

EAA Chapter 81 Board of Directors Meeting  
March 14, 2026

Meeting was called to order at the Ryan Field conference room at 1220 by President Ray Puckett. Attending were: President Puckett, Treasurer Kevin Byers, Secretary Bob Miller and Director Jim Keown. This constituted a quorum.

First Order of Business: Scholarships Coordinator Alan LaFever informed us that we now can offer two Ray Scholarship of the type where national EAA pays three quarters and we pay the remaining quarter (\$9,000 and \$3,000, respectively, per scholarship). Alan has received two applications, both of which appear worthy but the candidates need to show EAA involvement. 19 y/o Liliana Kalish, who also did ground school with JTED, is a SATA student builder. The other candidate, Jayden Couch, has already started her flight training. There is a new rule that states that the Ray Scholarship recipient now has to start flight training within 30 days of receiving the scholarship.

Aside from scholarships for flight training, Chapter 81 is considering scholarships for CFIs. Miranda Hinojosa might be a candidate for such a scholarship. CFII Alan Hobson will be consulted regarding this. Anyone receiving a Chapter 81 Scholarship will be subject to progress reports from the instructors to us, to assure appropriate progress.

Next: there was a discussion about spin-training and/or upset recovery for Alan LaFever. A recommendation was made for Alan to investigate Chandler Air Services, which trains in the aerobatic Great Lakes biplane (although a non-aerobatic Cessna 150 would be fine for this type of training).

EAA Air Academy Scholarships: Jim Keown will look into them for us; do we want to sponsor such scholarships and what would be the procedure and the costs?

Update of Chapter 81 Bylaws: as we did not have a copy of the current Bylaws at this meeting, President Puckett will send us an email for review. He is also investigating Zoom and Google Meet as venues for BOD meetings, to allow remote participation.

Note: we decided not to buy checks as we can utilize Zelle; however, we still are accepting checks.

Meeting was adjourned at 1312. The next scheduled BOD meeting will be held after the Chapter 81 meeting on April 11, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Secretary Bob Miller