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Meeting Schedule

Oct 6, 2009

Nov 3, 2009

Dec 1, 2009

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<http://fly-m.com/ea1242.html>

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

With eleven in attendance the meeting started at 7:10. Much was discussed at the September meeting, especially with all the events surrounding the cancellation of this year's AirAffair. For all that could have been said out of anger and frustration, it turned out to be a very constructive and positive meeting.

Communication between all parties, up to and just prior to the event needs to take place. A clear and concise chain of command needs to be established. A list of all volunteers needs to be posted so all can see who is going to be doing what. A "to do list" needs to be provided to all members to function as a signup sheet. The left hand needs to know what the right hand is doing. And as far as volunteers go, start early to get names for next year, NOW!

As the newsletter indicated this was to be a discussion meeting and it was. And a very productive one. Ideas as how to grow the chapter were knocked about. One was suggested that we have a "bring a buddy" program. It is just as it states. Bring a non-EAA member or an EAA national member that may not be associated with a local chapter, to a meeting. Not all members are flyer or builders. We talked about the fact that maybe we have TOO many meetings and should work towards more workshop kind of programs. This one lead to the question of the hangar roof. We are still looking at inexpensive ways to fix the roof. Mike is in contact with someone and I'm trying to reach someone. If you have any ideas, pass them on.

We also talked about what it takes to function legally as a chapter. We need to increase our membership or we may run the risk of losing our chapter. This would be a loss to not just current chapter members but also to Park Township airport. This is why we also talked about who we are as a chapter and how do we grow our membership. If you have any ideas pass them along.

After the meeting, Fred twisted Jerry's arm to take over the BD-5 project.

With regards to the BD-5 project, Jerry is hoping to discuss at the October meeting, where the project is and what needs to get the project started back up and finished.

Also at the October meeting Mike is going to have a project plan for next year's AirAffair. Yes we are going to start early.



Builders notes:

From Jerry V.

I've been flying the Avid it's going okay, lots of little things to tweak. I'm pretty happy with the performance I did 5 takeoffs and landings for one hour and only used 2 gallons of fuel. Cruises at 85mph at 3800 rpm Climbs 1000 fpm at 65mph could probably get 1500fpm at 45mph but haven't tried climbing at such a slow speed. Did some stalls, just under 40mph with no flaps.

From Lin L.

I made a visit to Jake DeHaan's place last Thursday evening to discuss pulled rivets. My project is all pulled rivets even though the original plans called for driven. Jake's RV-12 is constructed using pulled rivets and it will be carrying possibly the same load as my plane. What I saw was re-enforced my belief that I can leave what is done and just continue to make corrections and repairs.