

EAA Chapter 102  
Minutes – July 7, 2009  
Tom and Barb Hicks Fish Fry/Hangar on Sky Ranch

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 by President Dave Schmeeckle.

Members and Board present: David Schmeeckle, Ry Keller and Dennis Lacy, and Barb Hicks; approximately 56 members and guests attended.

Introductions went round the tables, aircraft one flies and any projects in the works. The meeting begins with a reminder that minutes are on the web site. A motion is made to approve the minutes as they appear there, and is seconded.

Treasurers Report: Ry told us the treasury contains \$1,880.00 including \$600.00 for the Colby Scholarship Fund. Tonight's split the pot is not in that figure.

Old Business:

- Progress on the scholarship fund guidelines reiterated that any young person 18 years old or younger is eligible. The person must demonstrate a passion for flying. Ry Keller and Bob Colby are looking at similar scholarships and their criteria to use as examples but have nothing in writing yet. It was suggested that the funds be used in conjunction with other fundraising to add to a students reach in attaining education in flying.
- Ask Dennis Lacey about Oshkosh. He will be glad to fill you in on his experiences and information as best he can.
- Please help us keep up the web site. If you could report fuel prices on your travels it would help us a lot! If you have current information that you wish to share, let us know so we can pass it along.
- Meadow Creek Work Session and lunch was a success with 25 people attending. The EAA 102 sponsored the lunch, which was flown in by Russ \_\_\_\_\_ and Ry Keller. Volunteers came from Billings, California and Stevensville to participate. The MPA members and Aeronautics Division helped out. The area was trimmed with weed eaters, the wind sock was changed, and chainsaws used around the campsites. If you have any pictures, send them to David Schmeeckle to post on our site. Please send photos in 400-600 resolution to the web.

New business:

- The floor was opened for updates on member projects. A stenson is getting ready for fabric, Dennis Lacy recently purchased an Avid Flyer and is getting ready to re-fabric the wings after mice moved in. Christian Von Delius's Trike needs to have his updates completed by December!
- Mark Evanoff reported that the Seeley Lake Fly in & BBQ was a lot of fun. The whole community gets involved with the program with give-aways (which included a 7' potted plant!) and sponsorship. Lifefilght was there, as were smoke

who jumpers who gave a presentation to the kids at the opening of the event. As always, the Burgers and brownies were great. Check out the new Inn under construction on the east side of the strip. In addition to the nice pilot camping area, you can soon opt to stay in luxury when stopping over at Seeley.

- Discussion moved to Dennis Lacy and John McGinnis volunteering to head a project for graphics on T-shirts, hats and merchandise to promote our organization. If you have any ideas or would like to help with this you can contact Dennis or David to contribute your ideas.
- Bard Hicks reports there is nothing for sure on up coming Fly-outs. Suggestions for future trips were Dr. Bird's Museum, needing only someone to set it up. Sandpoint was suggested as a beautiful trip, but the runway can be a little tricky. Val and Bob Brunsen offered to help with scheduling. How many people would go needs to be determined and the date set. Chrystal Lakes was also suggested, someone needs to call the caretaker with number of people, and a date to set it up. A new member, Pat Garvey suggested Condon. The Forest Service Exhibit was wonderful and breakfast was only a ten minute walk from the airstrip.
- The library is up and running, and EAA 102 is looking for contributions
- Peter Gross is starting up a Sea Base at Gene Lea's former site on the Flathead River. He has a paved runway for change overs. He is trying to put together instruction by next summer. Fuel is available on a call out situation, and parking is available. FAA does have an examiner for floats available, and if you are interested in float ratings give your name and number to Peter at (406) 756-0565 or [airportenterprises@gmail.com](mailto:airportenterprises@gmail.com). The base is ½ mile north of the bridge, on the east side of the river.
- A motion was made to sponsor a fly-in at Ferndale. The motion passed and Jeanie White, Bob Colby, Dave Schmeckle, Kathy Horstman and Chuck & Ginny Johnson were named as the committee to organize the event. (Recently a request has been made to please leave dogs at home for this.)
- Dennis Lacy reports he has hangar space and the spars will be showing up soon for the kit project he is building with area youth. For more information about the kit plane, it was featured in the March issue of EAA Sport Aviation magazine for the Avid Flyer Mark IV. He needs some tools and volunteers to help as the pieces of the kit arrive. Please help Dennis and the kids by offering your time and knowledge.
- Tom Welch is selling his RV-10. It's a nice plane.....
- A motion was made to contact the Calgary flying club and forward an invitation to them. It was noted that several Canadians have attended our fly-ins at Cabin Creek, Meadow Creek and Seeley Lake. A nice exchange would be to send them an information packet from our club and maybe a hat and shirt to promote aviation in general.
- Does anyone know about the Kalispell flour bombing competition? Keep us posted.
- The Fly-in at Sky Ranch will be August 29, right after Polson's.

- A Del Bonita workshop is coming up. Remember to stay on the middle of the south side of the runway!
- Cutbank's fly-in is the same time as Polson's. They have Bowling Ball Bombing which is something to see. There is also a big car and hot-rod show. It is a three day event.
- Please submit your suggestions for a meeting place for next month.
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> is Betty Kuffel's retirement party, all are invited.
- Dennis Lacy presented certificates of appreciation to members present for assistance with the Young Eagles program. Awards were given to: Jimmy Cash, David Schmeeckle, Tom Kuffel, Barb Hicks, Ry Keller, Kyle McGinnis, Christian Von Delius, Ray Olson, John Brooks and Miriah Lacy. Dennis has others for the many that helped. Thirty pilots donated their time toward the event. Two people joined the EAA just so they could fly the kids.
- Ry Keller reports that the National EAA sent him a check for \$10. He reminded everyone that our chapter gets \$10 back for each new National member. If we support the National EAA, we all benefit.
- The Glider Club has been active, with Russ helping out. It's a smooth and neat way to fly. We are looking for members to help us fly. We'll be putting something on our website to help direct people to it. \$65 for single and \$100 for a family. Russ purchased a tow plane to get it up there. There is no chance of engine failure (hee hee). The valley offers excellent conditions to fly a glider.
- Lance Air fly by will be here next Saturday, next door here at Sky Ranch.
- Jeanne White won the split the pot \$49.

Everyone agreed the batter fried fish was the best, Thanks Tom, and everyone who contributed to the fabulous pot luck!

Respectfully submitted  
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