

Minutes of BOD meeting

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EAA Chapter 81 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 13, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President Ray Puckett at 1225 in the Ryan Field conference room. Attending were: President Puckett, Secretary Bob Miller, Treasurer Kevin Byers, and board member Jim Keown, constituting a quorum.

First Order of Business: Codifying the decision to purchase a Zoom account to make all chapter meetings available online to our members. It would also make it possible to conduct board meetings from home. Zoom Pro offers 10 Gigs of cloud storage and costs \$14.16 per month. Ray Puckett moved that we start with audio only, seconded by Kevin Byers. The motion passed unanimously and Ray will work out the details and open the account.

Second Order of Business: Finding a home for the Chapter 81 Flight Simulator. Due to health issues, Steve Hulland has become unable to pursue his plan to utilize a room at the Civil Air Patrol building at Tucson International Airport. Jim Keown suggested that we could find a climate- controlled storage unit. An alternative would be to build a small room within our Chapter Hangar with a small air conditioner. Although the hangar is already paid-for, the location is not ideal, as a more central location is desirable. Ray Puckett reminded us that we still need to work out a system for scheduling simulator time. The project is tabled for now.

Third Order of Business: Increasing visibility of Chapter 81 to the public. Jim Keown suggested that we have a booth at the Tucson Home Show. After some discussion, it was decided that, while the idea is valid, the Tucson Home Show might not be the best venue. We will consider others.

Fourth Order of Business: Disposition of the donated Fisher Celebrity biplane. Ray Puckett has a potential buyer in California. He recommended

that we sell it as-is, as Chapter 81 has shown little enthusiasm for finishing repairs to bring it up to flying condition despite the much-appreciated hard work by a few dedicated members. Jim Keown reminded us that we have a set of plans and extra parts that would be included with the sale. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to have Ray contact the buyer with authorization to sell.

Fifth Order of Business: Heritage Flight attendance. The next USAF Heritage Flight at Davis-Monthan AFB will take place in February, 2027. Can Chapter 81 get invited? Ray Puckett will talk to Bill Foraker, who has air show connections.

Meeting was adjourned at 1300. The next Board of Directors meeting time and place are TBD.

Respectfully Submitted by
Secretary Bob Miller