

EAA 309 Board Meeting - 2.14.11

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

Zodiac Project

Bob Thayer reviewed status. The engine appears to be in good basic condition but further inspection is required. Bob submitted a project budget for \$1,232.07 for plans, parts and materials. A budget of \$1,500.00 was approved. Work is planned to start in March.

It appears that we also have a partial BD5 kit which came with the Zodiac. This could be completed for display. No decision taken.

Hangar Lease

The draft document was reviewed and approved. See attached.

Finances

Alex Becker advised that our current balance is \$4,095.00. Disposition of funds when Kitfox Lite sale is complete (= \$10,000.00 balance to be paid on 2.25.11) was discussed. Agreed to put all necessary running costs (lease, insurance, utilities, etc.) for the hangar for 2012 into escrow. Target cash balance to be kept at \$2,000 minimum. Next item will be to start paying off bond holders. This will start with the 2006 bond holders which amount to \$2,950.00. 2010 bond holder total = \$13,500.00. 2010 bond holders will be paid off by lottery at a time to be determined.

Donations for the Ron McKinney fund from chapter members stand at \$595. Participation in a \$100.00 hamburger flyin was discussed. Randy Utsey will see how EAA 309 can assist.

Safety

Dale Ensing explained that we were not paying a lot of attention to safety and the benefits of participation in the Flight Advisor program. Dale will provide a newsletter article and review the program at a dinner meeting.

Schedule

South Carolina Breakfast Club will be at Rock Hill on 2.20.11.

Randy Utsey will advise Concord that we can assist and participate in their open house in October. Randy agreed to take 2010 schedule and rework this for 2011. Other dates and details are awaited. Dale Ensing will coordinate with Randy on Young Eagles; possible YE event at Gastonia in April.

Proposed that next meeting of chapter would be at Gastonia hangar on 3.21.11. Dinner location to be determined.

EAA 309 website design

Redesign by Chuck Porter is in hand and Chuck may use iWeb software for the new site. The plan is to use the Google docs server. For items such as calendar and member list, these also will be posted on the Google docs site with limited access for collaborative modification. Simple password access will be devised for access to member details.

Donations and gift membership

The donation of a soda blaster by Nicky Watts was discussed with a view to a possible free membership for Nicky. It was agreed that the best way to handle this would be to provide him with a Trial Membership from EAA HQ which will enroll him into EAA 309. Chuck Porter will coordinate.

Visit by Rod Hightower, new EAA President 'Introductory Grass Roots Tour'

Date would be Wed. evening, 4.6.11, location = EAA 309 hangar at Gastonia. Agreed that this would be a good opportunity. Chuck Porter will follow up and confirm. EAA 309 will pick up overnight hotel cost, etc.

B17 visit

The next B17 visit was discussed. General consensus was that every year was too frequent. No other decision taken.

Andy Moscarelli fund

Bob Allen explained that the planned sponsorship of a high school student pilot for flying lessons at Lincoln County had been disappointing due to lack of any follow through. It was agreed that the fund activity would be closed and that further endeavors of this type should wait until we have paid off the hangar bond debt

Respectfully submitted by John Wigney, Secretary

2/21/11