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Drop In On Us

We Meet on the third Tuesday of the month at Joe's Italian Restaurant at 1601 S Bryant Blvd in San Angelo. Some meet at about 6:00 pm for pre-meeting dining and hangar talk.

Or drop in to visit the meeting at 7:00 pm and see what we're about. We start with a short business meeting which is followed by an aviation-related presentation

We top it all off with dessert type refreshments.

We'd be happy to see all aviation enthusiasts whether you are a pilot or not.

Refreshments

2013

December - Christmas Party

2014

Time for sign-ups!

MEMBERSHIP DUES!

They are due and payable at the Christmas party business meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Don't forget our next meeting on **Monday**, **December 2nd at Zentner's Daughter Steakhouse**.

Remember; our Regular Christmas Party will start at 1800 on Monday, 12/2/13 at Zentner's Daughter. There will be cocktails, dinner, hangar talk, a gift exchange and a business meeting.



A Zenith 601XL rudder frame ready for first rivets, October, 2003.

EAA CHAPTER 493 MINUTES

EAA Chapter 493 Minutes for November 19, 2013

Minutes submitted by Don Smucker for Richard Martin.

President Gerry Hatch called the November meeting to order at 7:00pm at Joe's Italian Restaurant, located at 1601 S. Bryant Blvd, San Angelo. Joe's has very good food at

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reasonable prices, donates a room for the monthly meeting, and most members attending the meeting meet at 6pm for dinner. Turnout was large. There were two guests present, Ted Hume and Jane Johnson.

Upon motion made, seconded and passed without opposition, the minutes of the October, 2013 meeting were approved by the chapter as published in the Chapter November newsletter. Since the Treasurer was not able to attend there was no Treasurer's report, and any action on the November Treasurer's report was deferred until the report could be given at the next Chapter meeting.

Old business:

There was only one item of old business. Gerry Hatch reminded the membership that discounts on Ford products are still available through the EAA national office.

New business:

Gerry Hatch noted that no provisions have yet been made for this year's Christmas party, held in conjunction with the December Chapter meeting. Bob Reece has successfully made arrangements for the Christmas party for the past several years. When asked, Bob agreed to undertake the task again this year. Since time is short, Bob will go ahead and make the arrangements and email the membership with the date, time, place and gift rules.

Don Treadwell announced that he has received the annual Chapter order of EAA World Of Flight 2014 calendars, and they are for sale for \$10 each. The Chapter ordered fewer calendars this year (26), so if you want a calendar see Don promptly. Once they are gone, they can still be ordered from the EAA national office at http://www.shopeaa.com, for \$12.99, plus shipping. Don also said he received a special letter from the Young Eagle part of EAA national, thanking him for being the Young Eagle coordinator for Chapter 493 for over 10 years, and presenting him with a flight bag from Sporty's Pilot Shop in recognition of his contribution to the Young Eagles program. Don deserves a hearty CONGRATULATIONS from Chapter 493 as well!

Gerry Hatch notified the membership that the Chapter's insurance policy is up for renewal. After discussion, upon motion made, seconded and passed without opposition, the Treasurer was authorized to renew the approximately \$200 annual policy. Along those same lines, Gerry reminded the membership that AOPA has a Medivac policy available for anyone interested.

Don Smucker notified the group that member Steve McDuff is in the hospital - he just had his right shoulder replaced.

Finally, Gerry Hatch asked for a report from the Search Committee, charged with finding someone to fill the Chapter President and Secretary positions that become vacant on January 1, 2014. The Committee members reported no takers for those positions, so Committee members Don Treadwell and Pierce Marshall, respectively, agreed to fill the vacating President and Secretary positions. After discussion and opening the floor for other nominations, the nominations were closed and on vote of the membership, Don Treadwell was elected President, and Pierce Marshall was elected Secretary, to take office on January 1, 2014.

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There being no more business, upon motion made, seconded and passed by acclamation, the business portion of the November, 2013 meeting of Chapter 493 was adjourned.

The meeting program was presented by Joe Christian and Gerry Hatch, with additional commentary by Fred and Jo Jones, Judy Christian, and Jane Johnson. The group took a grand week long flying and ground tour of Page and Jerome, Arizona, Lake Powell, Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Az. Joe and Judy Christian took the high altitude flight video over Monument Valley and Gerry Hatch and Jane Johnson took the "close encounter" low altitude approach and video. The Sedona airport is on top of a very small butte and because landing on top of the butte looks a lot like landing on an aircraft carrier, the airport sells caps labeled U.S.S. Sedona. Fred Jones earned his cap in high winds on landing, and sported his trophy. The trip started at the end of September and finished in early October. They flew in three planes, the Christians' Bonanza, the Jones' RV 9, and Gerry Hatch's RV 7. The videos and pictures were spectacular, and the program was well received. After the program, refreshments were provided by Don (and Jade) Smucker.

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Thanks, Your Editor