

CWB Meeting Minutes – 1/11/2025 Museum of Flight, North View Lounge

Meeting called to order at 10:15 by CO. 25 Members and guests present.

CO discussed the fact that about 15% of our members had been with us at least since 2002, and emphasized the need to continue to grow the Squadron, and get new members. Word of mouth was discussed as particularly effective.

The Christmas Party was reviewed, all enjoyed it this year, and supported a repeat in 2025.

Heijo Kuil was announced as the new CWB Chief Marshaller, replacing Paul Youman who had held the position for 24 years. Both Paul and Heijo were thanked.

Paine Field Community Day (PFCD) was announced as our first “Flying” event of the year, May 17, 2025. CO reported need for Marshalls, Young Eagle Pilots, and Volunteers to man the CWB Booth. It was reported that Paine Field Badges will NOT be required for Marshalls this year.

CO Announced the availability of rooms in the CWB House for the Oshkosh Fly-in – Contact CO.

CO Announced the availability of Box Seats and Hotel Rooms for the National Championship Air Races in Roswell, NM – Sept. 10-14, 2025. - Contact Fred. Several members reported difficulty making reservations under the CWB Hotel Block.

Social Media Coordinator Trent Hendricks debuted a new Video Project – an overview and pitch for the CWB Youth Scholarship. Very well received by the Members – widest possible dissemination on Social Media, the Website, and upcoming events like Puyallup Aviation Expo and PFCD was called for.

Heijo Kuil presented “Know Your WarBirds” on the F7F Tigercat, with an emphasis on “Bad Kitty” and her Firebomber heritage.

Ops O Dan Shoemaker reported on the Puyallup Aviation Expo, Feb 22-23, and noted the need for Volunteers to man the CWB Booth. Sign-ups requested.

Feature Presentation was “An Airman’s Story – Vietnam to Afghanistan” by Lt Col Jim Routt, USAF, ret. Covering his Service spanning over 40 years, primarily in Special Ops C-130s. Jim was the oldest active duty Pilot in the USAF when he retired for the last time. Very well received.

CO announced that the February CWB Meeting will be at the Museum of Flight Restoration Facility at Paine Field. NOT at the Main Museum downtown. The Speaker will be the long-time Director of Restoration for the MoF – Tom Cathcart. Feb. 8, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to no-host lunch. At 12:30

Dave Desmon, CO, for Fred Smyth, Adjutant