

Concho Valley Aviator

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 493 Newsletter

Refreshments

2013

Jan. Bob Reece & Joe Christian
February Tony & Mary Marcum
March Fred Jones
April Jim & Mitzi O'Hara
May Don Treadwell
June Joe Christian
July David Light
August George Spinks
September Larry Wedel
October Dave Dierker
November Don Smucker
December Christmas Party

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February 2013 Newsletter, San Angelo, Texas

February Meeting

The meeting place has been **MOVED!** The February meeting will be at the **Peppercorn Grill, 2715 Sherwood Way, San Angelo (the old Zentners location).**

The meeting will be on **Tuesday, 2/19/2013** and the time is still **7:00 pm**. Other details are included in the minutes, below.

Minutes

EAA Chapter 493
Minutes of January 15, 2013 Meeting

Attendance at the meeting was very high. As there were no Chapter officers present, Gerry Hatch was nominated and elected temporary president of the meeting by acclaim in order to conduct the business portion of the January 2013 monthly meeting. Don Smucker agreed to take the minutes on behalf of Secretary Richard Martin. The first order of business was to elect new Chapter officers. The positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor were vacant due to the expiration of the prior 2 year terms on December 31, 2012, and the President position was vacant due to Pat Nuytten's resignation. Richard Martin, the Chapter 493 Secretary was unable to attend (he has one more year left on his 2 year term). The following persons were nominated and elected by acclaim to serve 2 year terms expiring on December 31, 2014:

Gerry Hatch, President
Tony Marcum, Vice-President
David Dierker, Treasurer
Larry Wedel, Newsletter Editor
Bob Reece and Ted Reed agreed to continue to serve as Tech Counselors
Donald Treadwell will continue to serve as the Young Eagles program representative

The outgoing officers were advised to make sure that all records and EAA materials in their possession are delivered to the new officers. The new Treasurer is being added to the Chapter banking/checking account. The new President is filing the annual report and related information with the EAA national office. Don Smucker noted that Texas law requires the Chapter's Registered Agent to be present during substantial

portions of the year and to have a physical presence here year round. Since he travels a lot he suggested having someone else as the corporation's Registered Agent. Donald Treadwell agreed to be the Registered Agent. Don Smucker will continue to assist the Registered Agent with necessary filings.

The next order of business was approval of past Treasurers reports and meeting minutes. End of year minutes were posted in the most recent Newsletter. Upon motions made, seconded and passed without opposition, the November and December, 2013 Treasurers reports and meeting Minutes were approved.

The next order of business was presentation of the annual EAA Certificates for 2012 service. Certificates and Pins, with rounds of applause were awarded to:

Pat Nuytten, past President
Bud Greene, past Vice-President
Joe Christian, past Treasurer
Bill Yeates, past Newsletter Editor
Donald Treadwell, Young Eagles representative
Bob Reece, Tech Counselor
Ted Reed, Tech Counselor

Gerry called for discussion of any old business. There being no old business discussion, Gerry called for discussion of new business. Several items were raised. The Chapter has a large number of unsold 2013 EAA Calendars, available for \$10. Please speak up if you want one. The Chapter paid for these calendars and will lose the money if they are not purchased. Marty Beauchamp had open heart surgery recently and is recovering. A motion was made and passed to send her flowers, authorizing \$50 of Chapter funds. Gerry Hatch thanked members for all the flowers and remembrances on behalf of his late wife, Chris. Gerry also raised for consideration a request from EAA headquarters for Chapter support/donations for producing a video series. After discussion and the somewhat depleted state of Chapter funds the membership elected to forgo making a donation this year.

Gerry brought up the issue recently addressed in emails of problems with the Chapter and what we can do to improve meetings and encourage existing and new members to stay in, support and be active in the Chapter. Discussions included keeping meetings reasonable in length and perhaps less formal, keeping the business portion of the meetings short, finding a better place for the monthly meetings, taking Chapter members flying, adding a restaurant or eating aspect to the meetings to make the concept more social, and talking about members projects in the meetings, among other things. Don Smucker and Bob Reece both reminded the membership that following state law and IRS formalities is necessary to keep the Chapter in good standing. A decision was made to keep the business portion of the meeting formal (but light), and as short as reasonably possible. Bob Reece reported on efforts to secure an alternate meeting location. **After discussion, the membership voted to move next months Chapter meeting to Peppercorn Grill, 2715 Sherwood Way, San Angelo (the old Zentners location), based on a free room, including a social aspect (dining prior to the meeting, for those interested), trying a new location, and recommendations from Bob Reece and Charlie Campbell.** (Note that we can bring in our own cookies for refreshments, but the restaurant prefers we purchase drinks from them.) Charlie is president of the local RC club and that club holds its monthly meetings there as well. The membership also expressed its appreciation to Charlie Campbell and the San Angelo Ham club for allowing us to use their facilities!! It was suggested and agreed that members should keep each other in mind when flying places, such as inviting other members along, either as passengers or flights of multiple airplanes. Also to plan more flying outings.

The discussion next turned to keeping the meetings interesting and informative. The discussion included length of presentations, topics, considering having members report on existing activities, etc. Some topics require more time

for the presentation. It was noted that the V-P has a more difficult job since he is responsible for lining up programs. A committee to assist the V-P was suggested. Gerry Hatch said that he thought he could get Alan Klapmeier, co-founder and previous co-owner of Cirrus Aircraft and current owner of Kestral Aircraft (a large single engine turboprop) to give a program later this year. Don Smucker volunteered to give a program on gyrocopters in April or possibly May. Someone also mentioned that Ted Conrad might be willing to do a program. There were several other suggestions as well. Several members provided a report on their aviation activities.

A list of volunteers for refreshments for 2013 meetings was passed around. Bob Reece and Joe Christian provided the refreshments for this meeting. Sign-ups were as follows:

- January - Bob Reece and Joe Christian
- February- Tony and Mary Marcum
- March - Fred and Jo Jones
- April - Jim and Mitzi O'Hara
- May - Don and Nancy Treadwell
- June - Joe and Judy Christian
- July - David Light
- August - George and Martha Spinks
- September - Larry and Pat Wedel
- October - Dave Dierker
- November - Don Smucker
- December - annual Christmas party

Upon motion made, seconded and passed by acclaim, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

The program was given By Al Elliott. Al flew and instructed in A-10s for 20 years and provided a very informative and interesting program on A-10s, including an in depth look at the main A-10 weapon, the 30mm gattling gun. There was great interest and many questions; a great program! The meeting ended with the refreshments provided by Bob Reece and Joe Christian.

Miscellany

Submissions for future newsletters can be sent to me at:

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First plane I traveled anywhere in --->

See y'all at Peppercorn Grill. Larry Wedel, editor.

