

EAA Chapter 509 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Location: Clubhouse

Meeting called to order by President Jim Gundry.

Introductions and projects updates:

Jim Gundry flew to Granite Falls, MN. He reports that they had a lot of WWII Planes there.

Jim Solberg is working on gear leg fairings for his RV8

Kate Tucker has a Cessna 172 which she keeps part time here and part time in Fort Meyers, FL.

Jim Johangen is starting his own small engine repair shop.

Tom Oatman needs a dynafocal mount for the engine in his Bearhawk. He also reports that the original was destroyed by a storm in Florida.

Mike Pope will be at the reenactment area at Oshkosh. They will be commemorating 100 years of naval aviation

Ray Hansen is finding waxing his Cherokee a big job.

Gary Reich thought he had a landing gear extension failure on his beech Sierra, but it turned out to be just the indicator light. He worked at Oshkosh putting up bridge railings.

Jim Zenner had some trouble driving rivets. It turned out that the rivets supplied were too long.

Mike Zenner flew in a Waco in Hawaii

Tim Schuper of Eau Claire is tearing down an aircraft engine.

Secretaries Report: A brief report was given by Jim Gundry from notes he took at last months meeting.

Treasurer's report: Gary Reich has agreed to take over the treasurer's job from Mike Zenner. The current balance is \$4210.95.

Old Business:

This year marks the 100th anniversary of flight in the Chippewa valley. This flight took place over the fairgrounds in 1911. Charity Speich, manager of the Eau Claire airport, proposed that we commemorate this event and the completion of the remodeling of the airport this fall, with Sept. 24 being the tentative date. It is proposed that we would do our chili feed. We'll try to get a speaker from the aviation hall of fame. The event would take place at the Heartland facility. We have Dick Feeney's slides and could set up a program with them. We could also try to get antique cars in. Charity agreed to be in charge of advertising. Mike Pope proposed that we also do a dance.

New business:

Jim Gundry proposed that we do a welding workshop perhaps in September.

Jim Johangen has set up our Festival foods brat weekend for Oct 1-2. The shift schedules will be 9:00-1:30 and 1:30-6:00 both days. Please sign up to help on the sheet passed around at this meeting and next month or contact Jim.

Matt Gundry reports that EAA headquarters is offering webspace and set up assistance to chapters. The conclusion of the discussion of this is that we wouldn't gain much since we have a similar set-up now.

Announcements and Events:

Mini Programs: Jim Solberg gave a mission report of a P-47 flight in July of 1943.

Program:

Charity Speich gave an update of airport news. She started by handing out cards of phone numbers and radio frequencies. ASOS (automated weather information) will change to ATIS when the tower is open. Both services will be broadcast on the same frequency. Charity reports a slight decline in tower service, but notes that this follows a national trend.

Since airline service has changed to United Express, the airport has had large increases in passenger service. The cause for this increases is probably the service to Chicago, the flights being cheaper and that service is now jet service.

After remodeling, another car rental desk was added and this was filled by Budget Car Rental.

Monday a volunteer greeter program will start. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers work 4 hours per month.

The grand opening of the boarding bridge and luggage carousel will be July 20 , 8:00 to 10:00 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3:30.

The master plan update includes a change in taxiway Delta to Alpha 4 and will alter the intersection to be 90 degrees. No Blue Angel airshow is possible for 2012 but an application has been submitted for the Thunderbirds.

Upcoming Programs:

None scheduled.