

## EAA Chapter 1298 December 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Steve White called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Meeting opened with pledge.

Guests: Mike and family

Steve introduced Elliot Smith for the trick of the month. Tom Wilcox was a willing volunteer.

Steve mentioned that the board has appointed Denniss Spitaleri as a new board member replacing Merle Wagner. Young Eagles for 2/10 was brought up, and hoping for better weather.

Frank reported on the financials which are also posted on the bulletin board. Next water bill will be mid January to compare bill differences, if any from the water leak fix.

Steve reminded members for chapter dues.

Telly Kassimis reported on the Ray scholarship submission.

For the Bi plane event we are expecting 20-25 planes, and will serve brats, fixings, drinks and coffee for a donation of \$10.

### Upcoming Events:

- 1/13 – Dinner at Coyote Royo, contact Phil Renard 614.499.5766 if you want to go for head count
- 2/10 – Young Eagles 10 AM
- 2/17 – Bi-Plane fly in lunch to plan – Don Etchison has informed me that the club has it calendared. 10 AM-2PM

Merle Wagner reported on the hangar and the major issue with the roof. The donated New Wave CNC router has been cleaned and tested by Merle. It will be available to members with training and using your own tooling. If you are interested contact Merle for initial introduction ( [wagnermerle@gmail.com](mailto:wagnermerle@gmail.com) ). Coffee machine is up and running with plumbed water line and fresh coffee. Light is being replaced in Merle's hangar bay when James Haney gets back with the lift. Water leak under the hangar has been fixed by the county.

Steve thanked Don Etchison for the coffee bench, pot, grinder and Bruce Harding for the artistic table top to be revealed at next meeting.

Bruce Harding spoke on the build/fly initiative to start in February.

Steve stated there is no movement on the roof politics. He also brought up a BKV Tower tour that has been offered by Mike McDowell. Also a flight safety tour as well with Jim Dent.

Paul Bryant talked about an issue with his Lightning with increased fuel usage and he has contacted the manufacturer.

Don Etchison gave a summary of the Bunker Project.

Jack Maher has the new shirts for distribution. Baseball game is scheduled for 4/14 @\$35 (max 30 in suite). Monies will be collected at February's chapter meeting.

50/50 - \$ 75 won by Frank who donated back to the chapter. Thanks Frank!

Randy Crouch spoke about a fly in/camping in February at Sunnyland Airpark. Near KOBE.

Al Neihaus spoke to Hernando county residents for signatures to run again as Sherriff.

David Rose asked if anyone had some thin aluminum skins for donation.

Motion to adjourn was 2<sup>nd</sup> and meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Smith  
Chapter EAA 1298 Secretary

