

## EAA Chapter 1298 May 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Steve White called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM with over 45 attendees. Meeting opened with pledge. Guests: Stephanie, Trent, Rich, Maureen, Connor

Steve introduced Elliot Smith for the trick of the month.

Steve made a motion to donate \$200 to the WWII memorial. There were no objections. Steve also presented the membership to approve spending up to \$350 for a flat top griddle type gas grill to expand our culinary capacity. There were no objections. Bill Smith and Phil Renard will look for the best price and purchase.

The Tampa Bay Council event in May has asked for a donated flight for their auction. They have invited us to the dinner for a donation.

The next YE rally will be on 10/14. Steve spoke about a single YE flight as well, for those interested. Details were presented from the yeday.org website.

Steve made a motion to purchase an iPad for YE digital signatures. Motion for \$300 was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved. James Haney may have one for the club at a discount.

Steve reported on financials, which are also posted on the bulletin board.

Karl Bambas reported that space is available in the EAA hangar. Jose Caride should be done in the next 2-3 months.

Upcoming events:

- 5/6 – X60 (Williston) Pig Roast 11:30 until food is gone \$20
- 5/13 – Dinner at Coye Royo 6:00 PM, call or text Phil Renard 614.499.5766

Karl reported on the SIM yoke issue and a letter has been drafted and will be sent certified to the vendor. Al Neihaus may have a similar yoke for replacement. Karl also presented a work in progress video to introduce our SIM and a flyer from his Michigan EAA chapter.

Jack reported that the new maroon shirts are ready for ordering and a sign up sheet was available up front.

Merle Waner reported on the hangar status from the airport manager.

Steve mentioned lift to repair hangar light. James Haney may have something for the chapter to use vs renting a lift. Telly Kassimis is looking at a way to raise and lower the lights for maintenance.

Phil Renard introduced Jack Maher and Merle Wagner for the 50 year Master Pilot Award.

Jack and Merle presented their story. Our chapter has a great depth of pilot experiences and stories. We now have 8-9 Master Pilots on the wall!

50/50 - \$80 won by Aniko Maher, who donated back to chapter.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Smith  
Chapter EAA 1298 Secretary