

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

The January 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 yet another cold fall evening. Present were 15 members and 1 guest. The guest was Sylvia Pinto, who accompanied Joyce York, Nancy York and Tim McTaggart.

Bob Reece first addressed procedural matters. Upon voice vote, the Minutes of the last regular 2018 calendar year meeting of Chapter 493, held on November 20, 2018 were, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried by acclamation, approved as published on the Chapter Reflector. Treasurer Andy Spinks gave the Treasurer's report (balance of \$1,813.02 as of December 31, 2018), which was also approved by motion, seconded, and unanimously carried by voice vote.

Old and New Business.

It was recognized that the December, 2018 Chapter 493 Christmas party was well received and attended. There were 19 present at the party, which included a gift exchange. The Christmas party took the place of the normal monthly (December) meeting for the Chapter. There was no business conducted at the Christmas party, as the officers of Chapter 493 were either previously elected or are partway through their term (Bob Reece, Pres, Ron Lentz, VP, & Don Smucker, Sec, are all three halfway through their two year term, and Andy Spinks, Treas had previously agreed to, and was previously reelected to a new two year term). At the Christmas party Treasurer Andy Spinks took payments for 2019 dues from those members wanting to renew that day, and for some 2019 EAA calendar sales. Andy also distributed calendar orders.

Don Smucker reported that all the paperwork for keeping Chapter 493 active for 2019 with EAA National had been filed with EAA, including the 2019 year Chapter officers. He also reported that he had not yet filed the annual renewal with the Texas Secretary of State, nor had he yet filed the necessary form with the IRS to maintain its tax-free status, but would be taking care of both items shortly.

Bob next opened the floor for other announcements. Pat Nuytten reported that the term of the new Airport Director for Mathis Field, Jeremy Volgardson, commences on January 16, 2019 (tomorrow). Bob Reece reported that he has obtained a copy of the new EAA guidelines for first flights and ensuing flight testing of newly constructed home-built aircraft, which includes both a comprehensive manual and a spiral handbook of individual flight activities and places for recording the applicable flight data. Members can either obtain their own set from EAA National for a nominal fee (\$17.95), or contact Bob Reece to use the set he obtained.

Below are the people who have agreed to provide the meeting refreshments at upcoming Chapter meetings. Tonight's refreshments were provided by Nancy York and Tim McTaggart. For ensuing 2019 monthly Chapter 493 meetings, the following previously signed up to provide the refreshments:

Nancy York - January (tonight's meeting)
Andy Spinks - February
Don and Nancy Treadwell - March
Bob and Carol Heiser - April

Please contact Don Smucker if you are willing to provide refreshments for any of the open May through November, 2019 monthly Chapter meetings.

According to Treasurer Andy Spink's records as of today's meeting, here is a list of Chapter 493 members who have paid their 2019 dues:

Bob and Carol Heiser
Gregg Collum
Don Smucker
Gerry Hatch
LeRoy and Marie Anderson
Don Treadwell
Doug and Eva O'Connor
Andy and Sharon Spinks
Ron Lentz
Bob, Beccye, and Amanda Reece
Steve and Juanita Baker

If you have not yet paid your 2019 dues, please contact Andy Spinks (andyspinks89@gmail.com; 830-660-5911).

Bob Reece then turned the meeting over to Vice-President Ron Lentz, who presided over the evening's program. The program started with the January, 2019 monthly Chapter Video Magazine sent out to the Chapter leaders by EAA National each month. The Video Magazine included material on the Ray Aviation Scholarship program, administered through EAA National, working in conjunction with and through approved local EAA Chapters. Individual \$10,000 scholarships are available for new members aged 16-19, to defray flight training costs. Up to 100 such scholarships can be awarded nationally each year.

After the video program, Ron handed out two fliers, one on the Ray Aviation Scholarship program, and one from EAA National on suggested Chapter activities, with resources listed. Ron then initiated a discussion on program ideas for the upcoming Chapter monthly meetings as well as recruiting new members to the Chapter.

Part of this discussion included whether the Chapter wanted to participate in the Ray Aviation Scholarship program. The Scholarship program would be operated under oversight from EAA National after a local Chapter applied to EAA National for the ability to administer the scholarships locally. Not all Chapters applying for this program will be approved by EAA National. The local Chapter would also have to appoint a Chapter Scholarship officer to co-ordinate and run the program at the local level. While there was some discussion on this subject, a consensus as to whether or not the Chapter wished to participate in the scholarship

program was not reached.

At this point, there was substantial discussion on recruiting and maintaining new members, and holding their interest in aviation. Along those lines, Pat Nuytten proposed that the Chapter hold more, ie at least several, Young Eagles flights a year. This was followed with discussion concerning the number of airplanes available to conduct Young Eagles flights, plus EAA requirements for pilots and airplanes conducting the flights. Don Treadwell, the Young Eagles coordinator for the Chapter was not present, and it was recognized that he needs to be involved in this discussion. Ron Lentz agreed to approach Don Treadwell about this subject. It was also mentioned that under EAA National Young Eagles rules, Young Eagles who were given flights by the Chapter in prior years are automatically eligible to become Chapter members, dues free, and that we ought to contact past Young Eagles to encourage their attendance. Also discussed: Doug O'Connor pointed out that there are two CAP squadrons in the area and they represent a source of new members; Ron Lentz pointed out that there are two area high schools with aviation programs, and an outreach to them was needed; Pat Nuytten recommended more exposure for the Chapter, such as through a booth at San Angelo city festivals and any area aviation activities; Ron Lentz suggested that our youngest member, Brad Thompson (13 years old), might have some suggestions for recruiting new younger members (Brad and Brian Thompson were at the meeting).

The topic then turned to programs for upcoming monthly Chapter meetings. A number of ideas were discussed and considered, as follows:

1. Steve Baker suggested that members with ongoing aviation projects give a monthly report on the status of their project. To also include planned and projected projects, and any other aviation related activities that Chapter members are involved in or considering.
2. Bob Reece suggested periodic (a couple of times a year) ice cream socials or BBQs at member's homes or facilities, and viewing member's aircraft, as has been done at times in prior years.
3. Doug O'Connor suggested a program on Forefight or similar I-Pad type of navigation programs. To possibly include electronic instrument panel instrumentation. After discussion, Pat Nuytten agreed to give such a program this year, possibly for the April meeting.
4. Bob Reece suggested a "hands on" or "how to" demonstration, to be held at either his hangar, a local airport hangar, or possibly in the conference meeting room. This could include not only demonstrations, but include small hands on projects for members to get practical experience and tips and pointers. Some topics that received favorable comment included: (a) a program on fabric covering of aircraft and aircraft surfaces, possibly to include the new Stuart water based system; (b) a welding and tubing formation demonstration, including forming/cutting/shaping tubing, and welding techniques; (c) a riveting and sheetmetal/metalwork demonstration; and (d) a program based on changing wheels and tires on small aircraft, to possibly include repacking bearings, bleeding brakes, etc. Bob indicated that he would consider doing a program on one or possibly more of these topics.

5. Andy Spinks suggested a program on finding or suggesting ways to minimize costs of operating certified or home-built aircraft, such as the owner participating in the annual or condition inspections.

6. Pat Nuytten suggested another program on ADS-B requirements, installation, and latest news. Chapter member Tom Dufresne presented a program on this topic last year, and also later gave an update, but from the discussion it appeared that another program on ADS-B might be worthwhile.

The meeting was then adjourned. After a short socialization period, the meeting broke up.

REMINDERS:

1. The next scheduled monthly EAA Chapter 493 meeting is February 19 (third Tuesday of the month), to be held at the same location, the renovated conference room of the Terminal building, Mathis Field, San Angelo, Texas, commencing at 7pm. For those interested, many members meet at 6pm in the adjoining airport oriental restaurant.

2. Andy Spinks is the February refreshment supplier.

3. If you have not already done so, please contact Andy Spinks about paying your 2019 EAA Chapter dues (\$20 for individual, \$25 for a family membership).