

EAA 493
Minutes of October 15, 2019 Monthly Chapter 493 Meeting

The October 15, 2019 monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 493 was called to order by President Bob Reece at 7pm in the renovated conference room of the Terminal building, Mathis Field, San Angelo, Texas, on a pleasant fall evening. 16 members were present, including Mark Lerch, who recently joined the Chapter. Mark has a small private grass strip and is working on getting his pilot licence. Mark lives (and has his grass strip) in Quail Valley, a small community just North of San Angelo. Vice President Ron Lentz was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Bob Reece first addressed procedural matters. Upon voice vote, the Minutes of the last meeting of Chapter 493, held on September 17, 2019 and recorded and prepared by Don Treadwell in Secretary Don Smucker's absence were, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried by acclamation, approved as published on the Chapter Reflector. Treasurer Andy Spinks monthly Treasurer's report, given by Andy, showed a balance of \$1,275.72, which report was also approved by motion, seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote. Andy also received a letter addressed to the Chapter from EAA National, reflecting the \$500 that the Chapter donated to EAA National to be applied towards the renovation costs of the EAA's vintage Ford Trimotor, and thanking us for the Chapter's donation.

Old Business.

Andy Spinks reported that member Gerry Hatch had graciously flown his homebuilt RV-10 to Eldorado airport on October 4. Students from several classes from the Eldorado Middle School held a field trip to the Eldorado airport that day, both to examine Gerry's homebuilt aircraft, and to do an interview of Gerry for the Schools newspaper. Andy Spinks, and his wife, a teacher at Eldorado Middle School, also attended the event. Andy reported that the event was well received, thanked Gerry for his participation, and presented a copy of the school newspaper article.

New Business.

President Bob Reece reported that he had received two emails of aircraft for sale. The first was from Elizabeth Kondor, who is selling a Quicksilver GT 500 LSA trainer for \$13,500. For more details or to inquire about the airplane, contact Ms Kondor at 405-301-2783.

The second is a WWII era 2 person Scheibe glider in the Manard, Tx area, mounted on a trailer. The glider has been sitting in a barn for many years. It would be a project, in that the fuselage and surfaces need to be recovered (fabric). The owner is asking \$2,500. Bob has seen the glider and reports that while it would take some work to restore, the basic glider is in quite good condition. For more information, contact John Winslow, 830-739-4257, johnranchtx@gmail.com.

While discussing the glider, several members got talking about their glider experiences. Bob Reece recalled how he got his glider rating and told a few war stories relating to that. Doug

O'Conner also told several glider stories, including how he got his rating, and that as he hopped out of the glider having just passed his glider check ride, he took his sweetheart Eva (now wife), on what was their third date, up for a soaring ride. Now THAT's trust!

Additional New Business:

1. Chapter Christmas party. Bob and Beccye Reece will again this year investigate and check out local restaurants for proposed location for this year's Chapter Christmas party, and report back at the November meeting. Bob will include last year's locale, since there were no unfavorable comments about that location.
2. Bob Reece pointed out that with the New Year imminent, there are several officer's position terms coming up. We will need to elect a new President and Secretary. President Bob Reece said that if anybody wanted the president position, he would be happy to relinquish it, but if there were no takers that he would consider doing another term. Secretary Don Smucker noted that he was absent for three months this year, and was planning on doing more travel next year. Although Don Treadwell did a wonderful job substituting for Don Smucker in his absence, Don Smucker thought it would be better if someone else took on the position. With Ron Lentz absent at this meeting, we did not discuss the Vice-President position. And even though the Treasurer's term is not over this December, Treasurer Andy Spinks confirmed that he will continue on as Treasurer as needed for so long as no one else wanted the position.
3. Nancy York asked about EAA Calendars for 2020. Andy Spinks said he would again take on that chore this year. He will have details, and a sign-up list at the November meeting. He expects the price to stay the same as last year, \$10 each.
4. There was also discussion about the B-17 flightseeing crash earlier this year, in which a number of passengers and crew perished. Andy Spinks reported that the preliminary NTSB report will be released later today (Sept 15). There was also discussion of the recent (October 14) Socata TBM 700 crash at the Stephens County Airport near Breckenridge, Texas. The 7 passenger turboprop airplane is owned by a San Angelo corporation and operates from Mathis Field. There were two on board, and while there was a fire and the airplane appears to be totaled, the two on board were able to exit the airplane safely.

Bob Reece also gave a report on a Piper J-3 he is recovering. He also related the harrowing incident (fire) that quickly reduced the J-3's fabric coverings to ash. Bob said it took all of 3-4 minutes for the entire fabric coverings to go up in flames, but that there was relatively little other damage. Bob is recovering the airplane utilizing the Stuart system, a newer non-flammable process.

There being no further business, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

President Bob Reece presented the evening's program. Tonight's program was based on the October EAA National Chapter monthly Video Magazine.

After the program the meeting was adjourned for social time, with refreshments brought by Brian and Brad Thompson.

Below are the people who have agreed to provide the meeting refreshments for the remainder of the upcoming 2019 Chapter meetings.

November - Don Smucker

December - No need for refreshments, as the annual Christmas Party is the monthly meeting.