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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting April 12, 2011, by Alex W.

President Mike D. opened the meeting at 7:10 PM. There were 17 members and 6 guests present. Mike welcomed everyone to Classroom "M" that Flight Safety has so graciously made available for Chapter 99's monthly meetings while the hangar meeting room is still being repaired. He then asked for the Secretary's report.

Alex W. reported that the minutes of last month's meeting were published in the monthly newsletter distributed to the membership and that he had a copy available if anyone wished to see them. He also noted that a sign-in sheet was being circulated and asked all present to sign-in.

Several of the members present indicated that they had not received the newsletter. The membership chairman, Ernie S. asked that anyone who had paid there dues but did not receive the newsletter to let him know about it.

Mike D. then asked for a volunteer to do the newsletter to no avail.

Mike D. also reported that the repairs to the hanger meeting room were progressing well and that we should be able to move our meetings back to it either this month or the next. He noted that new tables and chairs would be required for the meeting room and that the delivery of them might determine when the room would again be usable. He also announced that in the month of May we would like to have a "Learn To Fly" day for the Boy Scouts and hopefully we will be able to hold it at the regular meeting room and we will shoot for that. It will be held in conjunction with the National EAA Learn to Fly Day. He also mentioned that in the next few months the Chapter will try to organize a barbeque or cookout possibly at the Airdrome or somewhere where we might also have a Fly-In. The Chapter has not had one in a long time and he said he thought that we were overdue to have one and it would be a great family outing as well. Past cookouts have been a lot of fun for everyone.

Stories and experiences from Sun-N-Fun were then exchanged with several members being thankful that they got out before the storm hit and others thankful that they went afterwards. None of our members reported any damage to their aircraft and the value of secure tie downs was noted. It was agreed that the Sun-N-Fun volunteers did a great job of getting everything cleaned up for what looked to be a record crowd on Saturday but it is regrettable that many hours of hard work and dedication were lost in the few minutes that it took for the storm to pass.

Steve F. then gave the Treasurers report.

The Webmaster, Sylvia P. was not able to attend the meeting so Alex W. read an email from her expressing her disappointment in not being able update the website this month since her laptop computer has suffered a hard drive failure. She looks forward to being back in action at next months meeting.

Builders reports were received from Keith G. who has been working on the Angel Flight float aircraft, John H. who is building a Kitfox, Ernie S. who is building a Barracuda and Ken M.'s Adventure Air. Keith reported slow progress is being made on the Angel Flight project. John H. said that he has solved the ignition problem on the Cuyuna engine on his Kitfox and now is

overhauling the carbs. Ernie reported that there is a lot of sanding being done and that he has his prop in the shop to be repaired. Ken M. said that his craft was about ready for taxi testing. He has corrected a problem with his radio and taken care of a number of last minute items.

Keith G. reported that Gene G.'s brother Ralph who also is a member of the chapter is in the hospital after having complications with a hip replacement and that he will be sending a card from the Chapter. Keith also mentioned that there had been discussion of having a brick placed in Vernon K.'s memory at Oshkosh and that his wife does not think that it would be necessary since none of the family is likely to be visiting Oshkosh to see it. Keith mentioned that chapter members had provided a fly over at Vernon's funeral and several members had attended the services. Keith said that he was open to suggestions from the members if there was anything more that they wished to do locally in Vernon's memory.

Ed C. mentioned that the key will probably be changed on the box hanger since there is suspicion that unauthorized individuals may be accessing the hangar. It has been suggested that once that is done keys be limited to the aircraft owners and access by anyone else will have to be coordinated with them. Alex W. added that once the work on the meeting room is completed and the entrance gate is again working full time, access to the area will again be limited.

After refreshments Mr. David Tibbetts gave a presentation on and answered questions about the Skykits Savannah VGW kit that he markets. The Savannah VGW is an all aluminium STOL type aircraft that can be built to Light Sport requirements. The kit comes with all parts CNC cut and with all rivet holes pre-drilled to size to make it easy and fast to assemble. He reports that this VGW model sports a cockpit that is five inches wider and four inches longer than the standard Savannah. This aircraft has a full fuel payload of 479 pounds, a 3.5 hour range with reserve, cruises at 96MPH and has a full flap stall speed of 16 MPH. It was an interesting and informative presentation.

Mike D. thanked him for his presentation. Then the meeting was closed at 9:30 PM.