

EAA 493
Minutes of November 19, 2019 Monthly Chapter 493 Meeting

The November 19, 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. Also present was Jesse Starnes, a guest invited by Andy Spinks; it is my understanding that Jesse intends to also join the Chapter.

Bob Reece first addressed procedural matters. Upon voice vote, the Minutes of the last meeting of Chapter 493, held on October 15, 2019, on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried by acclamation, was 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. Bob also reminded the membership that the Chapter recently donated \$500 to EAA National to assist with aircraft restoration expenses, and Andy added that as reported last month, he had previously 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. That letter is part of the Chapter's records.

Old Business.

President Bob Reece reported that as planned (see last month's Minutes) he and Beccye visited the venue for last year's Chapter Christmas Party (Westerm Sky Steakhouse), but that facility cannot supply a private room for this year's party/dinner. They located another restaurant, Los Panchitos, 34 E Ave D (near Fort Concho), that will provide a private room for the group party. A date was set for Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm, at the Los Panchitos restaurant located at 34 E Ave D, for the gala. (Note, there are two Los Panchitos restaurants in San Angelo, make sure you are going to the one on Ave D, near Fort Concho). Bob reported that attendees will be able to order off of the menu. Bob will coordinate the annual gift exchange, but here are the basics: guys buy guy gifts, gals come with gal gifts. Some stealing of gifts will be allowed, but not between guys and gals gifts. Please bring an appropriate wrapped gift (max \$25 cost). Also, guests are not only allowed, they are welcomed and appreciated, so bring family, friends, dates, spouses, significant others, etc! Anyone and everyone bringing a gift will participate in the gift exchange, which is always a highlight of the party, so come ready to play. Also note that the annual Christmas party takes the place of the December Chapter meeting, so there will not be a Chapter meeting on they typical third Tuesday of the month. Finally, the restaurant needs a head count of attendees. So PLEASE send an email to the Reflector noting whether you will or won't be attending, and if attending, how many people will be in your party.

New Business.

First item. Bob noted that Andy Spinks (Treasurer) will continue in that position for 2020, and that if no one else wants to volunteer for the President position, he will stand for a new term. However, the Vice-President position, currently filled by Ron Lentz (who had done an admirable

job as program director), and the Secretary position, currently filled by Don Smucker, will need to be filled by other members. The new officers to fill these positions will be elected at the Christmas party. Although Don Smucker said while his schedule this next year will make it difficult to attend to the duties as Secretary so he will not stand for the position next year, he will continue to handle the annual legal and regulatory filings for the Chapter (IRS, Tx Sec of State, EAA National, etc) for 2020 if requested, to make life easier for the new Secretary. Bob Heiser will continue to handle the Reflector responsibilities. And Don Treadwell apparently has agreed to continue as both the Young Eagles coordinator, and as the Registered Agent for the Chapter.

Second item. Andy Spinks passed around a sign-up sheet for 2020 EAA calendars. Price is \$10 each (a bargain!). Andy will be sending the order for the 2020 calendars in soon, so if you want a calendar, please let Andy know ASAP. You can email Andy, call him, or just send a reply to the Reflector (reply to this email which has the draft minutes), and Andy will get the information. Calendars will be passed out at the Christmas party.

Third item. President Bob Reece passed out the 2019 EAA Chapter 493 Service Awards/Certificates and pins sent from EAA National. Recipients were President Bob Reece, VP Ron Lentz, Treasurer Andy Spinks, Secretary Don Smucker, Tech Counselor Bob Reece, and Young Eagles Coordinator Don Treadwell.

Fourth item. A big welcome to guest (and hopefully new member) Jesse Starnes. Jesse is a nuclear medical technician at Shannon Hospital. Jesse gave a brief description of his past aviation activities (started flying in 2001, but life got in the way before he attained his licence), how he got reinterested in aviation (thanks, Andy!), and his current plans (working on getting his Light Sport licence). Welcome, Jesse!

Fifth item. Member notes. Doug O'Connor reported on his recent purchase of a brand new Aerotrek Light Sport aircraft (www.aerotrek.aero), which he picked up at the dealership in Indiana, and after getting checked out in the new airplane, flew it home (took 3 days) during the recent very cold weather (18 degrees F when he left Indiana). A long flight into heavy headwinds.

Bob and Carol Heiser announced that they recently completed the 40 hour fly-off of their recently completed (Bob and Carol built the kit from scratch) Zenith CH 750 Cruzer light sport airplane. Carol (who is also a pilot) has now joined Bob for three flights (and more to come), and are now ready to rejoin the \$100 hamburger circuit.

Bob Reece reported that Steve West, a resident at Ducote Air Park, recently purchased Art McNamara's Zenith STOL CH 750 light sport utility airplane. Steve also purchased Art and Yvonne's hanger/home at Ducote Air Park, and Art and Yvonne have gone back to Minnesota (BRRR). We will miss Art and Yvonne.

Bob Reece also mentioned that construction of member Gerry Hatch's new home and hangar at Ducote Air Park are well under way. Gerry gave a brief update on the construction time frame.

Bob Reece is also working with member Gregg Collum on the annual condition inspection of Gregg's Velocity. Now THAT is a sleek airplane.

President Bob Reece turned over the podium to Vice President Ron Lentz, who introduced Tom Dufresne (chapter member, and owner of Poor Boy Avionics (<https://pbavion.com>)). Tom gave an update to his previous programs detailing the latest developments in the FAA mandated ads-b (Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast) requirements. He also answered questions. The bottom line is that a functioning ads-b unit is required for all operations within 30 miles (laterally) of any and all Class A, Class B, and Class C Airspace, as of January 1, 2020, and that the FAA is ready to hand out tickets, letters, and fines for non-compliance. So if you do not have a functioning properly installed ads-b unit by January 1, 2020, stay more than 30 miles away from all referenced airspace or be ready to pay the piper. Tom also mentioned that the FAA is also planning to extend the limitations to 30 miles from Class D airspace (which includes Mathis Field), but that step has not yet been taken. These requirements apply to both certified and experimental aircraft, including light sport aircraft, with only a very few odd exceptions (such as an aircraft that has never had any electrical system). Tom (who sits on the Mathis Field Airport Board) also gave a brief update on the Airport's 20 year plan (which is still a work in progress).

After the very informative program, the meeting was adjourned. Don Smucker brought the refreshments for this month's post meeting social time.

FINAL REMINDERS

1. The December Chapter meeting will be the annual Christmas Party, to be held at the Los Panchitos restaurant located at 34 E Ave D, near Fort Concho (ie, downtown). The party will be on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm. There will be no other December Chapter meeting. PLEASE feel free to bring any and all guests to the party - the more the merrier! ALSO, PLEASE send an email to the Reflector stating whether you will (or will not) be able to attend, and giving the number in your party! Details on the gift exchange are stated earlier in these minutes.
2. New officers (Vice-President, and Secretary) will be elected at the December meeting (Christmas Party). Yes, there will be a (short!!) Business meeting at the Christmas Party. You should attend the meeting/Party, or you might just get elected to one of these positions in your absence!
3. Be ready to sign up for refreshment duties for 2020. Pick a month that works for you.
4. Please notify And Spinks ASAP if you want a 2020 EAA Calendar (\$10 ea), and how many you want. They will be distributed at the Christmas Party.