

EAA Meeting Minutes 1/17/16

President Mark Scott called the meeting to order at 10:13. Officers present President Mark Scott, Vice-president Steve Fraas and Secretary Rick Beebe. Treasurer Bill Jagoda arrived later. Our condolences to Bill on the recent passing of his mother.

There were 21 attendees.

Visitors: Randy Seaver has been helping on the Teens to Flight project and Mark invited him to the meeting.

Tech Counselors: Dave Pepe reported on an experience he had where his comm radio when off-line in his RV-6. He found that the allen screw that holds it into the rack had worked its way out and the radio actually was sliding out of the panel. That's something we don't usually check but it's obviously worth looking at during your annual.

We need a newsletter editor. Any volunteers? Please contact Mark Scott or Rick Beebe.

Young Eagles: Brian Rechiene reports that our first rally is June 11, rain date the 12th. Second one he will try to arrange for the same day as the MMK Open House. More news on that later. Richard Merrill is working on a fly-out rally at the Auburn airport in Lewiston-Auburn, Maine. In honor of Fran's years of service, ten pilots have volunteered to fly 16 YEs each. 160 is a tall order for this Chapter so we need to stay sharp.

We should have a \$360 credit for flying Young Eagles. If we don't find a candidate to send to the Air Academy we'll donate our credits to Chapter 1310.

Teens to Flight project is moving along nicely. Tail is done. They're working on the fuselage now. Mark is happily surprised at the adult involvement. The quilt that Richard Merrill donated is hanging in the lobby. Raffle tickets are \$5 and the drawing is at the next meeting. All the proceeds go to the Teens to Flight project.

EAA Chapter Leaders course at Oshkosh. Bob Spaulding and his wife attended and it's well worth the trip for anyone interested in learning about chapter leadership. It's offered several times per year.

Airport Improvement Projects: Some suggested projects. The women's bathroom needs a refurb. The Chapter sign needs a refurb. Also we've talked about a sign for the airport. The grass needs to be cut. Any other ideas are welcome

This year is EAA Chapter 27's 60th anniversary!

Upcoming events

- MMK Flyin is the first weekend in October
- Simsbury Fly-in moved to Labor Day weekend

- Our Chapter picnic in September. Would like to have more emphasis on flying

Steve Socolosky is organizing an RV-12 building project at his school. The empennage arrived Monday.

We sponsored Mike McCain to attend the Air Academy last year. He gave a very nice report about his experience there.

Presentation: Nick Lappos gave a nice talk and slide show about his adventures buying a small LSA and flying it from California back to Connecticut.

--Rick Beebe, Secretary