

EAA Chapter 27 Meeting Minutes – 3/20/2016

Vice President Steve Fraas called the meeting to order at 10:04. President Mark Scott is still away for work. Other officers present Rick Beebe, Secretary, and Bill Jagoda, Treasurer. There were 17 attendees.

Visitors: Alisdair Lyon a retired helicopter mechanic. Hank Footner, a friend of Steve Socolosky.

Treasurer's report. Bill Jagoda reports a balance at the end of February of \$3238.36. That includes \$1005 from the quilt raffle.

Young Eagles: Rich Merrill and Brian Reichtine went to Maine to meet with the folks in the Auburn airport about having a Young Eagle rally there. Ultimately they decided that the logistics were too difficult. The rally is being staged during an airport open house and fly-in.

Our next Young Eagles rally is June 11.

Steve Socolosky reported that Alan Wickman of chapter 1310 created a scholarship program to send a young person to the Air Academy. A young woman named Anna--one of Steve's students--won the scholarship and is ecstatic. Our chapter donated our credits to the cause as well. She'll be giving a presentation on her experience at a future meeting.

Director's report: Rick Beebe read a letter from EAA CEO/Chairman Jack Pelton congratulating our chapter on its 60th anniversary

Tech Counselors: Mike Zemsta examined a GM 464 V-8 installed in a Mustang kit plane. The prop reduction gear box was hand built by the builder. It retains the factory clutch and Mike has some reservations about that.

Teens to Flight: We have 4-6 students who are there every Saturday morning and Monday evening. The fuselage is inverted and they've started riveting the bottom skin on. The enthusiasm is still there although keeping them motivated is sometimes a challenge.

Airport Improvements: Nothing on the docket for us yet. Jim Simmons got our EAA Chapter sign repaired. He also updated it to read 1956 - 2016. The Aviation Commission announced that the FAA is requiring them to remove 100' of trees on the west side of the runway. There are wetlands over there that need to be accounted for.

Miscellaneous: Villa Capri is closing so we need a new spot for our holiday banquet. Jim Simmons investigated the Manor Inn in Plantsville. That looks like a reasonable spot but if anyone has other suggestions please let the officers know.

Dave Pepe brought up the suggestion of buying an air conditioner for the meeting room.

Steve Socolosky reports that the process has started to evaluate state programs (annually they evaluate five programs). The study this year is evaluating closing Brainard. Talk to him if you're interested in supporting keeping the airport open.

Seminar: Mike Zemsta gave an illuminating presentation on magnetos. How they work. What's inside them. Failure modes and what's replaced during overhaul. He handed around a disassembled magneto for us to look at.

--Rick Beebe, secretary