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The Hernando Flyer

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The February 6th Chapter meeting will be held on the first **Wednesday** of the month, and will be continued on that day for the foreseeable future. Meetings are open to anyone with an interest in building, restoring, and flying airplanes. The meeting will be held at the CAP Building on Air Commerce Rd., starting at 7:00 PM. There should be ample parking in front of the of the CAP building.

President's Corner:

Greetings to all. January is quickly coming to an end. Today, Sunday, the weather forecast is promising us a few days of winter. At best, we'll probably have the warmest winter on record, for our area. The flying weather has been pretty good and many of us have been able to take advantage of the clear skies.

On January 12-14 the LSA Expo took place and a few of our members went down there to check out what was new. Hopefully we'll get a report on what's new and on the market.

Edgar, our Chapter Secretary has returned to Hernando County after living in Pasco for several years. Welcome back.

I had a conversation with "Rock" Rockcastle about coming over from Leesburg to give another presentation. Rock is a CFI who consults at the Lakeland FSDO production studios. He gave an excellent presentation, to our Chapter on operations at Non-towered airports a few months ago. He's currently visiting various Chapters and talking about operations at towered airports. Rock is prepared to talk of any aviation subject so we'll do a quick survey to see what the membership would like to have presented. Rock is an interesting and extremely dedicated individual who has extended himself those who are interested in aviation related subjects especially safety issues.

The Compass Rose..... This project is like a Mother-in-Law who show up one day and decides to move in, never to leave. It seems like it will never get done but I've been pushing for the materials needed to start working. I talked to Rob Mills last week. Other than him being up to his neck in fighting the alligators while draining the swamp, he just hasn't had the time to get the materials needed for us to do the job. I did emphasize to

Rob that we need to get the project moving before the weather turns hot and humid. Last week, I submitted the drawings to a local sign company who will give us a quote on creating stencils for the rose signage.

We have a "Bold Eagles" day coming up on February 24th. We'll need updated record, if anything has changed since submitted in December.

Jim Doan needs your dues, PLEASE... Additionally check with him to make sure he has your EAA Membership number. It would also help if you can give him your Young Eagles number, if you know it.

Yikes, this was supposed to be a short message and it's turned into War and Peace. :(

See you at the next meeting on February 7th.

Bernie.

January Meeting Minutes:

The meeting started at 7.10. We had 15 Members and 3 guests present.

Edgar Flaig gave the Secretary's report, which was accepted as read.

Jim Doan gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted as read. Included in the treasury report was the item that we paid Edgar \$75.00 for the January picnic expenses. Our kitty currently has \$5088.50 in the bank.

On the project report Jim Doan did more taxi tests with his Tailwind homebuilt.

The compass rose is at a stand we can get the paint from the county.

We will conduct the Bold Eagle flights on February 24th. So we have 22 people lined up for flights. The flight list is a combination of people from the Hernando beach homeowners, members of the Hernando Yacht Club and some German club members.

Bernie is working on some Mission statements with the help from the EAA. Greg Frey and Bernie are also looking into procuring a grant for a Chapter building through the County School board. Gordon's old Hangar will also be available but it may be more than we can afford. In addition, we are number three in line to rent the facility. It would be very nice having a place for the Chapter members to meet; I think it would help us grow. On January 13th some of the local Pilots flew to the Sebring LSA Expo. The Chapter meeting adjourned at 8.50pm.

Respectfully submitted Edgar Flaig: Secretary

Sebring LSA Expo:

I went down to Sebring LSA Expo to take in the sights of many different aircraft types. There were many unique aircraft; very different from the Certified airplane I fly. In fact, most are very different from the homebuilts I am familiar with. They are all very small, light, with low wing loading. I guess that is to be expected since they are not for traveling far from the base airport. The disappointing factor is that most had price tags of \$60,000 to \$120,000. It seems that you could buy a real airplane, or build an Experimental, for that kind of money. When you did that, you would have an airplane that had some utility. I will be very surprised if any of the 25 to 30 LSA manufactures now in the market are around in five years.