

EAA CHAPTER 1031 met in hangar 44 at the Winchester Regional Airport at 7:00 PM on October 12, 2005.

President Rick Shoup presided. Eight members were present. Tammy and Roger Garrison and their 2 sons were guests. The Garrison's came to hear more about the plans for the Aviation Explorer Post.

The next chapter meeting will be held at Melnor, Inc. at 3085 Shawnee Dr, Winchester, Va on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 7:00PM. A map to Melnor, Inc. and directions can be found on the chapter website www.eaa1031.com.

Rick and Elle Zirkle are working with Bryan Lloyd of the Shenandoah Council of the Boys Scouts of America in hopes of forming an Aviation Explorer Post in Winchester, Va.

Rick reported on the informational meeting regarding the possible formation of an Aviation Explorer Post in Winchester. The meeting was held at the Winchester Regional Airport on Saturday, October 8, 2005 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Rick had mailed 52 letters to boys and girls who had responded to a questionair last spring. Elle Zirkle made 500 flyers, called counselors and teachers of four of the area high schools (James Wood, Handley, Sherando and Millbrook) and James Wood Middle School. Elle delivered the flyers to the schools. The phone conversations with the schools was very optimistic however, only one young man and his father showed up for the meeting. Rick suggested we have at least 6 boys and girls to start an Aviation Explorer Post in the Winchester area. The age group is 14 - 18 or having finished the 8th grade.

We will continue to try to form the Aviation Explorer Post in Winchester, however, in the meantime we will invite interested boys and girls to meet with the Aviation Explorer Post in the Martinsburg EAA Chapter 1071, in Martinsburg, WV. The adult leader of the Martinsburg Post, Lee Jones, welcomes interested parties to attend. The Martinsburg Aviation Explorer Post meets the first and third Thursday evening at the Chapter 1071 hangar at 6:30 PM. The Post is currently studying in a fully certificated ground school.

Al Hays gave a report on the progress of the Nominating Committee. Chapter members have been encouraged through e-mail to express their interest in being nominated **for**

one of the following offices: President, Vice President and Secretary. The terms are for a 2 year period starting in January, 2006. Anyone interested in these offices please get in touch with the Nominating Committee:

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Ralph and Laura Hoover have once again invited the chapter to their home for the chapter Christmas Party. The Chapter Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 3:00 PM. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. We will have a Secret Santa also. Anyone who would like to participate in the Secret Santa needs to bring a \$10 - \$15 gift for the exchange. Directions to the Hoover's will be sent to all members as the time draws near. Members are encouraged to bring spouses and/or guests.

Everyone present was in favor of having the annual January Dinner on January 14, 2006. Rick will check into the restaurants. Laura Hoover and Elle Zirkle will help with the dinner also.

There being no further business, the meeting ended in looking at airplanes and talking airplanes.

What a nice way to end a meeting!!