

Kentucky Pilots Association  
Meeting Minutes July 9, 2020

Tom Vernon opened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Kentucky Pilot's Association at 7:00 PM by greeting members and guests in attendance.

Two guests were recognized--Tim Bellis, and Tim Huffman. Some 25 members were in attendance.

Tom Vernon began with discussing the Bluegrass Aviation Fly In Breakfast held at Samuels Field every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month during the summer months. A new topic of interest for the event would include flying competitions such as Flour Drops, Pumpkin Bombings, and Spot Landings competitions. This would serve to draw more interest in the aviation community at the local airport. John Hagerman made the point that these competitive events provide great entertainment to all in attendance.

Tom Vernon requested each future breakfast should have some attraction to both entertain and increase attendance. Mark Duber suggested a Bourbon Day Fly In to draw attention to the local industries. This event could include such activities as an open house, plane washings, cylinder compression checks, and distillery fly overs. After some discussion all agreed this type of an event would be a very good idea.

Carson returned the discussion to the upcoming breakfast on Saturday, with an emphasis on local community involvement and support. Tom suggested that all pilots who fly in on Saturday morning should be feed free for their participations in the event. A further idea was raised which would allow anyone who joined the KPA and paid their dues could receive free Breakfast for the entire summer. The idea behind this suggestion was "what would make you want to come the Bardstown for the Breakfast". Randy White added his parents had started a Pilot's Association in North Carolina with similar ideas. Randy further stated the U S Pilot's Association uses sponsors to raise funds for their activities.

Tom Vernon agreed to focus in on our upcoming Fly In Breakfast. John Hagerman raised the idea of the flying tour of the Bourbon Industries in the local area. Discussions continued about how to improve the breakfast event to entice more interest in the aviation community. Events that would draw the attention of the flyers. Carson Mattingly agreed to organize the Flour Drop this weekend. Another attraction was discussed involving aircraft flying in unusual circumstances on TVs.

Chris Carter provided our monthly safety segment entitled "Ego and Complacency". Chris continued with a personal event which involved the silencing of his radio to reduce the chatter in the cockpit after returning to the airport pattern and observing other aircraft in the vicinity with no communication, he determined he has caused the problem. Loss of concentration is a big factor in safe flying. Chris continued with a discussion about Density Altitude issues on these hot summer days. Tom Carter raised the issue of taxing with to rich of fuel feed could cause take off problems in hot weather as well.

Mark Duber added a great suggestion to start a Buddy System among the local pilots to test each other on safe flying technique and practice safe routines in everyday aviation. VFR and IFR compliancy drills were discussed. Discussion as to how best to achieve this goal will continue in the future.

Dana Stevens gave a presentation about flying to a very interesting island on Lake Erie. Put-in-Bay is an island with a lot of unique attractions and activities. The group was very interested in pursuing a possible flight up to the island. Discussion will continue at a later date. Dana is in charge of gathering

details and picking a date to fly up. Jeff Smith added that the Michigan RAF club has enjoyed events on the island.

Tom Vernon raised an idea that we should consider that on every Saturday for the remainder of the summer all interested pilots should meet at the airport at 7:30 AM and agree on a destination and fly out at 8:00 AM to enjoy the aviation fellowship of this airport community. Much interest was raised. For the upcoming FLY IN Breakfast all pilots were encouraged to meet, and discuss aviation with all attending guests.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes prepared by David Sutherland, Secretary