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MINUTES OF MEETING: EAA Chapter 551 Board Meeting 3/5/2012

Meeting called to order by president Gary Engler.

Treasurer has a balance of \$4517.50

April meeting at the aero club hanger, FAA to present a safety seminar

May meeting at the aero club hanger, chapter member Dennis G. to give an aircraft electrical seminar.

Talked about the chapter banquet, Larry needs every ones RSVP for a head count.

The cost for the meal is \$20 per person payable to the chapter in cash or check, no credit cards. Drinks can be purchased from the wait staff. Gary wants Larry to have the staff use all round tables. Board members should all try to sit with people they don't know to get to know them. Tim to make up name tags based on the RSVP list.

Airport day April 21st, discussed the event, Wade to have a signup sheet at the banquet for pilots and workers. Motion to adjourn at 7:30pm.

CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS:

3/17/2012 Rushford Municipal Airport (55Y) - Perfect for a cold March day! Serving 10 AM till gone.

Get your pre-heaters going and jump into that plane for a nice flight to super-friendly 55Y. Many different kinds of chili to choose from contact Walt Kelly 507/454-5147.

3/31/2012 EAA Chapter 551 Banquet: 6:00 PM Social 7:00 Dinner at the Coyote Moon Grill. Menu will be 10 oz Prime Rib; ½ Rack Barbeque Ribs; 7 oz Walleye; or 9 oz Chicken Parmesan \$20.00, **WHICH INCLUDES TAXES & GRATUITY** cash or check at the door. Cash Bar. Make reservations by e-mailing Larry Oswell at larry.oswell@gmail.com or telephoning him at **320/230-3100 before 3/26/2012**

4/2/2012 EAA Chapter 551 Board Meeting 6:30 PM Waite Park Perkins

4/16/2012 6:30 PM EAA Chapter 551: Meeting at St. Cloud Aero Club Hanger FAA Representative will speak on LSA Amateur built aircraft.

4/21/2012 St. Cloud Airport Days Young Eagle Rides. Bill Towle has agreed to let us operate our next Young Eagles event out of the terminal building. · EAA 551 will be holding a Young Eagles event Saturday, April 21st at the Saint Cloud Airport. Please hold the date for this event. We need pilots and ground crew. · This event is being held in conjunction with “Airport Day” hosted by the Saint Cloud State University Aviation Ambassadors and chaired by student Jessica Miller. Airport day is a community and kid-focused event to include multiple learning stations, opportunities to earn scouting

merit badges, etc. · Airport day starts at 9AM and we are scheduled to operate our young eagles flights out of the airline terminal facility starting at 9AM weather permitting. We are also continuing the tradition of hosting a Young Eagles event at Little Falls Dam Days – please hold the date of Saturday, June 16th. · Please contact new young eagles coordinator Wade Nelson at wknelson@stcloudstate.edu with questions or to volunteer.

5/4/ TO 5/6-2012 Minnesota Seaplane Pilot's Safety Seminar Madden's Resort Gull Lake Brainerd, MN
Contact Name: Mary Alverson 612-240-0123

5/7/2012 551 Board Meeting 6:30 PM Waite Park Perkins

5/21/2012 EAA Chapter 551 6:30 PM Meeting Electrical Wiring of Aircraft Dennis Gapinski

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6/9/2012 EAA CHAPTER 551 FLY IN Leaders, Clear Lake, MN (8y6)10:00 AM -2:00 PM Bean & Brat Fly In.

6/10/2012 Fly-In –Breakfast Fergus Falls MN

as our annual fund raising event. Food will be provided by Dad's Belgian Waffles. We have been guaranteed additional waffle irons to eliminate waiting in line for food. Last year over 1,000 breakfasts were served. Come early!! (FFM) Contact Dave Jensen 218/205-4345.

6/17/2012 Stanton Airfield (SYN) - 22nd Annual Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast. 507/645-4030.

6/24/2012 Fly In & Classic Car Show & Steve Kurtz Field - Aitkin Municipal (KAIT) - 7A-11A Wild Rice pancake breakfast, 11A-3P Brat & Burger lunch. Contact Dale Johnson 218/927-7065

7/2/2012 551 Board Meeting 6:30 PM Waite Park Perkins

8/18/2012 Forest Lake Airport (25D) - Daniel DePonti Memorial Airport in Forest Lake, Minnesota (25D) (Home of 24-hour gas and 24-hour grass) will be hosting its 11th Annual Open House and Fly-in on Saturday, August 18, 2012, from 10am to 4pm. The Fly-in will feature corn on the cob and brats sold by the Forest Lake Lions, and ice cream is available for dessert! Young Eagle rides offered, sponsored by EAA chapter 237. The Fly-in will be held at our new location, the south end of the field. The Forest Lake High School Pep Band is scheduled to make an appearance, and the car show added last year will again be invited this year. Contact John Schmidt 651/776-1717.

Aviation Bring a B 52 in for a safe landing

January 10, 1964, started out as a typical day for the flight test group at Boeing's Wichita plant. Pilot Chuck Fisher took off in a B-52H with a three-man Boeing crew, flying a low-level profile to obtain structural data.

Over Colorado, cruising 500 feet above the mountainous terrain, the B-52 encountered some turbulence. Fisher climbed to 14,300 feet looking for smoother air. At this point the typical day ended. The bomber flew into clear-air turbulence. It felt as if the plane had been placed in a giant high-speed elevator, shoved up and down, and hit by a heavy blow on its right side.

Fisher told the crew to prepare to abandon the plane. He slowed the aircraft and dropped to about 5,000 feet to make it easier to bail out.

But then Fisher regained some control. He climbed slowly to 16,000 feet to put some safety room between the

plane and the ground. He informed Wichita about what was happening. Although control was difficult, Fisher said he believed he could get the plane back in one piece.

Response to the situation at Wichita , and elsewhere, was immediate. An emergency control center was set up in the office of Wichita 's director of flight test. Key Boeing engineers and other specialists were summoned to provide their expertise. Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control centers at Denver and Kansas City cleared the air around the troubled plane. A Strategic Air Command B-52 in the area maintained radio contact with the crew of the Wichita B-52.

As Fisher got closer to Wichita , a Boeing chase plane flew up to meet him and to visually report the damage. When Dale Felix, flying an F-100 fighter, came alongside Fisher's B-52, he couldn't believe what he saw: The B-52's vertical tail was gone.

Felix broke the news to Fisher and those gathered in the control center. There was no panic. Everyone on the plane and in the control center knew they could be called upon at any time for just such a situation. In the emergency control center, the engineers began making calculations and suggesting the best way to get the plane down safely. The Air Force was also lending assistance. A B-52, just taking off for a routine flight, was used to test the various flight configurations suggested by the specialists before Fisher had to try them.

As high gusty winds rolled into Wichita , the decision was made to divert the B-52 to Blytheville Air Force Base in Northeastern Arkansas . Boeing specialists from the emergency control center took off in a KC-135 and accompanied Fisher to Blytheville , serving as an airborne control center.

Six hours after the incident first occurred, Fisher and his crew brought in the damaged B-52 for a safe landing. "I'm very proud of this crew and this airplane," Fisher said. "Also we had a lot people helping us, and we're very thankful for that." The B-52, Fisher said, "Is the finest airplane I ever flew."



More Coming Events\

4/17/2012 Saturday Breakfast Oshkosh

For those of you looking for a more adventurous flight experience this winter, here's a destination that could be incorporated into a visit to the EAA Museum at Oshkosh. Joe Simmon received an email from our friends with EAA 252 in Oshkosh, inviting everyone to

their fly-in breakfast:

“On April 7th from 7:30 to 11:00 A.M. Oshkosh’s local EAA Chapter 252 will host a pancake breakfast fly-in to commemorate legendary pilot and aircraft designer S.J. “Steve” Wittman’s 108th birthday. This event is open to the public.

“Held at the Wittman Regional Airport Terminal building on 20th St. in Oshkosh, WI, the event features a breakfast of sausage, eggs, beverages, and all you can eat pancakes. Those attending can fly-in or drive-in. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 10. Pilots of homebuilt aircraft that are flown in will get a free breakfast.

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Steve Wittman is the namesake of Wittman Regional Airport, the home of EAA and Airadventure.

FAA Private Pilot Question of the Month

While on final approach for landing, an alternating green and red light followed by a flashing red light is received from the control tower. Under these circumstances, the pilot should:

A> Discontinue the approach, fly the same traffic pattern, and approach again and land.

B> Exercise extreme caution and abandon the approach, realizing that the airport is unsafe for landing.

C> Abandon the approach, circle the airport to the right, and expect a flashing white light when the airport is safe for landing.

Thanks to our friends from EAA Chapter 919 in Rushford’s March Newsletter Editor Russell Marsolek

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