

Minutes of EAA Chapter 407

Meeting Date: 2016/04/16

A meeting of Chapter 407 of the Experimental Aircraft Association was held at the Blackfoot Airport, McCarley Field terminal, Black foot, Idaho on 16 Apr. 2016 at 6:21 p. m. President Natalie Bergevin presiding, Steven Anspach treasurer, and Nola Orr secretary.

Items of interest introduced by Natalie.

- There will be a Blackfoot Airport User's Meeting Wed. night at the terminal at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday April 19 at 7PM at the Blackfoot terminal building, Mike Marquette, a local flight instructor, will present a Pinch Hitter Aviation program. This program is for all those who are not pilots but fly with them or anyone interested in the basics of flying a small aircraft.
- We still have calendars.
- We need to have one more compass rose work party. Just to put the EAA insignia on it. Probably in May.
- Everyone introduced themselves.

Primary Subject of the Evening:

We shall consider an opportunity for EAA 407 to acquire a hanger. Captain Kenn Condon, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Squadron Commander for Pocatello Air Squadron, explained this possibility. He gave a brief introduction to CAP and the fact that the Idaho Wing of CAP has been relocated to Blackfoot.

There is a similar project with a group in Montana, and there has been another similar facility in Nampa. We have three lots in Blackfoot. We could have education labs, flight lab simulators, a CAP hanger, kitchen, bathrooms, everything we need to do fundraising. The far end would be a hanger for EAA. The city has said we can have them. This would be a large center that a number of agencies can use.

They're building a plane in the hanger in Nampa. We could do that in our hanger.

CAP is a 501C non-profit. The judge Advocate General's office (JAG) says we don't want to own any buildings. It would be nice if they could partner with another group. Aviation groups like EAA make more sense, although they will talk to other groups if they need to. One person has told Kenn he can use their hanger for 12 months, that's where he'll park the plane he is bringing here for now. City is not charging us for water and sewer or taxes. We'd (EAA) have to pay heat and power. What about County taxes? We'd need an iron clad contract so that when we change mayors---

Questions to Kenn:

Are the lots approved for building? The lots are approved as hanger lots. We'd have to add a gate to the airport or people will have to walk down there.

Will the City be losing money? Will they pass the cost on to us? Anytime there is a change, they up the cost of the hangers.

Can we see copies of the agreements that the other entities have? Like Nampa's or Helena, or Coeur De Laine? Could someone from one of those places come here and talk to us about this?

We have to have insurance on a hanger. CAP would insure it.

Natalie has had two conversations with Oshkosh, we cannot own a building jointly.

Do we have access to a lawyer? EAA doesn't. We should get legal advice. Do we have someone in EAA to handle all of the legalities and rentals?

Who pays for all of this? Kenn says donations. Pete says legal fees, etc. we don't have the money to pay for that.

Kenn doesn't have the money to build the hangers. He has the cement slab.

If you are out flying stop and check out the Nampa facility.

Squadron in Rexburg is named after Jack, since the squadron has opened in January. CAP sends pictures to them, the family has donated money. An organization called the Road Runners (consisting of SR-71 pilots) may donate \$5,000.00 for scholarships. The Road Runners may also donate some items of interest. There are no Road Runner dedicated facilities. Leyton family is big supporters. The Air Force love the idea, but has offered no money.

If we do this, and the building is in EAA's name, EAA has to pay the heat and maintenance. Renting the building out may pay part of the expenses.

New business:

- Blackfoot may call 'Blackfoot Pride Days' 'Blackfoot Independence Days' this year. Last year EAA did 120 flights. Civil Air Patrol kids were ground crew. The plan is similar for this year except that **Civil Air Patrol may be able to provide some pilots**. The City will help with the cost of fuel.
- *Dale Cresap orchestrates Young Eagles flights. He needs pilots. Both on May 3 which is the flight at Gooding for the Idaho School for the Deaf and for the Blind, and on April 30th in Rigby.*
- *There are increasing moves nationwide to improve security for young people. EAA will be initiating programs for Young Eagles that you can do online. There is no cost, takes about 20 minutes, Not mandatory yet. This is for EAA Young Eagles Volunteers, ground people and all.*
- Dale presented \$490 dollars from IAA for EAA. If you join IAA make sure you mention that you are a member of EAA cause that's where this money is coming from, joint membership.
- There is an IAA meeting in May, 21 and 22 at Aero Mark. In calendar on IAA's web site.
- Activities? Suggestions included A Fly out breakfast, an Air Rally, a Poker Run, a Henry's Lake camp out? Moose Creek? Hanger dance coupled with a silent auction.
- Do we want to continue the breakfasts here all summer? We did shut it down for a short while last summer. Diana says we don't lose money. Last year it made \$700.
- We'll do our Christmas party in Nov.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Notes taken by Nola Orr

Accepted