



**Tri-State Chapter: Dubuque, Iowa**

## February Newsletter 2010

**EAA 327 Officer's and Director's Meeting  
Locust Street HyVee, Feb. 11, 2010**

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

### **REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** Mike Gaffney read minutes from previous meeting of Jan. 10. Minutes approved as read.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Fitch reported a balance of \$7,406.19. She reported a check written to the CAP has not been cashed and Bill Fitch said he will make contact with CAP and remind them.

**Membership/Retention:** Lyle Hefel, not present.

**Advertising/Promotion:** Harry Styer, not present.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- ✓ Bill Fitch gave a report on the upcoming Young Eagle event. Bill spoke of having 5 pilots signed up. He explained the need for more people on the ground this time because of initiating a new program. The flights will be targeting the 15-17-year-olds who show an interest in continuing a journey toward becoming a future aviator. Bill further reported of a special offer from Sporty's that will provide not only log books, but will also make available an on-line computer course aimed at providing the young folks with the knowledge to pass their private FAA written. There will also be other opportunities for the special young people such as a free associate membership in chapter 327 and guidance and encouragement from members who will help by the introduction of a local "mentor" program. Bill requested some additional help with telephone and preregistration activities necessary for the Feb. 27

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event. John Einck told of how the recent Maquoketa Young Eagle day worked smoothly in part to a special arrival registration numbering system used by the Cedar Rapids chapter.

- ✓ Bill Fitch also gave a report on developments for the Central Alternative's "1960's" event. Bill noted that we need to be insured because our table makes us an active part of the evening's activities. Larry Mueller said that he is making progress on the printing of the chapter's brochures to be handed out that evening.
- ✓ Larry reported the audit has been completed.
- ✓ Larry also noted that the e-Postcard form 990-n to the IRS had been sent in and accepted.
- ✓ Once again, the 501C3 vs 501C4 question was raised. It was decided to bring it to the membership meeting for the final time at next meeting.
- ✓ Larry Mueller said he will be getting brats ready for the membership meeting and John Hauptert is in charge of getting the sauerkraut.
- ✓ Mike Gaffney said the speaker, Gordy Vetsch, is all set for next week's membership meeting.
- ✓ Larry Mueller reported on the sale of the Blanton Racer plans. They were sold for \$50 on Ebay.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✓ Mike Gaffney noted that the March program will be a special video "The Grey Eagles" presented by Larry Mueller. Popcorn is going to be provided that evening. Nancy Mueller will do the desert.
- ✓ John Einck will see to it that our chapter activities are well known. He is posting our info on many top web sites.
- ✓ Bill Fitch introduced a motion to allow 15-17 Young Eagles that have shown an interest in aviation activities to become associate chapter members with no dues with the "no dues" to continue until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday — 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Gaffney, passed. Bill also motioned to formally discontinue the policy of sending hard copies of chapter newsletters to all charter members of 327 at no charge --- 2<sup>nd</sup>— Mike Gaffney, passed.
- ✓ John Einck announced that Swiss Valley will longer provide a discount on dairy items as well as providing the refrigerator trailer used at our breakfasts.
- ✓ Bill Fitch was looking for a ground manager for the Young Eagle flight operations. John Hauptert has volunteered for the job.

Elaine Fitch motion and John Einck 2<sup>nd</sup>— meeting adjourned at 8:05.  
Mike Gaffney, Sec.

## EAA 327 Membership Meeting UD Flight OP Ctr., Feb. 18, 2010

Meeting was preceded by a presentation by Dubuque FBO supervisor Gordy Vetsch who spoke about the history of the Dubuque operation as well as the daily routine of fuel monitoring and the endless regulations that have to be observed. Larry and Nancy Mueller served up a feast of brats and cookies to start things off. The business meeting was called to order at 8:06 pm by President Larry Mueller with 15 members and guests present.

### **REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** Mike Gaffney read minutes from the previous meeting. Approved with the exception that it must by emphasized that the C4 is a State of Iowa status, not federal.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Fitch reported a balance of \$7,281.68.

**Newsletter:** John Hauptert, not available.

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

**Advertising/Promotion:** Harry Styer, not available.

**Web Editor:** Nancy Mueller reported the January newsletter is now available on the web site. Larry Mueller thanked Nancy for her contribution this past year.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- ✓ Larry Mueller reported presenting Laura Droeski with the \$50 gift certificate for her work on the 2009 audit.
- ✓ Bill Fitch noted that the Central Alternative school is all set for the March 16th event the at the Grand River Center at 7 pm. Bill and Elaine Fitch and John Hauptert will be helping to greet the public and hand out chapter brochures to those who are interested. Members are encouraged to arrive early to see if there's anything needing to be done. The cost will be \$5.00. Bill also said that Mercury astronaut Scott Carpenter's fee will be \$5,000 plus expenses and that John Adelman is seeking help from businesses to gain more support for the project.
- ✓ Bill Fitch reported that he is in need of more help for the Young Eagle event to be held on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Because of a slightly different emphasis on the 15-17 year olds, there will be a greater need for help than in the past. Bill continued with info that was discussed and approved at the O&D meeting earlier which was the startup of a mentor and free associate chapter membership program for interested young folks. Bill also talked about Sporty's offer of a log book and a free on-line ground school course aimed at preparing individuals for their Private Pilot written exam. He also said the EAA is considering some sort of young pilot assistance but he had not details as yet.
- ✓ Larry Mueller noted that all the necessary chapter paperwork has been filed.
- ✓ Larry announced that after the O&D meeting that it was decided to continue with the C4 status for the chapter, if there were not objections—there were none.
- ✓ Larry mentioned that the Blanton Racer plans had been sold on Ebay and he will deposit the check in the chapter account.
- ✓ Elaine Fitch said that Nick Hirsch questioned whether we should continue to provide Sport Aviation monthly to the public library. Joe Weber motioned to continue and Bill Fitch 2<sup>nd</sup>—passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✓ Larry Mueller noted that the March 18th meeting will feature popcorn/dessert and an excellent video he is providing. The May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Shullsburg airport and there will be a cookout. Larry will provide the meat and everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass.
- ✓ Dave Kramer will host a Young Eagle event at the Dyersville airport on June 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meeting with food after the Eagle event in the afternoon.
- ✓ Larry Mueller said that he and Mike Gaffney will be attending a Leader Academy in Osh on Feb. 26-28<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Dave Kramer spoke enthusiastically about the April 15 presenter he has found. Clancy Hess is a Dyersville native and WWII vet with a million stories to tell and Dave swears they're all true.

Joe Weber motioned and Mike Hoffman 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned 8:34 pm.

Mike Gaffney, Sec.