

Minutes of The Villages Aviation Club meeting

Monday Sept. 11, 2023

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 55 members and guests in attendance.

Jim requested first time attendees to introduce themselves.

The Secretary, Donald Field, summarized the Minutes of the June 12 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and a vote to accept followed.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Bill Stafford, Jim 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 tvwebmaster1@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 tvwebmaster1@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 Name Tags. 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 name tag. Feel free to write on them or put a small picture of your favorite airplane in the name tag 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, covered the following:

- a. An "Aviation Tribute" to Jimmy Buffet. Buffet was a Pilot with 30 years of flying experience and had owned multiple (fixed wing, seaplanes, jets) aircraft.
- b. A Safety Briefing on the proposed FAA MOSAIC NPRM. This proposed Modernization Of Special Airworthiness Certification (MOSAIC) would dramatically expand the definition of LSA aircraft to include almost any airplane with a clean stalling speed of 54 knots or less. That would add well over 50,000 legacy airplanes, including the venerable Cessna 172, and make the Sport Pilot certificate much more useful.

c. Cres announced that he will try to conduct a "Wings Seminar" as the Safety Briefing at the 10/9/23 Aviation Club meeting.

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:

FLY OUTS:

The Fly Out for June was to Sebastian Airport (X26) for a tour of the Velocity Aircraft factory.

The Fly Out for Sept. 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 Speaker for the meeting, **Jim Press, WW II Historian**. Jim taught military history at Northwestern Michigan College. He is also a retired US Army officer who served 21 years on active and reserve duty and graduated from the US Army's Command and General Staff College. **Jim had a Very Interesting presentation on the Nazi and Japanese collaboration on building jet planes and planning attacks on the US and the Panama Canal during World War II.**

OTHER:

We held a 50 – 50 drawing.

The next meeting of The Villages Aviation Club will be on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, 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