

COPAMA Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2011

COPAMA President, Gene Sprang, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Gene welcomed all new attendees, students and regulars. Gene introduced the guest speaker Norm Burmaster.

The Board Members in attendance were the following: Gene, Jeff, Bill, Joe, Paul and Ed. Lowell was absent.

October is the annual chili cook-off and this year twenty seven attendees were treated to six different tastes of chili. And....if that didn't fill you up there were cold cuts, salad and deserts catered by Giant Eagle.

After dinner Gene gave a recap of the September's Central Ohio Aviation Golf Outing which was a great success. There were 152 golfers and the total raised from that event for the Scholarship Fund was \$9,600.00.

Gene also made the following announcements:

The Cincinnati Ohio Aviation Technicians Society will hold their annual IA Renewal Seminar on Oct. 29, 2011. The seminar will be held at the west campus of Cincinnati State, Kroger Hangar, and there is no charge.

The COPAMA Holiday Dinner will be held at Villa Milano on Dec. 6, 2011. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Access the COPAMA.org website to purchase your tickets or you can purchase tickets at the next monthly meeting in November.

A new FAA FFAST Team representative, Tim Sokol, was introduced. Tim is from Purdue, IN.

Jeff Gurber announced PAMA National Headquarters has moved from Washington, DC to Ionia, Michigan effective October 6, 2011.

Gene announced there are three COPAMA Board Members up for re-election for 2012-2013 terms. Joe Lippert and Paul Tursic are running for re-election. Bill Reinert is stepping down as Treasurer. Nominations are open for these three positions.

Gene announced the next COPAMA meeting to be on Nov. 8th at the same location; The Lane Aviation Conference Room, second floor. The speaker will be Richard Cady and the topic will be "Prevention of Scribe Line Damage".

Guest speaker for the evening was Norm Burmaster giving highlights of the restoration project of a B-17 called the Champaign Lady. This project is in progress in Urbana, Ohio at the old Grimes Field. Their goal is to have this aircraft flying to Germany in 2020. Norm provided in-depth information on how they salvaged four different B-17's to reconstruct one. Even with those efforts, many of the pieces parts must be hand made using the drawings they obtained from the archives from the Smithsonian Institute. Norm revealed many interesting facts about this B17 they are creating including sharing

information about who posed for the nose art that will be on that plane. The presentation was very informative.

The evening ended with the raffle prizes. **A very special Thanks to Lane Aviation for allowing us to use their facility.**

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm.

Reminder to all members to keep me updated on changes in email address and to sign-in at each meeting.

Paul Tursic
COPAMA Secretary