

EAA Chapter 102
Meeting Minutes
Date 4/7/2009

Serena Keller recording

Call to Order Time 7 PM, by David Schmeeckle

The meeting was well attended with 41 participants and there was just enough lasagna for everyone.

The Cabin Creek Fly In status will be discussed at the next meeting, and they need more volunteers. Please ask around and see if there is anything you can do to help out.

Beach Fly In status is uncertain at this time. We went on April 27th last year.

Fly Outs on our Calander: St. Ignatious is the next fly out. There is a Fly Out to Ronan on the 18th of April as well. April 24th is Rendezvous Days, please see the website for more information on that.

There is a "We Survived Bash" with Tom Kuffell coming up on Saturday the 18th of April. Everyone's invited to that.

Hugh Rogers memorial is Saturday, April 11th, 2009 at 1:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish. Hugh was active in our Young Eagles Program. For donations, please see our sites on the web.

Treasury reports by Ry Keller: "Thanks everyone for coming." What do you think of our new postcards? All of the postage was paid for by Red Eagle Aviation, for \$243.62. Thanks to Red Eagle! The postcards went out to 685 pilots in the North West area at a cost of \$1062.93, which includes a few extra for other notices in the future. (If some of you had to pay postage due because of our unconventional size we apologize for the oversight. Oops.)

Web Report: The website has been well received. The calendar is a good place to bookmark. We have been updating it regularly with local and regional events. The site had drawn 15 to 30 visits every day so we know people are using it. The site is a good way of connecting people. We have added the history of our Chapters past to the present as well. Last month we had 615 visits and March was 877 visits total. We are still going strong through April. If there are any problems with the website please call us and let us know what you found so we can fix it. We try to update to the last minute.

Also please note that we have a published article in this month's Kit Planes Magazine by Tom Kuffell. He has written an article for them you can check out.

New Business: There was a handout sheet on the Super AWOS system. This weather informational system is already available in Ronan. It is accessible on line or you can call in, or you can hear the report over the radio by triggering the mic from your plane.

The State has grant money available to purchase and install one for our area. We could place one in Whitefish and Ferndale. There is an airport board meeting in the 14th of April where we could at least bring it up before the board. 95% of the system will be paid for by the grant, and the funds can be distributed retroactively. The system is very useful for safety and is frequently updated with weather information specific to its area. The system is pilot controlled. The State is already familiar with this system and what it does. There was a motion to make a presentation to the Airport Board to see if they would be interested in supporting the systems installation. The motions was approved, but David recognized that although there was not opposition at this meeting, there may be some from others in our Chapter not in attendance and felt that there may be more discussion needed. The Airport Board would decide if they wanted to move forward of not with the idea.

George Colby Memorial. Bob Colby was present to announce the passing of one of EAA 102's founding members, George Colby. George founded the Chapter in '61. As a memorial to the EAA 102 Chapter, Bob presented a check for \$360.00 for the continuation and promotion of EAA Camp again this year. A memorial scholarship program has been set up in this name for this purpose. Thanks to all for your donations, support and flowers.

Rob Ratkowskie, Assistant Director at GPI had some handouts on the new regulations that will be coming soon to pilots that use gate passes.

The meeting was adjourned to tour the tower at 7:36 PM. The tower could take up to 8 people at a time, so many thanks to those who waited patiently for a tour.