



## Officers

### President

Larry Mueller  
608 744-3333

### Vice President

John Einck  
815 747-2594

### Secretary

Mike Gaffney  
563 556-8734

### Treasurer

Elaine Fitch  
563 557-9480

### Director of Advertising and Promotions

Harry Styer  
563 582-3105

### Director of Membership and Retention

Lyle Hefel  
563 583-4657

### Newsletter Editor

John Haupt  
563 590-1782

### Webmaster

Nancy Mueller  
608 744-3333

### Director at Large

Bill Fitch  
563 557-9480

## January Newsletter 2010

### EAA 327 Officer's and Director's Meeting Locust Street HyVee, Jan. 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by president Larry Mueller at 7:03 with 10 members present.

#### REPORTS:

**Secretary:** Mike Gaffney read minutes from previous meeting held Dec. 10. Minutes approved as read.

**Treasurer:** Outgoing treasurer Dennis Schares reported a balance of \$8,308.93.

**Membership/Retention:** Lyle Hefel—nothing to report.

**Advertising/Promotion:** Harry Styer—nothing to report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ The biennial report to the state may not be due this year. Nick Hirsch will be contacted to find out what had been done in the past.
- ✓ Larry Mueller said the chapter renewal fee was \$50 and that he would be sending it to Oshkosh along with the check.
- ✓ Larry once again started a discussion around the 501C3 versus 501C4 issue. The new newsletter editor John Haupt offered to check with some reliable sources he had and report next membership meeting.
- ✓ Larry Mueller reported that we do have an Employee ID # and it is: 81-0640891.
- ✓ Bill Fitch talked of the upcoming YE flight to be held at the Dubuque Regional Airport in February. Bill feels that even though we are flying young people 8-17, we should be focusing more attention on the 15-17-year-olds and trying to get some of them interested in actually pursuing an active interest in aviation. Bill said

that Sporty's is working with the EAA in developing a program to do just that, but that it has not been launched as yet. Bill continued and said that he will be needing about a dozen volunteers to make the flights a success and will be seeking sign ups and the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✓ President Larry Mueller and the other officers at the meeting welcomed the new treasurer, Elaine Fitch and the new newsletter editor John Hauptert.
- ✓ Harry Styer volunteered to handle the procurement of chili to warm up members at the Jan. 21 meeting.
- ✓ Bill Fitch has been working with Central Alternative teachers John Adelman and Tim Eberling regarding the upcoming event that will feature astronaut Scott Carpenter and Area 51 veteran Iowa's Bill Fox who was instrumental in the development of the SR-71 as well as other secretive projects. The event scheduled for March 16 will cost about \$11,000. Larry Mueller will get more 327 brochures printed to be handed out at that program. Chapter members will be seated together and the cost will be \$5. The chapter has already committed to donate \$500 and will be featured as one of major sponsors on the printed programs used that night. Students from Central are making a presentation to members at the Jan. 21 meeting.
- ✓ Program Director Mike Gaffney announced that the February membership meeting will feature a presentation by Dubuque Jet Center FBO manager, Gordy Vetsch.
- ✓ Larry Mueller suggested having our 2009 audit done by the same person who did it last year, Laura Droski, a non-EAA member but with professional accountant credentials. After Bill Fitch suggested a payment of a \$50 gift certificate to Laura, Lyle Hefel motioned and Harry Styer 2<sup>nd</sup>—passed.

Lyle Hefel motioned and Harry Styer 2<sup>nd</sup>—adjourned at 8:02.  
Mike Gaffney, secretary.

## **EAA Membership Meeting Minutes At UD Flight Ctr., Jan. 21, 2010**

The meeting was preceded by a chili feed with brownie snacks delivered by Harry Styer. After the snacks a presentation was given by Central Alternative School teacher, John Adelman, assisted by a student, Brandon Robey. They described the history project the students have been busy working on that is entitled "The 1960's: A decade of Promise and Despair." The project will feature a special event at the River Center that will include Project Mercury astronaut Scott Carpenter and Iowa's own Area 51 and Skunk Works designer Bill Fox.

The business meeting was called to order at approximately 7:45 with 15 members and guests present. Bill Fitch presented a check for the Central School project and the meeting began.

## REPORT:

**Secretary:** Mike Gaffney read minutes from the November meeting and they were approved with the exception that the Central program date is March 16<sup>th</sup> and that Bill Fitch had agreed to retain the office of director-at-large for just 1-year.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Fitch reported a balance of \$8,308.93.

**New Letter Editor:** John Haupt reports that he is honing his computer skills, but is ready to go with newsletter production.

**Membership/Retention:** Lyle Hefel—nothing to report.

**Advertising/Promotion:** Harry Styer—recently got news release in for membership meeting, but nothing new to report.

**Web Editor:** Nancy Mueller—nothing to report.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Larry Mueller noted the Central School Grand River event in March and the fact that the chapter has been invited to have a table at the event to promote 327. Elaine and Bill Fitch volunteered to staff the info table. Larry questioned how many brochures would be needed. It was decided to let Larry print the full-color brochures on his own printer and by a motion from Dave Kramer—2<sup>nd</sup> by Lyle Hefel authorized him to purchase more ink if he runs out before a sufficient quantity is produced.
- ✓ Larry Mueller thanked contributions by chapter members this past year such as: Dave Kramer for his work on the news letter and also noted contributions by Elaine Fitch—Christmas party planner and Mike Gaffney as program director.
- ✓ Elaine Fitch investigated and found that the report for the chapter's C4 status was filed a year ago and won't be due till next year.
- ✓ Harry Styer reported that the purchase of new breakfast tables has been accomplished and that he had even constructed a kind of storage stand for the new tables.
- ✓ Larry noted that the plans for the Blanton Racer have been put on Ebay at a beginning price of \$50.
- ✓ Bill Fitch spoke of the upcoming Young Eagle event on February 27 (snow date—Feb. 28). He will be needing at least 4 pilots and a volunteer sheet was passed out. Bill also talked of his plan to emphasize the need to pursue the 15-17-year-olds who might want to continue on a path to get started in aviation. Bill spoke of plans by Sporty's and EAA who also are looking in the direction of YE flyers who want to continue the journey.
- ✓ Larry welcomed new officer's Elaine Fitch (treasurer)—John Haupt (newsletter).
- ✓ Larry Mueller mentioned that the officer's had motioned to have Laura Droeski perform the 2009 audit and that they also approved paying her with a \$50 gift certificate.
- ✓ Larry reported the payment of \$96.11 for Web fee for 2009.
- ✓ Larry said that the tech support group is forming up and that the names of contributors will be available on the web site.
- ✓ Treasurer Elaine Fitch requested authorization for purchase of a check book holder for a price of \$38.58—approved by consensus.
- ✓ Larry Mueller will bring brats for next meeting.

Mike Hoffman motioned—Harry Styer 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20.

Mike Gaffney, Secretary