

Notes taken at EAA 309 Board Meeting. Captain's Galley, Matthews, 1.17.11

Those present : Randy Utsey (Pres.), Chuck Porter, Alex Becker, Bob Allen, Ray Brown, Dale Ensing, Todd Olds, Bob Thayer (ex-officio), John Wigney. Bob Perkins sent apologies.

Treasurer's Report : Alex Becker reported that all bills are paid, bond interest payments have been made and that we have money in the bank. As of 1.17.11, we have received 41 dues payments = \$1,025.00.

Insurance : Hangar insurance payment of \$604.00 was recommended by Bob Thayer and this was approved unanimously. The bill for the chapter insurance from EAA HQ has not yet been received.

Kitfox Lite : John Wigney reported that the eBay sale was completed with 1 bid only at the reserve price of \$12,000 by a buyer (Darrel McKay) in Colorado. Submittal of the \$2,000 deposit awaits contact and inspection by Darrel's son who lives locally but is in San Francisco at the moment. This person is expected to make contact during week ending 1.22.11. The buyer appears to be genuine but as a contingency, Fred Darnell is planning to place the plane on 'Barnstormers' at an asking price of \$14,000.

Hangar By-Laws : The proposed hangar by-laws were discussed. Questions were asked about the prohibition on welding. The wording will be changed to allow gas and TIG welding but not allow stick/electric arc welding. This measure is due to toxic fumes, dirt and weld spatter with stick welding. The by-laws were approved by the board for submittal to the membership. The by-laws will be circulated before the next dinner meeting for a membership approval vote.

Hangar rentals were discussed. At present, we have Fred Darnell's Super Rebel in one corner. Current expectation is that we will have 2 member project build spaces, 1 chapter build space (the Zodiac HD-601, see below) and 2 aircraft rental spaces. These rentals are being coordinated by Sam Stewart, our Hangar Manager. Master plan concept ideas for future hangar upfit are being coordinated with the help of Michael Zeeveld who has provided some excellent ideas and graphics.

Web Site : Chuck Porter explained how the current chapter web site design had evolved and how he has made some modifications to take advantage of user friendly blog designs through his Apple computer. Chuck and John Wigney explained that the present main site did have some issues and was not always easy to input. It also may not be meeting the membership needs. Chuck explained the difficulty with newsletter production and proposed his alternative style using a blog format. At this stage it was agreed that Chuck would continue with the blog style format with links back to the main EAA 309 site. This will result in multiple sites. It was noted that the idea of many people having input to the main site had not worked well and that a single Webmaster as coordinator is preferable. Present proposal for newsletters is to take snapshots of the blog on a regular basis. Todd Olds agreed to assist Chuck in whatever way he could help.

Zodiac HD-601 Project : Bob Thayer reviewed the preliminary idea of a small independent chapter group making a purchase of the existing project and with that group flying the aircraft after completion. Since the aircraft was donated, it appears this would not be workable particularly with the need to establish a fair sales price to satisfy our tax status. It was agreed that the Zodiac will continue as a chapter project and that it will be moved from Randy Utsey's warehouse to Gastonia. Bob Thayer agreed to be Project Leader. After completion, the idea of an independent 'aero-club' chapter group

purchasing the aircraft at market price is still valid. Bob also explained that no repairman certificate can be issued for this plane.

Dinner Meeting, 1.17.11

- Alex Becker gave a financial review.
- Randy Utsey summarized the decisions and news from the board meeting.
- John Wigney gave update on the Kitfox Lite sale.
- Ross Gresley gave an excellent talk on his experiences on the flight of the "Aluminum Overcast", B-17 from Concord to Talladega. Ross was able to fly the plane and Michael Zeefeld showed video taken during the trip.
- Michael Zeefeld also showed some very detailed and professional 3D graphics slides with preliminary details for a Master Plan for future Gastonia hangar upfit ideas. These include a possible viewing deck and adjoining building space for toilet, tools and storage. Member input on ideas is encouraged.

Submitted by John Wigney, EAA 309 Secretary