

EAA Meeting Minutes 2/20/16

Vice President Steve Fraas called the meeting to order at 10:00. Other officers present were Secretary Rick Beebe, Treasurer Bill Jagoda. There were 18 attendees. Glen Davis was a visitor.

Steve has been appointed to the Meriden Airport Commission. Congratulations Steve.

Treasurer's report: Bill Jagoda reports the bank balance at the end January is \$2192.01. Dues are due!

Young Eagles: Brian reports that Jim flew the first YE of the year. We have 159 to go! Don't forget that everyone working with kids has to go through the "Young Protection Program" at EAA. It's a short test and a background check. It's good for 3 years. Forward the completion email to Brian for his records. Rich is still working on the fly-in in Auburn Maine for May 18. Brian and Mark are going to to there for a planning meeting on March 5.

Director's Report: Rick Beebe reported on the EAAs efforts to get the medical reform bill passed and their opposition to the House's proposal to privatize air traffic control. The next board meeting is at the end of April.

Tech Counselors: Mike Zemsta is still working on the RV-7 project. Avionics wiring is coming along. It's going to be a full IFR plane. Dave Pepe was reading about oil changes and was surprised to learn the oil should be changed every 4-6 month even if you're not flying that much. It's because of moisture absorption. Mike Zemsta changed his crankcase vent system so that it's not just open to the atmosphere.

Teens to Flight: The RV-12 is coming along nicely. A reminder that the build sessions are Saturdays 9-12 and Monday night 6-9. Feel free to drop by and lend a hand.

Villa Capri is closing. We're looking for suggestions on a new location

Pat Butler of Clinton Connecticut was the winner of the beautiful quilt. Sales of raffle tickets raised \$1105 for the Teens to Flight program. Congratulations Pat!

Presentation: Keith Russell is building a plans-built Piel Beryl. It's a steel tube fuselage, wood wing low-wing two-seat tandem aerobatic plane. He gave us a fascinating look into the challenges and rewards of learning to weld the tube fuselage and making the wood spar and wood wing ribs.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary