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Happy new year everyone. Hopefully everybody got a new airplane under the Christmas tree this year. Contrary to popular belief, I do crash sometimes and I got myself a present.

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has done work on the flying field this last month. We had a lot of rain a few weeks ago and someone walked across the field with some sticky shoes. Thanks to Ron for doing lots of dragging, Tom for rolling, and Bill, Robert, Jim, Shell, Jack and any others that I may be forgetting. The flying field looks great.

The spring semester at ERAU is in full swing now so you'll probably see lots of students at the flying field training with Apprentices and Phantoms. Due to weather, we didn't have a Come Fly With Us this month. There were a few people crowded under the cover trying to stay out of the rain while enjoying burritos. Hopefully the weather holds out for the next event.

Cole

NEXT MEETING will be the first Tuesday of the month.

Meetings start at 7:00 PM in room 101, Building 21 (Robertson Aviation Safety Center)
On the Embry-Riddle campus, 3700 Willow Creek Road.

Visitors are welcome! **See you there!**

Casa de Aero General Membership Meeting December 6, 2016

Attendance -

General Members: Jerry Alvarez, Don Broadstone, John Conrad, Jim Eaves, Walter Findlay, Tom Gatchell, Jack Hardy, Ken Holden, Al Iamiceli, Bill King, Kirk Lander, Gerald Lang, Earl LeBlanc, Shel Leibach, Dave Marston, Jim McDonald, Robert Olson, Andrew Perry, Frank Sanders, Jack Taub, Scott Wemple.

Visitors:

ERAU Members: Cole Field

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President Cole Field called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

President's Report and New Business (Cole Field): He will be meeting with Arlo Chan of ERAU to renew our lease, and make this year's payment. He will also ask about getting maintenance assistance to clean out the ditches.

Cole thanked those responsible for helping with dragging and rolling the field as well as picking up large rocks.

Members can contact him or Al Weikart about getting an updated membership list.

The school's weather station is installed, but not yet connected to the internet. He will send out word when he finds out it is on line.

Vice President's Report (Don Broadston):

The Awards Dinner for members and spouses/significant others will be held on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 5:30 pm at Susie's. You must sign up and have paid in advance. He will be emailing and have sign-up sheets with further details.

Safety Report (Rudy Arp):

Rudy was unable to attend the meeting. No specific safety issues were reported.

Flight Instruction (Peter Genereaux):

Peter was unable to attend, but had previously reported that there is currently no activity.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Marston): The checking account balance stands at \$3581, and is growing with renewals coming in. A budget for the coming year has been approved by the Board.

Secretary's Report (Al Weikart):

Al was out of town and unable to attend. He relayed that we currently have 76 members. He has processed 20 renewals prior to those submitted tonight.

Remember you must renew your AMA membership when it is due to be eligible to be a member of CdA, and be able to fly at our field.

50/50 Raffle: The drawing was won by Jerry Alvarez who donated his \$18 winnings to the club.

Upcoming Dates:

Come Fly with Us - Saturday, December 10, from 9:00-11:00 am.

Indoor Flying – None scheduled for December

Guest Speaker: Jack Hardy introduced his friend, Chuck Fulton who had two tours of duty flying fighters in Viet Nam. Chuck gave a very interesting talk on his Air Force career of 22 years. He was in Viet Nam first from late 1966 to late 1968 with over 325 missions almost all in ground support roles flying in F100's. After time at Luke Air Base instructing, he had a second tour in the mid '70s flying F4Es out of a base in Thailand, and ended up with over 350 total missions. It was at the end of this second tour that he flew what is considered the last combat mission of the Viet Nam war. The mission was to protect the evacuation of personnel from Saigon as it was taken over by the Viet Cong at the end of the war. A very hectic time. The biggest hurdle of the mission was overcoming very severe thunderstorms which nearly took out all his communications ability, and seriously beat up his and his wing man's planes.

Chuck now uses his personal plane to participate in the program to transport needing veterans around the country. He is a very inspirational person.

Show and Tell:

Shel showed his model of the Sukhoi Su-47 also called the Berkut (Golden Eagle). It was a development aircraft of the mid-'90s with very unique forward swept wings. It only has made 4 flights, the first in 1997. It had advanced capabilities with thrust vectoring, canards, supersonic speed, very good maneuverability, and good low speed handling, but was very expensive. Its concepts led to the successful

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SU-35. Shel bought the plane as a kit (foam components). He installed two 70 mm ducted fans with two 65 amp ESCs which should be more than enough power (8 lbs. of thrust for 3-4 lb. plane). A 6S5000 LiPo battery will be used. He hopes to do the maiden flight soon.

Jack Hardy brought his new AT6. It came as an ARF with only limited assembly required (motor, ESC, retracts, and servos installed). It has a wingspan of 57", and flies on a 4S3000 LiPo battery. Nice looking bright yellow model.

Cole bought himself a Christmas present – a profile foamy MXS from Twisted Hobbies. It has a wingspan of 800 mm and should weight about 200-220 grams when finished (currently still in the box). Expected to be a fun 3D plane.

With the next day being the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Tom Gatchell thought it appropriate to bring in a flag that flew over the USS Arizona memorial. His son got the flag and certificate of authenticity while a marine honor guard at the memorial in 1991.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by **Dave Marston.**



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