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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!

I would like to thank Arron Knight for the awesome presentation that he gave on building his Sonex at our last meeting. I still get goose bumps thinking of the photos of him and his son flying thru monument valley in the plane they built in their back yard!

The topic for this months meeting will be navigation. We will have a movie to watch and then we can do some hands on stuff so bring a sectional, your plotters and your E6Bs.

The meeting will start at 7:00 pm so don't be late.

See you all at KPYM.

Fly Safe,

Mike

Plymouth Airport
Feb. 21, 2011
CHAPTER MEETING
6:30

Secretary's Report for January

EAA UL62 Meeting 1/17/11

Pizza was served at 6:30. President Mike Butts opened the meeting at 7:00 with 17 members and 3 visitors present. There was no secretary's report for December due to the Christmas Party.

Steve Donahue read the treasurers report for November and December, which was accepted.

The Christmas Party at the Plymouth Hilton was a great success.

Mike read a letter from Bob Whittier about the need for more aviation magazines at newsstands - we need to ask for them.

We welcomed two new members - Mike Semenovich who has experience in weight-shift aircraft, and Roger Poineau, a prospective student pilot.

Steve Donahue introduced our speaker, Aaron Knight, who flies out of Marshfield with his wife. Aaron started flying powered paragliders and decided to build a Sonex with a 120 hp Jabaru engine - about 35 to 40K. Aluminum skins, wing ribs pre-formed with pilot holes and everything else built up with aluminum channel and angles. He installed a Dynon D-180 in the panel. It has a moving map GPS coupled to the Dynon and a 2-axis autopilot. He replaced the Bing carburetor with an Aero carb for \$250. It has a mixture control and no icing problems. At sea level, Aaron cruises at 135 mph at 5 gph and 155 mph at altitude. Empty weight is 700 lbs and gross weight is 1250 lbs. Aaron showed slides of the construction process which were very clear and inspiring. His talk was entertaining and informative and made me want to build a Sonex. He also showed three videos of his trips with two of his kids to the Grand Canyon and the Bahamas. He built it in 18 months which is pretty fast for a homebuilt. Will Thorn's Vari-eze was also completed in

18 months back in 1980 so organization and an engineering mind-set seem to be helpful in finishing quickly. Building your own plane and then flying long distances is really inspiring and shows the utility of air transportation on a personal level. Steve presented Aaron with a Sonex T-shirt as a thank you.

I didn't record the time the meeting ended but it was around 9:30.

Youtube videos of the project can be found by searching for "aaron knight sonex"

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Pugh, Secretary

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