

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION



CHAPTER 99

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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting October 9, 2012, by Alex W.

President Mike D. was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency so he asked Todd S. to preside over the meeting in his absence. Todd opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. There were 21 members and one guest present.

Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that a sign in sheet was being circulated and asked that everyone please sign in. He reminded those present that the minutes of the last membership meeting were emailed to all of the members, posted on the meeting room bulletin board and on the Chapter 99 website.

Keith G. gave the Vice Presidents report. He reminded everyone that a Young Eagles Day will be held on October 20th at 9 AM, for the Sherriff's Explorer Scout Troop. He noted that as of this date it looks like we will have four aircraft flying, two from our Chapter and two from the Fort Pierce Chapter. We are expecting up to fifteen Explorer Scouts to show up for a flight and we need members to show up and help out. He would like at least one more aircraft to take part.

Keith also brought the membership up to date on the status of Chapter Officer Elections and the Chapter Bylaws. He pointed out that our only existing bylaws, set November as the date for Chapter Elections. After some discussion a motion was made by Alex W. and seconded by Roger D. that the November 13, 2012 Membership Meeting be set as the date and time for the election of new Chapter Officers. The motion was passed unanimously by the membership. The Nominating Committee, appointed by Mike D., was reminded by Todd of the need to have their nominations ready by that date. Nominations, if any, will also be accepted from the membership before a vote is taken. Todd urged that all members attend and by their vote, make their voices be heard.

Keith noted that flowers and cards of condolence signed by the members were sent on the behalf of Chapter 99 to the memorial service for John M. Alex W. made a motion that was seconded by Todd S., that the Treasurer be authorized to reimburse Keith for the cost of those flowers and another get well flower arrangement sent to Connie W. after her surgery recently. There was no opposition.

Steve F. gave the Treasurers report. He noted that we received and paid hangar rent.

Sylvia P. gave the webmasters report and pointed out that the website was up to date.

Mike D. asked for builder's reports and John H. reported he had heard that when a fellow aircraft builder was asked how much money he had spent on his aircraft? His answer was "All of it!" He said that seems to sum up his experience so far. He is still working on the Corvair engine he is preparing for his Kitfox.

Gerd P. discussed his experiences with the ever increasing shortage of Avgas for aircraft making North Atlantic crossings. In his opinion the increasing popularity of jet fuel and diesel will continue to make 100LL or whatever replaces it, hard to get on these crossings, and fuel planning increasing in importance.

Jim D. related an experience with replacing his propeller. When his prop that has been flying on his plane for fifteen years was checked, it was found to be in great shape except it was two inches too short to be legal. The prop was replaced and the extra two inches have made a noticeable increase in takeoff performance. The increase in performance was likened to it's being on a popular ED medication which prompted the warning that Jim should be careful, and call his mechanic should it last more than four hours. Jim also related that his wife Patti, had saved him and Bill Z. several hours of work by pointing out a simple way of correcting a misalignment of the prop spinner which worked.

Todd reminded everyone that the date for Aviation Day 2013 has been set for March 2nd. That's the first Saturday in March. He reviewed the planning and activities that have been done and pointed out that after Christmas progress will really begin to pick up. The rides vendors have been lined up already.

Alex W. again reminded everyone of the need for volunteers to help out with the Young Eagles flights and he and Keith G. urged any members who can, to please come help out. The time for guests to arrive has been set at 9 AM but volunteers are asked to come a little earlier if they can.

Keith noted that the date for the Christmas Party has been set for December 8th at 6 PM. That will be a Saturday night and will again be held at Keith's house. Finger food and hors d'oeuvres will be provided in place of a "sit down dinner" and everyone should bring a beverage of their choice to drink and a ten to fifteen dollar gift for exchanging. Keith plans to have an open bar as well. Information will be sent out soon with directions and parking instructions.

Keith once again discussed the new Eagle Flights program for adults introduced by EAA and brought the members up to date on what the program is all about and what is involved.

Todd S. announced that the FAA Safety Team will be holding its monthly seminar on Thursday, October 18th. It will be held in Flight Safety's classroom "M" and begins at 7 PM. The program this month is entitled "Don't Stall the Thing" and is being given by Jim Alslip. It is all about stall, spins, and recovery techniques with an emphasis on "Top Rudder".

Keith also announced that a talk will be given this Thursday at 5 PM in Classroom "M" at Flight Safety by Express Jets about the job situation in airlines and the changes in training requirements for anyone interested in a career in commercial aviation.

Alex W. reminded everyone that the Daytona Air Show is being held this weekend with four Jet teams performing over the beach. There is no charge to attend.

There not being any further business to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM and a break was taken for hangar talk and refreshments.

After the break the members were treated to a talk and slide show by Vero Beach resident, Pete Peterson relating some of his many experiences as a navigator in World War II. He has been recognized as the "man who flew across the Atlantic 99 times". His presentation included both serious and humorous experiences and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.