

EAA Chapter 1298 June 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Steve White called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM with over 34 attendees. Meeting opened with pledge.

Steve brought up the roof discussions from the BOD meeting which was held on Wednesday 5/31/23. The best option for the chapter appears to be for the Chapter to fix the roof, and get a 20-year lease w/o rent to pay back the monies. A signup sheet yielded 10 Chapter members willing to lend the chapter @ \$2,500 with a payback anywhere from 5-15 yr. with the monies from the rent if we get a good lease agreement as stated above. The chapter has some monies, but does want to drain all the funds.

Discussions around financing ideas and options. Roof replacement Cost is @ \$56,000. The chapter is looking for @ \$45,000 outside what the chapter funds could provide. Moving to another airport did not draw a large following due to cost and the current rent we pay on the current lease.

Funding Ideas:

- Lifetime membership, Go Fund Me, Fly Ins, EAA National, Philanthropy, etc.

The county is not interested in funding the roof replacement and has nixed Al Neinhuis's idea of using prisoner labor. The FAA will not give any grants for this type of project. However, Steve Miller is contacting FDOT for some possible assistance.

The Chapter will report to the county by the end of the summer with a proposal agreed by the membership.

Frank Brunot reported on financials, which are also posted on the bulletin board. Frank spoke about another Build & Fly in the fall with Tom Wilcox. Membership agreed to \$175 for the Chapter donation for another Build n Fly. Frank stated he would teach the class.

Upcoming Events:

- 6/17 Franks in Hudson - text Phil Renard for RSVP 614.499.5766
 - Frank's Restaurant in Hudson 727-863-8777
- 6/24 Chapter 16874 INF fly in - <https://www.eaa1674.org/2023-06-24-fundraiser.pdfwatr>
- 8/6 Threshers ball game \$35 – 30 max
- 10/14 Young Eagles

Karl Bambas will be leaving for Mich till Nov. Karl also has an electric (battery) tow for sale. Karl's SIM video was played during the pre-meeting breakfast and can be viewed here:

https://youtu.be/e_JRjyacboc

Jack Maher provided the new maroon pocket T's for members who had an order.

Steve reported that Merle is home from the hospital and is feeling better. All tests were negative.

Projects:

- Jeff Norton – Finishing up flaps
- Ed Hoffman – Sea Plane prop mod, changed cyl and re did mags
- Ron LeBlanc – Zenith panel and G5 with magnetometer
- Rick Rawl – Cozy Mark IV, new avionics and radiator

Dave Rose gave a shout out to Bruce Harding, Tom Wilcox and Russ Satler for their help in his aviation learning. Dave also talked about a new BSA Explorer club hosted at Global Jet.

2 EAA Chapter 1298 flights were sold at the BSA auction. Robert Yanichko, and Frank Brunot offered the rides.

50/50 - \$77.50 won by Frank who donated back to the chapter. Thank You Frank!

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Smith
Chapter EAA 1298 Secretary