

Experimental Aircraft Association



Chapter 67



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MINUTES OF December 6, 2004 MEETING

With apologies from your tardy Secretary, (who was 15 minutes late) following are the minutes for most of the December 6 meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wally Sheridan did not have balances to share. He indicated that Dan Daubenspeck, as new Treasurer, would make the next report.

NEWSLETTER: None of the Chapter members received an e-mail copy of the November newsletter. A copy of the November 1, newsletter will be e-mailed to the membership, along with a copy of this newsletter.

FLYING STORIES: Don Roberts entertained the members with flying stories too numerous to recount her. Most memorable was Don's 'near miss' in the purchase of an EAA Biplane off of E-Bay. Interesting features of the project included a prop, carved from a standard 2X6, a furniture caster tail wheel, and an A-65 Continental rescued from an airboat. Needless to say *caveat emptor* was the lesson to be learned.

Lynn Taylor reported that the SBD has been moved to covered quarters. The fuselage was towed on its main gear through the streets of Noblesville, turning many heads.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS: Don Roberts supplied several trivia questions. No one properly identified that Scout Observation Curtis biplanes were stationed aboard the USS Indianapolis in WWII. Ultimately Don was able to award his mirror.

HOLIDAY DINNER: Twenty Chapter 67 members and spouses met at Lutz's Steakhouse on Friday December 3. Members regaled each other with building and flying stories. Long-suffering spouses were given an opportunity to commiserate.

MEMBER REPORT: This writer subsequently spoke to Jon Mynderse and learned that his back condition is improving. Jon has been preoccupied with moving his parents back to Indiana from Georgia. The writer also learned that he had not forwarded the November newsletter to Jon, explaining why it had not been forwarded to members.

HANDING OVER THE REINS: Greg Dickos turned over the meeting to Lynn Taylor, new Chapter president. Lynn presided over the collection of the annual dues. He also announced that EAA calendars were available for sale.

NEXT MEETING: The following meeting is Monday, January 10, 2005 at 7:30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER: John Ogle shared with the group a video of his first two flights in his Sonex. The Sonex suffered serious overheating that was ultimately traced to an overly lean mixture at high power settings. John pointed out that the aircraft flew very well with a light touch.

Lou Owens, mentor and technical counselor for the project, provided a very pragmatic and entertaining voice over while in the chase vehicle with the cameraman for the first flights. Fortunately none of Lou's scenarios came true. John was equally fortunate in that he was not privy to Lou's comments during the test flights. John reports that he now has six hours on the aircraft. He continues to work on carburetion issues, but indicates that the Sonex is a great aircraft and fun to fly.



Submitted by Richard Hixson