at October meeting in Rice Lake)

Ed Knutson moved to approve. Ric Brekke 2nd. Approved.

Tech/Safety:

- 631 member Jim Lewis commented on his recent engine out incident at Shell Lake Airport (Thanks Jim! We are glad you are safe and with us!)
 - 6 days after an annual inspection
 - Jim and Ellen planned to go for a joyride. Jim suggested Ellen stay at airport while Jim flew the pattern once or twice first.
 - Took off Rwy 14 over the lake
 - Nice day. 45 degrees.
 - Full pre-flight
 - Run-up seemed good, power seemed normal
 - Aircraft: Practically new Icarus imported from Germany (80 HP Rotax)
 - On left crosswind the engine stopped very abruptly, no hesitation or sputter
 - Jim admitted that it took a while for it to sink in what was happening
 - Instinctively he turned back towards airport
 - Had a pretty strong feeling he wouldn't make it back to Rwy 32
 - Pitched for best glide
 - Tried to start engine
 - Landed close to shore in about 6 inches of water
 - Flipped over the nose to upside down
 - Was hard to get harness off, but managed.
 - Just a few nicks/bruises
 - No answers yet on why engine stopped; not sure will ever be answers.
 - Carb ice? Didn't seem like it.
- Doug Karis quickly commented on extreme costs he is seeing for engine parts
 - Main bearings - \$700 each!

- Cylinders - \$1100 each!

Old Business:

- **631 Christmas Party – Wednesday December 4th at Lehmans** in Rice Lake. Invites mailed. Please get your RSVPs/2020 dues in. Entertainment will be by the local Korman Family – there will be bags on each table for donations to the family.
- Thanks John Ostrem for arranging tonight's presentation: Jim Adams of Chetek (grew up in Hixton, WI), NASA retired, will speak on his experience helping on the Apollo 11 Moon mission of 1969. Jim's group was in charge of the orbit calculations for the return from the moon to earth.

New Business:

- A \$100 donation will be made to the church for hosting tonight's meeting and presentation by Jim Adams, NASA retired, regarding the Apollo 11 mission to moon 50 years ago.
- President Bob noted that EAA HQ is soliciting interest from chapters to sell raffle tickets for "The Great EAA Aircraft Raffle 2019"
 - Limited to 4000 tickets
 - Can only be sold in Wisconsin
 - Were sold at AirVenture, but some of the 4000 tickets remain
 - Aircraft: Piper PA-18 replica, valued at \$150,000.

Would 631 want to help sell the tickets? Basically, would we and/or our aviation friends want to buy some tickets? There seemed to be some interest, so Bob will pursue getting some tickets.

Officer Elections:

President Bob asked for any nominations for chapter officer positions. Bob noted that all existing officers are willing to continue on, although new nominations welcomed very much. Jim Lewis moved to approve the existing slate: Bob Gillette President; Ray Peterson VP; Jeff Potocnik Treasurer; Brad Volker Secretary. John Ostrem 2nd. Approved.

Adjournment:

Ed Knutson moved to adjourn (Brad thinks; there were several attempting to move). Just about the whole room seconded. Approved!

Respectfully submitted, Brad Volker – Chapter Secretary
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