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This Meeting – 21st March

AFTER the Fly-In about 1030, At Moontown. We will discuss the scheduling of events and activities for April and May especially the repair of the landing lights and some field maintenance. The patio and the 'compass rose need discussions and some recommendations to send out for resolution.

President's Notes:

EAA Chapter 190,

Ed and I met with George on 6 March at Moontown and had a very sincere discussion. We need to come to terms with each of our expectations and realize we neither have the funds nor the person-power to realize a separate EAA hanger. There are quite a few good options George voiced concerning space we could use if we were to put some time into working the issues needed. Now that the weather is getting better Wayne is leading an effort to improve the Runway lighting, Jim (I believe) is leading an effort to improve the patio (the list is extensive). We need to do some maintenance in and around the classroom as well as Jon and I need to work on getting supplies and equipment located and organized. I believe someone else (need to check minutes) volunteered to lead an effort for the emplacement of a 'compass row/flight pattern symbol' either on a roof or on the ground near the wind sock.... And maybe think about a wind T for better

visibility in the air. In addition the covered areas/possible meeting rooms George was talking about need considerable person-power to fix/clean up.

Bottom line is we need to get more commitment to the chapter and the maintenance of facilities before we can consider such a responsibility as a separate hanger. [Some one hear an old Navy Captain speaking here....]

Jimmie is going to post an interactive Calendar soon and we need to start populating tasks and events. I need members to take leadership on these events and make some announcements to the rest of us so we can participate.

Now for the difficult news... I will be TDY this month so I will need Some people with flight line experience to step up and help Jon with the flight line. Jon will take the lead position and He needs at least 3 others to support the effort.

It is time we will need some tower support. If we do not have the support as last year I am sure we will need Jon or Wayne to step in with the radios and advise the incoming folks...

Some other items of consideration include a Fly Mart in May, maybe a movie night some time [16 Right, Fantasy of flight....], some technical discussions for [about 1000] during the breakfast fly ins.... I want to hear your thoughts and see you out there taking leadership and participating in events. This is a chapter and you are all very important to its existence.

V/R
Joe Baldauf

New Website:

If anyone has been to the website lately you would have noticed that it has a new look. We are in the process of updating and upgrading our chapter website and we value your input. If anyone has anything they would like to see added or just general observations about this site please email me.

Chapter 1320 Closes Its Doors:

It came as a great shock to me as I'm sure it will to you that EAA Chapter 1320 in Pell City will be disbanded. The email was forwarded to me by Mark Cherry President of Chapter 683. I thought that this was something that we should all read so I am including it here:

*"EAA #1320, Pell City , Alabama
Chapter*

RE: EAA Breakfast Ending

*It is with a lot of study and deep regret
that we will be closing our EAA Chapter at*

*Pell City. Our chapter has been well known
for it's monthly Fly-in Breakfast at Sammie's
Touch and Go.*

*As many of you know we lost most if not
almost all of our membership when the St.
Clair County Airport Authority adopted new
policies concerning small aircraft and
especially experimentals. Gone are the days
when dozens of general aviation pilots
would congregate at the old FBO as they
took turns flying almost every evening. I
myself miss the days when I would have to
wait for the traffic in the pattern to die down
enough for me to join in the daily fun. That
is no longer the case at Pell Cityit's
become a ghost town compared to the old
days.*

*We have been struggling for a couple of
years now trying to keep the one thing we
have been so proud of and that was our
"Monthly Fly-in Breakfast". However,
economics and the lack of available help is
forcing us to have to close up shop. We
appreciate the support our friends have
supplied over the past years and the
memories will still remain.*

*Thanks to all our friends, Tommy
Thompson, President EAA #1320, Pell City,
Alabama"*

Reading this makes me appreciate the fact that we have a home like Moontown all the more. But at the same time I think there is a lesson that can be learned here, if we are not careful the same thing could happen to our chapter. Whether it is national, state, or local regulations or a lack of interest in members volunteering to help out, our chapter and in fact all chapters are in danger of closing up. So let's all chip in and make sure our breakfast continues to be one of the best around for as long as we can.

Chapter 683 Breakfast:

As some of you may or may not know, EAA Chapter 683 in Guntersville has started up a fly-in breakfast. They had planned to have their breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month, however in light of Chapter 1320 in Pell City no longer having their breakfast on the 2nd Saturday, Guntersville will be taking that spot. I have never been to an event at Guntersville that wasn't well organized and a great amount of fun. So let's see if we can't get out in force for their next breakfast and show support for our neighboring chapter!

February Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at about 10:15 in the Moontown FBO. Eleven members were present.

Joe Baldauf open discussion about the need for a commitment to continue being based at the Moontown Airport. There was general agreement supporting the commitment to Moontown. George Meyers stated that the chapter has been operating for many years with no formal commitment and would be happy to continue in this mode.

Several work projects around the airport were discussed. Runway lights and possible segmented circle – Joe Baldauf action.
Extend patio in front of FBO – Jim Harchanko action.

Wayne Johnson displayed a patch for a project he was working on generated by a company in Scottsboro. He suggested that the club should look into having some patches made. It was agreed to discuss designs next month.

May will be the last monthly breakfast supported by the Meridianville

Middle School Band. Discussion proceeded on how to continue. It was agreed to offer the Madison County High School Band the opportunity to serve breakfast under an arrangement similar to the present Middle School arrangement. (Fifty percent of proceeds after expenses).
Lisa Brunegraff reported that she did not have any registrations for scout merit badge day.

The meeting adjourned. Several members viewed land available for hanger construction.

-Bryan Tauchen