

EAA Chapter 1298 March 2024 Meeting Minutes

Bill Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Meeting opened with pledge.

Guests: Camron, Sydney and Javo

Bill thanked all the volunteers for helping with the tent setup (Friday) and controlling the Bi-Plane event last Saturday. Unfortunately we did not have the aircraft participation anticipated, but the hangar was full of banter, and no one went home hungry.

Frank reported on the financials which are also posted on the bulletin board.

The chapter recognized Merle Wagner on his birthday. Happy birthday Merle!

The EAA National survey is in, and we had 22 participants with mostly favorable results/comments. Bill will post the results on the board.

The BOD made a change to the By-Laws for dues and when they are considered late/inactive. The change was made as follows:

- ***Dues are to be paid upon joining and annually thereafter, no later than the first Chapter meeting of March of each following year.*** This used to be January 1st

In addition, after March 1st, any member not current, will be considered inactive, and will not be able to utilize any chapter resources, including the SIM or be part of any chapter event, such as Young Eagles. There was no opposition to the change.

Jack Maher has the required 22 people for the ballgame on 4/14 at Thresher's stadium.

We have 2 current BOD openings to fill. Contact any BOD member, if interested. Thank you to the 3 people that stepped up. The BOD will meet and select 2.

Ron LeBlanc is selling his plane/project. There is some wiring/panel to finish. Contact Ron direct, if interested. 813.957.4193 releblan@verizon.net.

We have 3 pilots signed up for the Tampa tower tour. Date/time TBD.

Upcoming Events:

- 3/16 – Dinner at El Sol De Mexico 6 PM, text Phil Renard 614-499-5766
- 4/13 - Young Eagles 10 Am – 1 PM
- 4/14 - Threshers ball game \$40 pp

Bill introduced Bart Grey, President of Global Jetcare, Inc. to speak about his Round-The-World Flight To Raise Money For Historic 1st Lear Jet.

Bart gave a history of the life of the Lear jet and the interesting events that lead to the procurement of Lear Jet SN #3, the 1st Lear jet build specifically for someone. The collaboration with the Lear Jet Foundation was amazing. Bart is attempting a record westward around the world flight with this Lear as it sits in Wichita for preparation to get back to original as possible. Bart passed out a letter from the Lear Jet foundation. Sponsorships are available. The letter will be posted on the bulletin board as well.

Bruce Harding gave an update on the current Build n Fly.

50/50 was won by Doug Baird who donated back to the chapter. Thank You Doug.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Smith
Chapter EAA 1298 Secretary

