

EAA Chapter 515

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Minutes for August 11th meeting

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Dinius, Secretary

Mike Bond called the meeting to order.

Visitors

Jesse Johnston – by his own admission, flies a lot. Jesse owned a company that flew pipeline. He has flown Cubs, Stearmans, WACOs, DC3 turbine conversions, and Beach 18s. He got out of that business and worked over seas for a while. He is back and wanted to see what the chapter was all about.

Two visitors from chapter 342 in Cheyenne were also present but will be introduced when they are given some time to address the group.

Our guest speaker was also visiting but will also be introduced later.

On the Spot

Bob Van Dalsem - Bob's first recollection of flying was when his uncle took him for a ride. Bob joined the military and soloed a Cub. Bob flew many aircraft in his military career including Corsairs from a carrier, Wildcats, TBMs, FJ-4 (Naval F-86), and ended with the A-4.

Bob became a flight instructor at Fort Collins and logged many hours in Cessna 150/152 over his 6 year teaching career. He even flew for CSA for a year.

Bob built a VariEze 24 years ago and has proceeded to put over 1600 hours on it. He thinks he may have more hours in the 150/152 but he was not sure.

Treasurer's report

Ernie Stevens told us we were still solvent. For details contact Ernie.

Young Eagles

Derek told the group we had \$335 in "credits" from the kids we have flown. Leslie gave Derek a wish list including Safety vests, first aide kit, banner, ink for printer, and a hand held radio. Derek had a desk top scanner that he donated but there was still discussion whether a transceiver was desirable. Leslie put a price list together and after all but the radio there was about \$115 worth of credit remaining. This was determined to not be enough for a radio. There is another event scheduled for

next month which will increase our credits. Options of buying used or adding some money were discussed. A motion was made to purchase all but the radio and see what credits we may add and what a radio would cost. This motion passed.

A final comment from Tom Barlow added a reason for purchasing a radio. He could see the need to contact a missing or late to return pilot, knowing when a pilot was entering the pattern, etc.

A reminder of the event being scheduled for September 26th with the backup date of October 3rd was made.

Dale Matuska gave an update on the "regional" flyin. There will not be a Young Eagle flying event at the regional since the regional is not associated with EAA. There was some sort of insurance coverage issue so to keep EAA out of the liability a new group was formed (Colorado Sport Aviation Group) and will be running the event. This organization consists of the same people as before but the name was changed and a new group formed to separate the new event from the old. There was also comment that the DIA controllers could not give the event a dedicated frequency and location to fly that would not interfere with the air show and other traffic.

Dale also mentioned he will be flying with others putting a smoke ring around the flag jumper to start the show each day. Dale has also been working with the Yak Pack to do a formation flying demonstration. The date for the Colorado Sport Aviation Event is August 22nd and 23rd.

The Sport Air Racing League will hold the Colorado Air Race 150. This race will begin at the Fort Collins airport on August 22nd at 7 AM. For more information go to sportairrace.org.

Richard Tashner (president) and Larry Johnson (secretary and YE coordinator) of chapter 342 in Cheyenne announced the upcoming open house at Cheyenne airport. This event will be held September 10-12. The plan is to have static displays, some flying displays/demos, vendors, and also fly some Young Eagles. The problem is chapter 342 does not have many pilots or planes. Larry and Richard were asking for help. They want to have pilots fly Young Eagles on Saturday the 11th from about 8 AM to 12 noon. They are offering free tie down for those that wish to come up Friday. They are having a banquet with Rod Machado as the speaker. They are also offering a free

breakfast to any pilot that flies YE. Larry also mentioned there is no rain date.

Mike agreed to be the point of contact and would send out Larry's contact info for those that wish to help chapter 342.

Mike also mentioned a request to have experienced Young Eagles pilots and ground crew provide a little instruction to new volunteers. Mike suggested an informal lunch meeting to discuss what to do, what to watch for, and how to conduct the flight. Mike would circulate an invitation with time and location to be determined by the interested parties.

New Business

Mike once again put out a request for programs. We need help in locating or defining programs of interest to the members of the chapter.

Mike also mentioned the need to form a nominating committee to locate officers for next year. We will have several positions to fill so a good committee is needed to identify candidates.

Oshkosh report: Hugh Beckham had pictures and some literature from Oshkosh. Hugh found his Sonex. Aeromax is building a fire wall forward package for a Corvair conversion package. They picked up Hugh's Sonex and have put a Corvair engine and have it as a testbed and demo airplane for their product.

Program

CarolAnn Garrett reviewed her trip around the world. The Dash for a Cure was to raise money for ALS (Lou Gehrig disease). She shared her story of preparation, travel, and the modifications to the airplane. The current issue of Sport Aviation has a written account of the record run.

August Program

When: Tues. September 1st - 7:30 PM

Where: Hair Dynamics, 6464 S College, Fort Collins

Note: Please park in front of the building so the students can use the North side parking.

Program: Hangar flying and discussion of ideas for programs.

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