

Notes from EAA 309 Board Meeting, 5.14.12

Board Members present: Randy Utsey, Chuck Porter, Alex Becker, Todd Olds, Eric Roberts, Bob Perkins, Bob Thayer. **Meeting Place:** Open Kitchen Restaurant

Finances: Alex reported that our \$\$ are holding steady at \$11,500.00. Alex and Randy met at the BB&T in Mooresville last week and the bank officer suggested that we should open a money market account. Alex will do a little more homework on this to decide the best route. We discussed a different bank as BB&T only pays ~ 0 .000001 percent interest (like most of the other banks) but not sure if it is worth the hassle to change banks for a very insignificant amount of money earned.

Hangar Patio / Deck: Eric updated us on this subject and it was discussed that the prep work and maintenance for a paver type of patio might not be the best route to go. We discussed a wood deck and also just having a patio with poured concrete! It was decreed that Sam Stewart and John Wigney would have more information for us at our Monday Chapter meeting at Gastonia.

Project Updates: Bob Thayer updated the Zenith progress on the instrument panel. Thye Dynon is installed and we need to solicit a Transponder and ELT and I think an Intercom donation. Discussed the engine again and feeling still is to take it to completion with what we have and try and sell it. Get it to flying, taxi status.

Website: Chuck and Alex talked about an Adobe fee that will allow forms (as in YE applications) to be filled out on the website and be available for viewing for planning event purposes (might have some of this information in error). Chuck is going to inquire about a no fee application for our non-profit chapter.

Newsletter: Randy solicited input for the newsletter and it was agreed that John Wigney does an excellent job publishing a very professional newsletter for our chapter.

Next Chapter Meeting: Will be at our hangar (AKH) and Sam will cook burgers. Program will consist of a speaker from the Aviation Explorer Scouts who is looking for a sponsor (leader) in order to start a Charlotte Aviation Explorer Chapter, also Sam & John will offer some hangar patio proposals. Alex has a video to show if time allows which is "Space Station" 3D narrated by Tom Cruise. Upcoming chapter meeting topics are a visit from the CHAC museum DC-7 mechanic and also Bob Thayer is going to check on getting one of the Carolina Medical Center helicopter pilots to speak at one of our meetings.

Young Eagles: Chuck reported that they flew 13 YE's at JQF on Saturday, May 12th. Pilots who participated were Bob Castle, Perry Reed, Bob Thayer & Fred Darnell. Chuck relayed that Shelby (the airport) would like to host a YE event on July 21st and is soliciting 2 more chapters for assistance. (Other chapters not known at the moment.) Even though this date is right before Oshkosh we felt that it would be worthwhile to participate.

Ford Tri-Motor visit: The "Ford" is now going to arrive in Concord (JQF) on Wednesday, May 30th and depart on Tuesday, June 5th. Chuck Porter is coordinating this event and is seeking EAA National approval to offer all veterans a ½ price "Ford" ride. Chuck should have an answer on this by May 15th. The USO is going to be a sponsor for this event. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event.

Submitted by Randy Utsey, EAA 309 President