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EAA Goes to the Mall



Photos by Larry Mueller



Ed Bradford puts finishing touches on his Air Command Gyrocopter on display at Kennedy Mall. Joe Weber's KR2-S was also on display.

February Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 19, 2009 UD Center

Minutes from EAA 327 Membership Meeting Jan. 15, 2009 at UD Flight Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Larry Mueller with 14 members and 1 guest present.

REPORTS:

Secretary: Mike Gaffney read O&D minutes from Jan. 8 in place of membership minutes due to the fact of Dec. Christmas party. Minutes approved as read.
Treasurer: Dennis Schares reported current balance of \$7,395.12.
Advertising/Promotion: Harry Styer has notified the paper of upcoming mall display.
Membership/Retention: Lyle Hefel nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Harry Styer talked about the \$250 scholarship program and is investigating it further.
 - Bill Fitch spoke about the upcoming Young Eagle event on Feb. 21st. Five more volunteers were needed and a sign up sheet was passed.
 - Larry Mueller introduced ideas for the chapter 40th anniversary, such as finding and inviting as many original members as possible. After a discussion, a May party was thought to be most appropriate. Possible guests might be other area chapters and the EAA's Paul Poberezny. Larry suggested we have a special birthday cake, ice cream and potluck to go along with the celebration. After a motion by Elaine Fitch and a 2nd by Harry Styer, a committee was formed and it will make further plans.
 - Mike Gaffney reported on the upcoming mall event and said everything was good to go.
 - President Larry Mueller gave a special thanks to the membership for all the help given though the entire 2008 year.
 - Dennis Schares reported that there were still several delinquent membership renewals and Larry appointed Lyle Hefel to telephone those on the unpaid list.
 - Dave Kramer raised the question of members not getting the newsletter because of limited access to a computer. Bill Fitch pointed out that members without computer facilities should probably contact Dave and arrange to have the newsletter printed and mailed to them monthly.
 - Mike Gaffney, the new program director reported on the search for speakers in the coming year. The presenter for February will be Jim Sweeney of Sweeney Corp, Thomson, IL who will talk about the Sport Pilot license and Light Sport Aircraft. Larry Mueller suggested Nick Hirsch get the chili pot going for the February meeting and prepare for extra guests because of interest to be generated by the mall event.
 - Bill Fitch reminded members of a fly-in at Brodhead, Wisconsin on Feb. 7th from 11-2. The event will feature ski-planes and chili.
 - Larry Mueller spoke of a donut club, a group of members from northeast Iowa chapters who fly on Saturday mornings to different locations. Larry noted the Chapter 368 newsletter and suggested we get involved in the fun.
 - Joe Weber motioned, Dave Kramer 2nd, meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.
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Bill Fitch educates Joe Weber, Harry Styer and Lyle Hefel.

Nick Hirsch and Larry Mueller ready for the shoppers.



Harry Styer and Mike Gafney get materials to hand out.

Airline cabin announcements

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in flight "safety lecture" and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

5. "Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

6. As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Ronald Reagan, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

Chapter 327 Officer's and Director's Meeting Locust Street HyVee, Jan. 8, 2009

President Larry Mueller called meeting to order with 8 members present.

REPORTS:

- Secretary: Mike Gaffney read minutes from Dec. 9. Minutes were approved as read.
Treasurer: Dennis Schares reported a present balance of \$7,470 with outstanding checks totaling \$1,000.
Advertising/Promotion: Harry Styer will be contacting newspapers with news of the Kennedy Mall event.
Membership retention: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mike Gaffney reported on the mall event. The volunteer sign-up sheet has only a few openings left thanks to so many generous people. Larry and Nancy Mueller will be printing up data cards for prospects to fill out. John Einck will provide security tape for display aircraft if needed. Larry and Harry Styer will provide equipment to show EAA and manufacturers DVD's. Mike reported many brochures have been donated for the event. Products include kit plane/light sport, gyrocopter and powered parachute craft. EAA provided Sport Aviation copies and Young Eagle info. Bill and Elaine Fitch are bringing a display of chapter activity photos. Larry will contact Joe Weber about making a sign for his KR2 and Mike will contact Ed Bradford to get a sign for his gyrocopter. Mike will search for banners used at the pancake breakfast. Lyle Hefel will bring some special tools and Mike may show his uncompleted Tailwind wing. Larry will provide a laptop computer. There appears to be WiFi available at mall center.
- Larry and Nancy Mueller brought some examples of their colorful and photo filled chapter brochures. The brochures will be ready for the mall event but they would be appropriate for any chapter promotion in the future. John Einck has offered to produce some on his equipment.
- Bill Fitch announced final plans for the Young Eagle rally on Feb. 21 and is in need of 4 pilots and ground crew.
- Larry Mueller requested a discussion on a chapter 40th birthday party. Lyle Hefel has offered the use of his hangar.
- Larry Mueller is attempting once again to have the 2007 audit done and has asked Dennis Schares to bring in all his receipts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Fitch noted that Don David has sold his business. The new owner is Paul Kaune. Dennis Shares motioned and Harry Styer 2nd to provide free permanent chapter membership for Paul.
 - A discussion began involving late payment of dues. Larry Mueller will check on the cut-off date voted on last year.
 - Mike Gaffney has volunteered to be program director for the 2009.
 - Larry Mueller invited comment on the newsletter he e-mailed showing Saturday activities by Chapter 368.
 - Bill Fitch noted a flyin is scheduled at Brodhead, Wis. Feb. 7th, 11-2. It's the Groundhog Chili Sky-Plane Fly-In.
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Young Eagle Flights scheduled for Feb 21 (Rain date Feb 22)

Bill Fitch announced there will be a **Young Eagle Flight** on Saturday February 21 at the Dubuque Airport. If you are available, Give Bill a call and see if he need help. 563 557-9480

Jim Sweeney of Sweeney Corp to Speak at February 19th Member Meeting

The membership meeting to be held at the University of Dubuque Flight Center located at the Dubuque Regional Airport will feature a presentation by Jim Sweeney of Sweeney Corp. Jim has had an interesting career in aviation and comes to us with a wide range of experience as well as numerous ratings and certificates.

Jim has planned to speak about Sport Pilot training and Light Sport aircraft and will especially address those in attendance who might be new to aviation or are just becoming interested. Membership meetings are open to the public and visitors will be welcome. Also on the agenda will be a chili feed which will start at 7:00 pm to be followed by the presentation at around 7:15.

As Jim says, "My aviation background goes back to the early '60s when I spent a lot of time at the local airport. The Army trained me as an air traffic controller with duty at Ft Knox and 101st ABN Div (AMBL), Vietnam." Jim's general aviation experience includes over 3700 hours flying light aircraft. Tail wheel, grass fields and glider towing most frequently. Certificates held include Commercial - SEL, SES, MEL, Glider, Instrument. Ground Instructor - Advanced. Flight Instructor SEL, MEL, Instrument.

Says Jim, "I have been flying Powered Parachutes and Fixed Wing Ultralights since 1995 and have owned a number of machines. My instruction activities have included powered parachute dealer training, pilot & instructor training, AFI/BFI Refresher courses and safety seminars. A number of presentations have been made on UltraFlight Radio a web based weekly radio show." Other aviation activities for Jim are the Illinois Ultralight Advisory Council where he is vice-president and will be a featured speaker at February's Illinois seminar in Springfield. He has also won awards at EAA AirVenture 04 - EAA Oshkosh Air Operations Showmanship Award Powrachute 04-Commitment to Excellence.

Event Details and Registration

Below you will find the details for this event. You may register by clicking the "Register" link.

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Title	"Hands-On FAASafety Computer Tutorial"
Topic	A hands-on guided tour through the faasafety.gov website, DUATS, & other websites.
Date and Time	Tuesday, February 10, 2009, starting at 7:00 pm
Speaker(s)	Carolyn Remol, Greg Stauder
Brief Description	Attendees are provided computer access to actively participate in a guided tour of the www.faasafety.gov website, how to participate in the new WINGS program, plus how to sign up and use the DUATS system for flight planning, and how to obtain WX information via the internet.
Select Number	GL0323264
Location of Event	Jo Carroll Area Vocational Center 950 US 20 West Elizabeth, IL 61028
Directions to Venue	From Freeport, take US 20 west through Elizabeth, look for ground level lighted sign on the right ± 1/2 mile west; from Dubuque, follow US 20 east 15 miles past Galena to the west side of Elizabeth; facility will be on your left. View Map
Fly-in Event?	No
Seating	24 seats at the facility, 16 remaining for online registration. Click here to register online now!
Sponsoring Division	Illinois FAASTeam
Contact Information	Greg Stauder Phone: (815) 777-1588 gsnco@netexpress.net
Additional Event Information & Acknowledgement of Industry Sponsor(s)	At last, here is a casual forum where you'll sit at your own computer keyboard and actually sign up and participate yourself in a guided tour of the http://www.faasafety.gov/ website. No frustrating blur-of-flying-fingers followed by a "See, folks, that's how it's done!" demonstrations. You'll learn firsthand how to participate in the new WINGS program via the Internet and how to get your own briefing and flight planning using the DUATS system. And, as a bonus, a tour of the instructor's personal website for easy access to Internet WX, NOTAMS, TFR's, and other info. Refreshments, door prizes, and a no-stress atmosphere.



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