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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310

January, 2020

Next Meeting

Saturday January 11 10:00 AM

Skylark Airpark Lower Pilot Lounge

2020 Officers inaugurated.

We will be planning our events and activities for the year.

VFR Club Meeting One Hour before the EAA Meeting

Saturday December 14 9:00 AM

The Skylark EAA VMC CLUB “hangar flying” meeting represents a scenario based discussion led by CFII Gil Midford. Following the presentation we will conclude with the question, "What would you do?"

2020 Membership Renewals

Renew your chapter membership through the online [store](#), or mail a check payable to EAA Chapter 1310 to 54 Wells Road, Broad Brook, CT 06016. We'll get your membership card back to you.

Renew for three years for \$60. Save \$15.

Thanks go out to all the members who have already renewed.

EAA CHAPTER 1310

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jack Hilditch at 10:25 AM.

GUEST;

Wayne Marshman, flies often with Seth Seidel and cleared the field across the road with his brush cutter earlier this year. Thanks Wayne.

TREASURERS REPORT: Financial information is available to members upon request.

MEMBERSHIP: Stands at 65 with 27 paid. Dues due Jan. 1st.

YOUNG EAGLES: Nothing to report.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Gil Midford, 50 hours flown off and is flying regularly. Linc Turcotte has his 25 hours flown off and is getting familiar with the plane.

THANKS TO THE OUTGOING OFFICERS AND BOARD, Pres Jack Hilditch, V. Pres. Glenn Lees, Secretary Jim Glista, Treasurer Fred Goff, board members, membership coordinator, tech counselor, and everyone else who pitched in to make the chapter work.

INCOMING SLATE: Welcome to the incoming slate who will pick up the torch going forward.

President	Glenn Lees,
Vicd Presidet	Jack Hilditch,
Secretary	Jack Olson,
Treasurer	Jack Swift.
Board of Directors:	Fred Goff, Bill Kulle, John LaRoche, Paul Cappa.
Technical Counselor	John LaRoche,
Young Eagle coordinator	Paul Dowgewicz,
Newsletter and Web Editor	Paul Dowgewicz,
Membership Coordinator	Dave Christman.

VMC CLUB: Gil Midford – CFI and Club Leader, Pieter Schwarzenbach -VMC Club Wings organizer.

2019 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- VMC Club started.
- First aircraft project obtained, 1998 era Nesmith Cougar.
- Hangar fund increased and growing from events like the November Pancake Breakfast which saw over 100 guests come to Skylark.
- Hangar materials moved to (hopefully) final storage location before construction.
- Chapter trailer repositioned behind the closed T-hangars to make way for tree clearing.
- Chapter major tools moved to machine shop area of maintenance hangar.
- Young Eagle flights held in October.

THE CHAPTER NOW HAS ITS FIRST OFFICIAL AIRCRAFT PROJECT, Here is how it came to pass:

We received an offer of a Nesmith Cougar project donation from Don Simons who lives in Oklahoma via the info@eaa1310 website. Paul Dowgewicz handled communications and IRS requirements.

Bill Kulle and Ken Godin visited Chester Airport to inspect the project aircraft and pronounced it worthy of the chapter's consideration.

Board members decided to accept the donation on behalf of the chapter.

Gary Sepulvedo Sr. organized renting a box truck with a lift gate to deliver the project and its paperwork Thursday afternoon.

Pete Russell offered space to store the project until a more permanent home can be found or the hangar gets built. A group of chapter members gathered at Skylark to unload the project, move it into Pete's hangar and handle the paperwork.

Note: We need the name of Gary's co-driver to send out thanks for his help and get him on the mailing list. He apparently is a well-known compass calibrator but I've forgotten his name.

Thanks to all who participated. There is much work to do so think about participating and how you might help on our new project.

OLD / UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Storage box; undercoat ceiling to help prevent condensation, install lights, repair warped left door (taken care of by John LaRoche).
- Chapter trailer maintenance (We may need it for moving hangar materials). Finish wiring lights, cover tires, jack up off tires to prevent flat-spotting, repair side door (needs handle).
- Change corporate agent, James Glista will be contacting an attorney he knows for help.
- Finish welding hangar truss sections and back wall columns.
- Clean up and repaint large chapter tools as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Howard Foote has donated the flight simulator that was in the small room attached to the classroom. Several members have been working on it to get it operational. It was valued at \$10,000 in 1995. Need knowledgeable help setting up. Recovery of or New software is needed, some items are obsolete. If completed and certified it could be a source of income for the chapter.
- Create a codified chapter punch list for what document filing happens when and who is responsible for timely submission.
- Inventory aircraft project and engage interested members.
- Need plan for additional fund raising methods going forward.

NEXT MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- Holiday dinner organized by Glenn Lees and Ken Godin, tonight, Dec. 14, 2019, 6:00 PM at Bill Kulle's Hangar.
- January Board of Directors annual planning meeting, date to be announced.
- January VMC Club meeting and Chapter meetings January 11th, 2020.

PROGRAM:

There will be no program this month so we may adjourn early to finish setting up for this evening's Pot Luck gathering.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Glista, Secretary

Potluck Dinner

Our annual dinner returned to Skylark Airpark this year. In recent years, it has been held at various halls and restaurants, but there was interest in bringing it back to the airport similar to the way it was held when Mike Koczera ran the airport.

It was a good decision. The meal was attended by about 60 people, and there was plenty of excellent food. The chapter provided food warming trays, chairs, tables and utensils. Bill Kulle opened his hangar for the event. Paul Cappa provided music, and all the guests contributed an excellent selection of food and drinks.











Flight Simulator Progress

As mentioned in the meeting minutes, Howard Foote recently donated his flight simulator controls to the chapter. They are very good quality, but are not the most recent version. The computer it ran on had Windows 95. The battery in the computer that maintains the settings is dead, and it wouldn't boot without it. Paul Dowgewicz tried to get a newer Dell computer to run Windows 95, and was partially

successful. The disk from the old computer was installed, but it wouldn't get past a memory error. Windows 95 needed two patches (that Microsoft says don't exist) installed to allow it to run on a computer with more than 512 MB of memory, and to run on a processor faster than 2.1 GHz. An error message said there wasn't enough memory, when the actual problem was too much memory. Windows 95 got running with the patches, but there were some compatibility problems. The main board had too many items, like unneeded USB ports that wanted resources, and couldn't be turned off. Windows 95 has limited address space, so it didn't leave room for the graphics controller software.

Strike two.

The dump again came in handy. Someone left an old Compaq computer there. It has a 233 MHz processor and 32 MB memory. It has a slot for the original graphics card, and it has a parallel, serial and analog game port to use with our controls. We just need a keyboard and mouse with the old PS/2 connectors. Once the software to activate the USB ports was found, other software could be loaded with a memory stick. To get that going though, a floppy disk drive needed to be set up on a newer computer to transfer the downloaded files to the old computer.

The actual computer image is much more readable than this photo.



The Elite flight simulator is now running on it. Next, we need to verify the controls work with this configuration. The eventual goal is to see if we can get a configuration that could be used as an FAA approved simulator for training for our chapter members. That will require some additional hardware, and simulator software that is from this century. If you're interested in participating in this project, please contact Fred Goff.

EAA Chapter Hangar at Meriden

You may have heard Meriden Airport (MMK) is building a large number of new hangars. EAA Chapter 27 has an opportunity to rent a large 48x48 hangar. We are considering taking a lease on one for EAA member use. A hangar is invaluable for homebuilt airplane owners. We recognize many airplane owners can't get a hangar or cannot afford one. Our thought is to rent spots to EAA members on a daily, weekly, monthly, or multi monthly basis. Routine maintenance, upgrades, and final completions would be much easier for people with temporary hangar access. The hangar is large enough for three small to medium size planes. We may not generate full annual occupancy with just our chapter members' planes. Therefore we would like to offer hangar use to local EAA chapters. I would like to know what the interest level would be in your chapter for such use. We would have work tables, a decent set of simple airplane tools, and a compressor from our RV-12 build available. A draft plan on rates and a couple scale diagrams are below. Our chapter needs to break even on the lease. Because we cannot expect 100% annual occupancy on all three spots we have to add a percentage to cover that.

Please get back to me by Mid-February. Feel free to call for more details.

Thanks,

Mark Scott
President, EAA Chapter 27
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Local Aviation Event Schedule

Visit the eaa1310.org Calendar page for updated listings and more information about these events.

Reoccurring Events

Chapter 1310 Meetings – 2nd Wednesday 7 PM April-October
2nd Saturday 10 AM November-March at Skylark Airport

Chapter 166 Meetings – Last Saturday of month 10:00 AM (Except July, Nov & Dec) at
Hartford Jet Center, 20 Lindberg Drive, Hartford. <http://166.eaachapter.org/>

Chapter 27 Meetings – 3rd Sunday of month, 10 AM at Meriden Airport <http://eaa27.org/>

Chapter 324 Meetings 1st Wednesday of month, 7 PM Simsbury
Airport <https://www.facebook.com/eaa324/>

Chapter 1620 Meetings 1st Wednesday 7:30, Barnes Airport Hangar 3, 111 Airport Rd.
Westfield, MA. 01085 <https://www.facebook.com/eaa.org/>

Chapter 1310 Events

2020 Aviation Events

March 31 – April 5 Sun ‘n Fun Fly-In Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Lakeland, FL
U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/>

Weekends beginning June 20 – 21 through October 17 - 18
Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome Airshows, Rhinebeck, NY
The **Saturday “History of Flight”** program highlights the Pioneer era before WWI, a WWI show teaser, and the Golden Age of Aviation in the '20s and '30s.

The **Sunday Show is our WWI dog fight spectacular** with a hero, a heroine (Cheer!), the villainous Black Baron of Rhinebeck (Boo!), scenery, pyrotechnics and a WWI tank. The supporting cast includes many antique automobiles.

July 20 – 26 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, WI
<http://www.airventure.org>

August 29 – 30 New York Air Show Stewart Int'l Airport, Newburgh, NY
U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds <http://airshowny.com/>

If you have a topic you would like to see covered in our monthly newsletter, please send a note to Paul at info@eaa1310.org