

EAA Chapter 81 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 0925 by President Ray Puckett in the Ryan Field conference room. A quorum was achieved with the following board members attending: President Ray Puckett, Vice President Stephen Zigelstein, Secretary Bob Miller, Treasurer Kevin Byers, Jim Keown, and Erik Fjerstad.

First Order of Business: the Chapter 81 Gleim flight simulator. Stephen Zigelstein has spoken to the local commander of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) regarding use of a room in their building at Tucson International Airport (TIA). One advantage of this location would be 24/7 access vs the current very limited access during Southern Arizona Teen Aviation (SATA) build hours of 3-6 PM Sundays and 5:30-8:30 PM on Mondays. In addition, there would be a climate-controlled environment and no cost to Chapter 81. Stephen suggested a one-page written contract with CAP. Erik suggested generating a list of vetted Chapter 81 members who have received orientation and would have access to the key, and a stop-and-go checklist such as we have for our borescope and prop balancer so that any damage discovered would be traced to the scheduled operator. SATA members would have access only when accompanied by vetted adults, and local CAP members would also have access. Both Erik and Jim Keown suggested that Chapter 81 have top priority in scheduling (it is OUR simulator) over the other agencies, and that reservations would have to be made one or two weeks in advance. Instructors would not have to necessarily be Certified Flight Instructors (CFIs) but would have to be Chapter 81 members trained in the operation of the simulator and assigned for this instruction. Instructors could not solicit students nor bring in non-EAA members. At least at first, there could be no commercial use of the simulator. Bob suggested that, if a CFI were to be paid, his/her use of the simulator would have to be cleared by the Board of Directors (BOD). Erik suggested that no one should be able to make more than three bookings at a time, none back-to-back, with a maximum of two hours per session. Stephen suggested that a set of written instructions for the use of the simulator should be generated and present for all sessions. Erik suggested that we have another BOD meeting after the simulator is moved. The BOD voted unanimously to go forward with the CAP location. For reference, commercial use of similar simulators typically costs \$50-75 per hour vs \$150 per hour for full-motions simulators.

Second Order of Business: the Corvair engine core donated to Chapter 81. Charley Gerris wants to buy it. Erik suggested that he make an offer with rationale. Jim suggested that we consider an offer of \$400 plus 1/2 the cost of the accessories. Jim will talk to Charley.

Third Order of Business: the donated Zenith parts. Ray, who is the point person for the donated Fisher Celebrity biplane, and Jim, will talk to Hangar Manager George Snyder about what should be done with the Zenith parts.

Fourth Order of Business: Although our Pancake Breakfast Trailer has always been parked outdoors, the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) has required it to be moved from its east-side parking site of many years. It is currently parked outside the hangar of Mobile Aire Hangars manager Ed Haumschild, but it would be desirable to find indoor space for its storage in someone's hangar. This will be brought up in the next Chapter 81 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1100.

Respectfully Submitted by
Secretary Bob Miller