

Minutes of The Villages Aviation Club meeting

Monday Feb. 12, 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 **95** members and guests in attendance.

Jim requested first time attendees to introduce themselves.

The Secretary, Donald Field, summarized the Minutes of the 1/8/24 Meeting. 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.

Chris Helme did a presentation about the **Sun Country Aero Club**. The Club has just purchased a second airplane and increased the authorized number of members from 14 to 20. They are based at the Ocala Airport, KOCF, and are actively seeking new members for their club. The complete presentation and information are on the Villages Aviation Web Site under / More / Flying Clubs. Chris can be reached at 571-606-5592 for additional details or answers to any of your questions.

Nametags

All of our Dues Paid Members have Nametags. Please **bring the Nametag 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 the FAA Compliance Program. This program was launched in 2015, and offers alternatives to more onerous FAA Enforcement Actions.

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 11, 2024 Meeting. A Nominating Committee, chaired by Nelson Bailes, was appointed.

Jim requested anyone that is interested in serving as any Officer for the upcoming term to contact either him, at pilot3795@gmail.com, or Nelson Bailes at nelsonbev@gmail.com prior to the March Meeting.

FLY OUTS:

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

The Fly Out for Feb. will be to Albert Whitted (KSPG) in St. Petersburg.

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 Speakers for the meeting; **Don Wiley, President, & Peggy Garvin, VP, Treasurer and Webmaster of the Drone Flyers Club.**

Their presentation was "The Drone Flyers Club". The purpose of the club is to organize efforts to promote the development of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) multi-rotor aircraft commonly referred to as "drones" as a recreational, sporting, and educational activity. For more information, see their Web Site at WWW.DRONEFLYERTHEVILLAGESFL.COM

OTHER:

We held a 50 – 50 drawing.

The next meeting of The Villages Aviation Club will be on Monday, March 11, 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