



EAA CHAPTER 327

TRI-STATE CHAPTER: DUBUQUE, IOWA

June 2009

EAA Chapter 327 has a birthday



Charter members Wayne Reicher, Gary Sharp and Bob Benz help celebrate the birthday at the Dubuque Airport.

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June Meeting – Saturday June 6

1:00 p.m.

Dyersville Airport



Happy Birthday 327

Saturday May 16th was our 40 year EAA Chapter 327 anniversary celebration. The committee for that event was Larry and Nancy Mueller, Nick Hirsch, John Einck, Harry Styer, and Elaine Fitch. Elaine took care of the important stuff, like the food and cake. Harry Styer contacted and invited the

four Charter members that attended. They were: Wayne Riecher, Paul Krogman, Gary Sharp, and James Bezn.

Larry Mueller gave a short welcome



speech and thanked all that had helped make the gathering possible.

A commemorative Cherry wood clock with thank you plaque for Don David was



displayed and will be presented to Don at his home.

The food was served from noon until gone, and the hanger talk lasted till about 14:30 hrs.

All in all we had almost 50 attend, which included the four original charter members.



EAA 327 Officer's & Director's Meeting

Locust Street HyVee, May 14, 2009

President Larry Mueller called meeting to order at 7:00 with 8 members present.

REPORTS:

Secretary: Mike Gaffney, minutes not available.

Treasurer: Dennis Schares, report not available.

Advertising/Promotion: Harry Styer, nothing to report.

Membership/ Retention: Lyle Hefel, nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- + Larry Mueller reported that Gordy has OK'd the use of the Jet Center hangar for our celebration. Larry and Harry Styer will be setting up that morning.
- + Bill Fitch relayed information from Elaine that the Cake has been paid for.
- + Bill also said that no word has been received from founder Paul Poberezny, so it must be assumed that he won't make the celebration.
- + Mike Gaffney noted that the speaker is all set for the membership meeting on the 21st.
- + Larry Mueller said that no progress has been made on status of the Blanton Racer plans.
- + No report was available concerning the next Young Eagle event and no news, either on the donut flyers.
- + Larry Mueller noted that the Platteville airport cookout/meeting has been cancelled. Larry suggested we might be able to have a meeting and cookout after the Dyersville Y/E event. That suggestion will be introduced at next membership meeting.
- + Larry said he has no further plans regarding the domain name problem and will consider the matter closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- + Larry reported on a new membership promotion being introduced by Oshkosh which involves a free membership. The details are not clear at this time.
- + Larry talked about the new regulations from the TSA and how they will affect aircraft owners.
- + Harry Styer reported that the possibility exists for 4 original 327 charter members to attend our birthday party.
- + Harry Styer motioned and Lyle Hefel 2nd, meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Sec. Mike Gaffney

Airline Cabin Announcements

11. *"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."*

12. *"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."*



Robert Ragotzke speaks to 327.

Robert Ragotzke was a B-24 copilot and member of the 90th Bomb Group, 5th Air Force (Pacific) during WWII. He has given presentations a EAA about his tour in the Pacific.

Robert spoke for an hour and a half, taking us through the Pacific and telling us what it was like with photos and maps of

his missions.

Young Eagle Flights at the Dyersville Airport

EAA 327 is sponsoring Young Eagle Flights at the Dyersville Airport on Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 – 12 Noon. Rain date will be Sunday the 7th.

Anyone wanting to get involved and help - - call Dave Kramer 563 875-8590.

Manchester hosted the latest Coffee & Donuts Fly in on Sunday May 24. Twenty-four aircraft flew in for the festivities. The event was scheduled from 9-11 but lasted until after 12 Noon. Planes from Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Independence, Elkaker, Oelwein, Dyersville and others made their way to Manchester. The next fly out will be to Clinton Iowa for their Friday nite BBQ starting June 5.

June Meeting

Dyersville Airport

Saturday June 6

1:00 P.M. (after the Young Eagles)

Hamburgers, Brats, Beans & Chips

Pilots and Ground Crew needed by 8:30

Call Dave 563 875-8590

Minutes from EAA 327 Membership Meeting At University of Dubuque Flight Ctr., May 21, 2009

The meeting was preceded by a fine fare of food leftovers from the birthday party plus a special crock pot full of Larry Mueller's real beef Sloppy Joe's. Next came a presentation by WW II vet Bob Ragotzkie of Madison. Bob gave us a history lesson on the Pacific war and his involvement with the "Jolly Rogers" bomb group.

The meeting was called to order by president Larry Mueller at 8:35 with 18 members and guests present.

REPORTS:

Secretary: Mike Gaffney read minutes from April 16th -- approved as read.

Treasurer: Dennis Schares, current balance of \$6,609.19.

Membership/Retention: Lyle Hefel reported a new member.

OLD BUSINESS:

- + Nick Hirsch delivered the wall clock/plaque to Don David and reported that Don appreciated the gift very much.
- + Larry Mueller gave thanks to all of those who worked on the chapter's 40th birthday celebration. Nick said that he was unable to reach EAA founder Paul Poberezny who had been invited to attend.
- + Larry reported that the scheduled cookout/meeting to be held at the Platteville airport has been cancelled.
- + Dave Kramer spoke of some difficulty having scouting groups get back with him with their intentions of participation in the Young Eagle event to be held at the Dyersville airport come June 6th. Bill Fitch motioned and Lyle Hefel 2nd to hold a meeting along with the cookout and Y/E event -- motioned passed. Rain date will be the 7th of June.
- + Dave Kramer raised question as to whether another cookout/meeting scheduled for Aug. 15th at the Dyersville airport would be appropriate given the change of plans for June 6th. Reconsideration of the August event will be made in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- + Larry Mueller spoke of the free membership program being introduced by Oshkosh. It involves a six-month free membership for individuals with the national and chapters participating. Forms are available on line.
- + Mike Gaffney said that no speakers have been scheduled at this time due to summer cookouts and Oshkosh activities.
- + Nick Hirsch reported a proposal by Gordy Vetch to display airport equipment at our breakfast event. Nancy Mueller motioned and Nick Hirsch 2nd to approve the displays. Motioned passed.
- + Bill Fitch spoke of his misgivings involving the approach of new TSA regulations for airports with airline service.
- + Dave Kramer motioned and Nick Hirsch 2nd, meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

Mike Gaffney, Sec.