

Minutes of The Villages Aviation Club meeting

Monday Jan. 8, 2024

The meeting was held at the Seabreeze Regional Recreation Center in the Daytona Beach / New Smyrna Beach rooms.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Jim Waymire, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 68 members and guests in attendance.

Jim requested first time attendees to introduce themselves.

The Secretary, Donald Field, summarized the Minutes of the 11/13/23 Meeting, and the Christmas Party held on 12/11/23. A motion was made, seconded, and a vote to accept the minutes followed.

The Treasurer, Bill Stafford, read the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made, seconded, and a vote to accept the Treasurer's report followed.

Web Site

Our **Web Site** is up and running under the leadership of our Webmaster, Richard Woods. Richard's Webmaster Email address is tvawebmaster1@gmail.com.

The Web Site address is www.villagesaviation.weebly.com. Check the Web Site for information on upcoming Aviation Activities in the area.

We need photos of any recent Fly Outs. Anyone having photos of recent Fly Outs is requested to send them, as attachments, to tvawebmaster1@gmail.com. Additionally, anyone that has a photo of their airplane which they would like to have on the Web Site, please send them to Richard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If anyone has any questions regarding the upgrade status of Freeflight Intl. Airport, 2FA6 in Coleman, please contact Don Buckey at cell 919-662-6360, or don.buckey19@gmail.com.

Nametags

All of our Dues Paid Members have Nametags. If you have not already picked yours up, please do so when you check in at the door. We are NO LONGER collecting them at the end of each meeting. Please take the Nametag home and **bring it with you to every meeting**. The Nametags are in a clip-on plastic sleeve. Everyone is urged to personalize their nametag. Feel free to write on them or put a small picture of your favorite airplane in the nametag sleeve. That will enable the other people at the meeting to see what your Flying Background or Interests are and could lead to some interesting conversations.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Cres Wise, a FAA Safety Team (FAAST) Lead Member, and our club Safety Officer, did a Very Interesting Aviation Safety Briefing on Aviation Related "New Years Resolutions".

Past monthly Safety Briefing presentations are available to see on the Club Web Site, www.villagesaviation.weebly.com. On the Home Page, Click on About and then Safety briefings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim reminded everyone that Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held at the March 2024 Meeting. He requested anyone that is interested in serving as any Officer, for the upcoming term to contact him, pilot3795@gmail.com,

FLY OUTS:

The Fly Out for Nov. to Albert Whitted (KSPG) in St. Petersburg was Cancelled.

The Fly Out for Jan. is to New Smyrna Beach (KEVB).

A signed Aviation Club Waiver of Liability Form is required for all Fly Out or Drive Out participants. You only have to sign the waiver once, and it is kept in the Club's files.

The waiver form is now available on our Website www.villagesaviation.weebly.com. On the Home page, click on MORE, and then click on WAIVER FOR FLY OUTS. Print the form, sign it and bring it to the Secretary, Don Field, at the next meeting. If you are unable to print the form, contact the Secretary, Don Field, at the meetings, to sign a waiver.

GUEST SPEAKER

The VP, Tweet Coleman, introduced the Guest Speaker for the meeting, **Craig Estep**. Craig served in the military, worked in law enforcement as an EMT, was a volunteer fire fighter in emergency management, and an EMS helicopter pilot. Currently, Craig is a Certified County Commissioner and is the Sumter County Commissioner in District 3. He spent years as an EMS helicopter pilot with the Air Evac Lifeteam organization, (www.lifeteam.net). Air Evac is an American helicopter emergency medical service, or air ambulance provider, headquartered in O'Fallon, Missouri. **His presentation was "A day in the life of an EMS Pilot"**

OTHER:

We held a 50 – 50 drawing.

The next meeting of The Villages Aviation Club will be on Monday, Feb. 12, 2024, at 7 p.m., in the Seabreeze Recreation Center.

REMINDER:

The Villages Aviation Club Caps and Shirts may be ordered and picked up at Custom Apparel & Gifts at 3451 Wedgewood Lane, The Villages Fl. 32162. Their telephone number is 352-750-1600.

Minutes submitted by Donald Field,
Club Secretary