

EAA Chapter 102 Meeting Minutes

Meeting hosted by Ed & Kathy Horstman - Ferndale

8/04/09

6:30 PM Meeting

Ry announced the national good news - EAA raised 1.8 million for the Young Eagles program at Oshkosh. The windsock challenge also brought in 300K. Randy Babbitt the new FAA Director is promoting a learn to fly day May 15th 2010.

Our guest speaker, Dominic Kovacevic, is a Rotary Aviation Crew Chief and Trainer. He specializes in the area of “High Reliability Organization”, or training that deals with jobs of potentially high catastrophic risk that have to be managed real well. Fields such as commercial nuclear power operations, and wild land fire control, for example, need to perform reliably under changing and sometimes extreme circumstances. He presented the books Managing the Unexpected, and Deep Survival as resources for his teachings. All these highly reliable operations and individuals have an identical approach to the way they handle a situation, they are:

1. Preoccupied with small failures; the little things. A “minor” problem is viewed as a window into the health of the system. They pick up on the “weak signals”. In the health of a system, signals may be weak, but easy to fix – later symptoms are obvious but hard to fix.
2. Reluctant to simplify the problem; assume its complex. They look for possible connections to the seemingly minor problem.
3. Sensitivity to operations. Don’t theorize-- get in and do. (observe, orient, decide, ACT)
4. Commitment to resilience – have a plan, fly the plan, but don’t fall in love with the plan. Be open to change.
5. Deference to expertise – find the guy who knows how to fix the problem.

Dominic goes on to explain, that many people can avoid a bad situation by going through the following checklist either in you head, or specifically with the people you will work with and rely on before undertaking a plan.

Commanders Intent – STICC protocol

Situation – here’s what I think we face

Task – here’s what I think we should do

I – here’s why we should – Intent

C- concerns, what could go wrong.

Calibrate – what do you think needs to be met

Books recommended and donated to our chapter library: Deep Survival by Laurence Gonzales and Managing the Unexpected By Karl E. Weick and Kathleen M. Sutcliffe.

Reports:

Fly-in to Schafer Meadows, Arlington and Oshkosh,

Scholarship for youth is at \$700.00

Ferndale Pilots shelter was given a new bike pump at a cost of \$10.00

Ferndale fly-in committee has not set a date yet.

MPA is having a summer BBQ at Kalispell City airport 9/28/09 at 7pm we are invited.

Next meeting is being hosted by Peter Gross at Kalispell city airport.

Young Eagles – will be flying in September date to be announced at next meeting.

Weekend fly outs are posted on the website calendar.

Treasures report: we have \$1800.96. Spent \$10.00 on bike pump.

Web site update – Dave has uploaded pictures from Oshkosh. We have a new link to the

Montana Seaplane Pilots Association Web site that is new.

Upcoming events: music @ Stillwater landing Aug. 7,8,9.

Ed Horstman talked about the arrival of his 1937 Staggerwing.

Meeting adjourned 7:30p.m.