



Chapter 1298
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The Hernando Flyer

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The Chapter meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. There are **two exceptions** to our normal Wednesday meetings schedule. They are **two Hanger Meeting Meetings, one in October, and one in March. Please note that these dates, for the BBQ meetings, are not "cast in stone" so if you have a question, contact one of the names on the side of this page. When we have a BBQ meeting they are held in Doc Bob's hanger and start at 10:00AM on the 1st Saturday after the 1st turning Wednesday at 10:00.**

All meetings are open to anyone with an interest in building, restoring, and flying airplanes. The normal monthly 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. Please note that the Chapter does not meet during the months of July and August.

President's message

With the weather cooler, activity at the airport has increase d. Nobody was flying during the passing of the storm that recently developed in the Caribbean, but last Saturday's weather brought out enough people to make the amount of traffic at BKV rival some of the busiest times. The high rate of traffic lasted for just a few hours.

Earlier in October, Greg Frey and myself met with Don Silvernell, the airport administrator, and County commissioner Dave Russell. The objective of the meeting was to find out why the Chapter could not acquire the old Aerotel hanger that has been vacant since the 1st of the year. Don Silvernell's response was to offer us a new hanger if we could provide him with our requirements. That was the reason for the two surveys I sent out to find out who would be interested in a gang hanger and if so what your plane size was. During this period, contact with the EAA's office of government affairs uncovered that although three entities called out that could obtain a discount with regards to hanger rentals (Note: the three called out are accredited schools, CAP and museums) the FAA is on record saying that because EAA chapters were not called out did not mean that the Chapters were to be excluded. To this end I have composed a letter to the FAA person, in Orlando

who can qualify us for the reduction in hanger rent. Once we establish our hanger size we can get a quote from the Airport Administrator. We can advise Chapter members who would like to store their planes in that hanger just what it would cost.

Our case to the FAA is that we reach out to the community through events as:\

- Airfest 2003 – The first 100 years of flight
- Young Eagles - We've flown over 300 Young Eagles since the Chapter was established
- Bald Eagles – We introduced members of our older population to general aviation within their community
- Bold Eagles – Again we introduced older members of our population to general aviation within the community
- The Chapter created the Compass Rose and will be dedicated this month
- Members of the EAA provided a static display for 60 elementary school children to see home build airplanes up close. They were allowed to climb aboard, to sit in the planes and wiggle the controls and make airplane noises. We called them our Young Eaglets.

Submitted:

Bernie Berger, President

Chapter Meeting Minutes:

The October meeting on Saturday got started at 10.35 in Art Vouthouris' hangar. After the pledge of alliance, Edgar gave the September Minutes, which was followed by Jim Doan's Treasurer report. Both Reports got accepted as read. We had 14 Members and guests.

Bernie agreed to send a letter to Brenda at the EAA to find out if the chapter can spend money for the Young Eagle Program. Art Vouthouris made a motion to promote some programs to the local high Schools ROTC on Aviation matters. It got second by Jack Breneman. Greg, Bernie, Dan and Edgar volunteered to be guest speakers at the school. We must also provide a course ahead of all Young Eagle flights which explain what makes a airplanes fly.

Hank did the 50/50 next which was won by Art Vouthouris. The prize was \$14.00.

On the Project updates we have one from Dan Landry. He still has some minor problems with his autopilot. He also wants to start to polish the aluminum on the Plane. Jim Doan has some cooling problems and he had to put bigger scoops on his cowling.

In November we want to have a dedication for the compass rose. We hope to have some Politicos, The Newspaper reporters and the Airport manager there. It is hoped that a good turnout of EAA members will attend.

Since Edgar and Jim have all the EAA stuff in the hangar Edgar recommended that they should get help with the hangar rent. It was put to a vote and there was only one member against it. They are getting \$30.00 a month from the chapter fund.

Bernie, Greg and Dave Russell will be visiting the air Port Management in the coming weeks to discuss some option for a EAA Chapter Hangar. Note meeting report given by Bernie above.

Our monthly fly outs will be on Oct.27/28 to the Deland Airfest. On Nov.the 11th we will fly to Winterhaven for their cook out.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.45 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Edgar Flaig Secretary

ON A SAD NOTE

Many of you knew Harris Sullivan. Harris gave freely of his time and airplanes to fly Young Eagles. Although not a member of our Chapter he was always there to provide support when we needed planes and pilots. He traveled to other chapters to help them out whenever they needed support for their YE events. He was a caring individual. He had flown over 300 Young Eagles

It is regrettable that Harris died while returning to the US from the Bahamas after a week of Scuba Diving. He was flying his Lancair IFR and most likely got caught in a convective cell which damaged his plane fatality. Harris's body was not recovered. A lifeboat and life vest were recovered. It's suggested that the plane has been located. Any details as to recovery of his plane are not available at this time.

We will miss Harris but he will not be forgotten.