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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting April 10, 2012, by Alex W.

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:07 PM. There were 24 members and 4 guests present. Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Secretary's report was given by Alex W. He reported that the minutes for the March Membership Meeting were published in the Chapter 99 newsletter and a copy of the newsletter is posted on the Chapter bulletin board at the rear of the meeting room. He also has a copy with him if there are any questions about the minutes.

Steve F. gave the Treasurers report and pointed out that we did better financially last year. Attendance was down from 4,200 last year to 3,300 this year but the fuel bill was the primary cause of the reversal over last year.

Todd S. gave a recap of Aviation Day and pointed out that the Chapter Officers are already working on ways to streamline next years Aviation Day and increase its profitability. This was the first time in ten years that we ended the day with a loss and changes are being developed that will insure that it does not become a trend. It was a great show that was enjoyed by everyone who came out and once again it brought lots of favorable attention to the airport, Chapter 99 and the aviation community in general. Todd commended all the volunteers who gave of their time on the flight line. Alex W. thanked the volunteers who worked the simulators in the terminal. Joe G. pointed out the great job that the Sherriff's Explorers did with parking and traffic direction. Todd D. reported that from the Rotary Club's perspective the food vending operation went very well with four runs to Sam's required to restock the food supply.

Sylvia P. gave the webmasters report. She pointed out that photos and a short report of how Aviation Day went have been added to the website. You will also find there links to articles written by the local press about Aviation Day as well as links to our professional photographer and others who posted photos of the event. She also has posted the Ford Tri-motor information with links for people to sign up for rides. She also thanked all of our volunteers and presented "Grass Roots Awards" to members that have shown dedication and given of time and resources to make Aviation Day a success. Awards of a special chocolate and "Grass" filled Chapter 99 mug were presented to Ed C., Alex W., Frank H. and Joel S. for their grass roots efforts to make Aviation Day a success.

Vice President Keith G. echoed what a great job the Sherriff's Explorers did with traffic and is recommending that we send them a monetary contribution for their efforts.

Mike D. recapped by saying that he thought that Aviation Day was extremely successful. Everyone had a great time and the weather was perfect.

Keith G. reviewed his efforts to get the word out about the Ford Tri-Motor visit scheduled for April 16 thru 18. He was disappointed that the City of Vero Beach stymied efforts to put our banners and signs out for the public to see. We are grateful for Bill Kaser at Bill's TV and Ralph Gagliardi at Beachland Heating and Air for allowing us to display our advertising banners on their property. Keith also remarked on the progress being made by the Pipistrel Virus LSA in flying around the world.

Ed C. pointed out that the Ford Tri-Motor tour is really an experiment by the EAA and the Chapters to find a new and worthwhile fundraiser and is worthy of all of our support. Ernie S. said that he is organizing volunteers for the event and said that he has a sign up sheet for those who can help out.

There not being any further business to discuss, a break was taken for hangar talk and hotdogs with sauerkraut and all the fixings.

After the break Scott Boileau from Scott Boileau Fine Art Photography presented his photographic record of Aviation Day. Scott did a great job of capturing the fun and excitement of Aviation Day and his presentation was enjoyed by everyone.

He was thanked for his presentation and the meeting was adjourned by Mike D. at 8:20 PM.



Joel, Frank, Ed and Alex with the Aviation Day 2012 Grassroots Award.