

EAA Chapter 42

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 2nd, 2024

- 1) Call to Order, 7:14 PM
- 2) Attendees: Chris (P) and Lisa Gill, Scott (co-VP) and Trice McEwen, Ed White (Treas), Anson Moxness (co-VP), Chuck Hosack (Dir), Jim Moss.
- 3) Presidents report - Chris
 - Good meeting in Meadow Lakes in September
- 4) VP Report - Scott
 - All is well.
- 5) Secretary's Report - Mark
 - Unable to attend tonight's meeting. Chris and Scott took notes.
- 6) Treasurer's Report - Ed
 - Our current CD's mature Nov 25th. Will renew CD's in December or early next year.
 - Motion was made (Scott), seconded (Chris), and passed to do 2 CD's: (1) at \$40K, and (1) at \$5K. Smaller CD is in case the club needs cash, penalty is smaller on the smaller CD.
- 7) Government Affairs Report
 - None.
- 8) Past Events
 - Good meeting at Tom Bittenob's (Wolf Lake) to see his Just Aircraft Highlander w/ 3-cyl Yamaha Engine. John Nealon is flying off test phase hours on the plane.
- 9) Future Meetings
 - Oct 22 - Dave McKay and Allen Thornhill (before Veteran's Day), topic "Carrier Night." Dave flew Douglas A4 Skyhawk's off a carrier in Tonkin Gulf during Vietnam. Allen was aboard the Antietam (CVS-36) during the Cuban Missile Crisis/Blockade.
 - Nov 26 – Chuck volunteered to host the Chapter at the AK Aviation Museum's restoration hanger to see the Norseman before it moves out; and/or tour the Fairchild restoration project.
 - No December meeting as is tradition.
 - January – Possible FFAST presenter, Col. Tom Palmer, could talk about winter flying, MOSAIC update, and/or Class C airspace futures.
 - Future possibilities
 - a) Tom Lawhorn's Merrill hangar, formerly Dick Reeve's hangar
 - b) Anson's Javron Cub
 - c) Mark's Kitfox
 - d) Rob Smart's Hangar, 1 mile west of Bernie, full of popcorn and airplane stuff
 - e) Tower visit to Merrill in the spring when there is evening light and warm weather. Need to see if Merrill can do a presentation on airport operations.
 - f) Ted Waltman remotely give presentation on fly2ak.com and border crossing tips
 - g) NEW – National Weather Service
 - h) NEW – FFAST Speakers
 - i) Jim Moss with the FAA volunteered to help getting FFAST speakers for a meeting. Concerns were expressed about the FAA going off topic, but this could be managed.
 - j) NEW – Greg Miller's Glasair 3 at Birchwood.
 - k) NEW – Bill Compton's – lean-of-peak and Glasair, as well as his flight in a Bonanza to Hawaii and back.
 - l) NEW – Vicki's hanger with Vicki presenting.

- 10) Scholarship – The Board will provide an annual \$1,500 to the Alaska Airmen's Association for aviation scholarships. Alaska Airmen's Association will match our funds dollar-for-dollar for a total \$3,000 scholarship for any aviation education endeavor.
- Ed discussed the desire to receive contributions from members to increase the Chapter's contribution to a goal of \$2,000. We will recognize/thank willing donors on our website. After discussion, a motion was made (Scott), seconded (Chris), and passed to this effect and passed.
- 11) Stoddard Aircraft and the UAA Aviation Technology Center are sponsoring a 2-day Poly-Fiber workshop at the UAA Aviation Technology Center on Merrill Field, Friday and Saturday, October 18-19, for \$300 per attendee. EAA Chapters 42, 1129 (Fairbanks), 975 (Kenai) are spreading the word to their membership. Austin Jones will be the instructor; he's the same guy who instructs the workshop during AirVenture. There are 10 slots still available, but sign up soon.
- 12) Merrill Field 100th Anniversary
- Scott shared developing plans by the Merrill Field Centennial Celebration planning team to build better annual events, starting with this past July's Merrill Field Hangar Party. Goals are for each annual event to grow in scope and reach, culminating in a state-wide celebration of Alaskan aviation and Merrill Field's 100th anniversary in 2030. Each year, we hope to partner with various aviation-related organizations, nonprofits, museums, historians, K-12 educators, etc. encouraging them to add their own contributions/events to compliment the 2030 festivities. We will continue to engage MRI's lease holders and businesses. And perhaps, we can work with Alaska Airlines to join in hosting their centennial celebration here in Anchorage in 2032.
 - 2024 sponsors included:
 - Merrill Field Airport Manager's Office, Municipality of Anchorage
 - UAA, particularly the Aviation Technology Center & staff
 - Alaskan Region, National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA)
 - Alaska Chapter 358, FAA Managers Association (FAAMA)
 - Alaska Airmen's Association
 - Goals include:
 - Promotion of MRI & Alaska aviation history, benefits, & future
 - Public education regarding Alaska aviation (e.g., economic value, lifeline to remote villages, etc.)
 - Aviation community-building and business-boosting
 - Fun & enjoyment

Great ideas were provided by Chuck and others.

13) Adjourned at 8:08 P.M