

EAA Chapter 850 – Minutes  
March 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Durand at 10:05 with 17 members and guests present. The treasurer's report was given by Fred Joyal, with a current balance of \$1308.93. Minutes from the Feb. 20th meeting were read and approved.

**Old Business:**

- Anne Joyal reported on her efforts on chapter publicity at local schools. On the same vein, Ted Kirkpatrick said that the Curtis school system did not consider Young Eagle flights to be a school function but a parental function instead. It was also mentioned that the EAA is the only recognized organization by the Boy Scouts of America for Young Eagle flights.
- Roger Bentlage discussed his ongoing efforts on getting an aerobatic practice area approved for the west side of the Sawyer runway. An environmental impact study may be needed as well as the projected impact on the local airways from the FAA. A discussion on the possibilities of bringing aerobatic competition to the area followed
- The chapter was reminded of the April 24<sup>th</sup> visit and display of the University of Michigan's new Cessna jet. As of this writing, the area for display is being decided on, either the General Aviation ramp or at the Sawyer ARRF building. Young Eagle flights will be made on this day. EAA Chapter 439 has been contacted to provide additional pilots.
- The sign outside the chapter meeting house was discussed for refurbishment. Several design ideas are being considered. Existing structure was examined for serviceability, and as of this writing Cook Signs has been contacted for information as to pricing.
- It was noted at this time, the 501c3 process is on hold pending a meeting of the Board of Directors.
- A discussion was held on the chapter taking on a "Build A Plane" project for local area youth with the intent to bringing the plane to flying status instead of a "hangar queen" project.
- April and June event insurance has been procured.
- The proposed Poker run and its 'legalities' were discussed at length by Scott Bolster. As of this time, the projected date is Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, with the following weekend as a rain date.

**New Business:**

- The annual work weekend party dates for Oshkosh were proposed with July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> being accepted by all present.
- Chapter breakfasts will start again with the next meeting. Thank you Larry.
- The chapter needs a count on how many meeting house keys are available. More will be made as needed.
- As of this time, our chapter has earned \$365 worth of Young Eagle credits. These can be used for Air Academy sponsorship and other items pertaining to young eagle activities.
- It was brought up that the compass rose jointly painted by the Northwoods Chapter of the 99's and our chapter is in need of refurbishment. It was decided that this be accomplished after the meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. It has been requested that volunteers for the painting party bring a paint brush. All other supplies will be furnished.
- Our local Sonex builder will be co coordinating a visit from the Sonex factory to show off their planes and its capabilities.
- Keith Kaspari reported on the Michigan Airport Conference. The FAA is proposing no funding for Sawyer's runway 01 north of the "Bravo" taxiway. It also appears that any crosswind runway consideration is a dead issue.
- On April 10<sup>th</sup>, a Board of Directors meeting will be held at Sawyer.
- As a reminder, May 15<sup>th</sup> is National Learn to Fly Day. Bernie Lane has information on that.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted

Bill Landry  
Secretary