

EAA Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 1105 by President Ray Puckett at the Ryan Field meeting room.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to waive the reading of the report, seconded, and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kevin Byers has created a Zelle® tag for Chapter 81. This means that the chapter treasury will receive payments without sharing personal phone numbers or email addresses. Money will go directly into the account, not to the Treasurer.

Visitors:

Chad Rees is a new member who has bought a Van's RV-12.

Jaden Butts is here with her mother Natalie. Jaden has passed her Private Pilot Written Exam and has applied to be a Ray Scholarship recipient.

Other Stuff:

Tim Tarris reported that he was unable to get into the Marana Airport yesterday to get avgas due to a crash there. He says that the wiring is 98% done. He had to turn the prop slightly but is unable to start the engine even when fuel is available because he lacks the proper 2 into 1 cable for the dual Bing carburetors on the Rotax 912 ULS engine. He is seeking a Rotax expert for consultation. He was provided the phone number of Roger Lee, a Rotax mechanic at Ryan Field.

Meet the controllers! There will be a Ground Safety presentation by Ryan Field control tower staff in our conference room on 5/6/26 at 1300. It will also be available by Zoom®.

IFC/VFC (Instrument/Visual Flight Conditions) Club met this month (first Thursdays at 6:30 PM). Twenty attended at the La Cholla Airpark Clubhouse to sample club leader Alexander Kocksch's Hungarian goulash, which was served at 6 PM. "Italian next month", says Alexander. He states that the purpose of the club is "to learn from others' mistakes". All are welcome.

17 Young Eagles flew this morning with six pilots. Their iPad and printer are now working, eliminating the need for paper forms.

Kevin Eaton has a Europa (fiberglass experimental) project to give away. It has no engine. Interested parties may contact President Puckett.

President Puckett again requested a volunteer to take on becoming Pancake Breakfast Coordinator; this time he got a bite: Natalie Butts, who helped with the Young Eagle event this morning, is willing to take on the position as early as a month from now, although she is strongly considering bringing it

indoors with pre-prepared foods during the hot months. As we have the conference room reserved from 0700, it could run concurrently with the YE events.

George Olson informed us that the new MOSAIC (Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification) rules allow the owner of an Experimental Light Sport Aircraft to become the Repairman, even though not the builder. This certification applies only to ELSAs owned or acquired by the Repairman and does not expire. It would require a 16-hour (two-day) class to be certified to perform a Condition Inspection. Previous to MOSAIC, only the builder was eligible for a Repairman Certificate. Currently, the classes are only available in the mid-west, but Steve Solomon asks whether there is interest in having such a workshop here; he will investigate.

David Schiffman reminds us that there is a sign-up sheet for chapter aircraft camping at this summer's Airventure Oshkosh at the back of the room.

Bob Miller and Jim and Dan Keown will be attending Sun 'N Fun this month.

Alan Hobson told us that our first Chapter 81 (adult) Eagle Flight was piloted by Kevin Byers. Our second Eagle Flight took up Chris Wellborn, and more pilots are signing up.

Bob Holliday reported that we have a buyer for the Zenith parts in our Chapter Hanger for \$500.

Ray Puckett has a list of the needs of our donated Fisher Celebrity biplane. He will put the list on the plane so members can look and sign up for specific tasks.

The April EAA Chapter Video was played at 1125. The presentation was made by EAA Director of Communities Charlie Becker. Featured topics were:

International Learn-to-Fly Day

Flying Start, which is available to all EAA chapters, offers expert-lead classes to adults on flight principles, navigation, weather, regulations, and aircraft systems. It also provides one volunteer-piloted flight.

The March, 2026 EAA Leaders Boot Camp was recorded and is now available online.

EAA is pushing for 2.5 million Young Eagles to have flown by the end of July. EAA is also providing a \$25 credit allowance (for EAA merchandise) for each new YE pilot recruited.

The EAA Giant Logbook is available online and searchable back to 2012.

On April 28, there will be an EAA Webinar on Donations and Contributions, available to chapters.

Form 1099s will be due in April

Chapter Blasts are announcements to EAA about chapter events.

There is a new, free, downloadable guide for purchasing Experimental/Amateur-Built aircraft.

EAA is seeking applications for patriotic paint schemes (aircraft) to park at the Brown Arch.

Charlie closed with a plug for the Aeromart (swap meet at Airventure) - bring your stuff!

Project Updates:

Kitfox builder Chris Welborn said that, although the instructions for how to mount the flaperons were very clear, he was still reluctant to drill holes in the wing ribs until he was sure about how to make sure that they were correctly placed. He solved this dilemma by mounting the brackets onto the flaperons first and then placing the flaperons into position; the brackets were then in correct alignment with the posterior upper wing ribs and served as a drill guide.

Ray Kurian has encountered a valve seat problem on his Sonex's Corvair engine.

Dale Mooneyham has been an on-and-off member of Chapter 81 since the Bob Hasson era and is an A&P mechanic. He owned a 1968 Mooney G Model, which he flew for 20 years but he has not been an active pilot for 12 years. It was a fixer-upper he found at Cable Airport near Upland, California, ferried it 3 1/2 hours to Chandler Municipal and performed a complete ground-up restoration over 3 1/2 years. Before the Mooney, he flew a Hummelbird. For those not familiar, this was a tiny plans-built aluminum single-seater low-wing tail wheel airplane powered by a 1/2 VW engine.

The meeting was adjourned at 1200. The next meeting will be at the Ryan Field conference room on Saturday May 9 at 1100. We are anticipating a Young Eagles event and possibly a Pancake Breakfast earlier that morning.

Respectfully Submitted by
Secretary Bob Miller