

**EAA CHAPTER 309
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2007**

The meeting was convened by President Bill Repucci at 7:00 PM on January 15, 2007, at the Quaker Steak & Lube restaurant, 1601 E. Woodlawn Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209, and commenced with self-introductions by all persons present.

Following the introductions, President Bill Repucci told the following to the group.

- The evening's presentation will be made by Radomir Zaric who has built an Engine Components, Inc. (ECI) TMX0360 engine and Tad Sargent who assisted Rad.
- The chapter finances were in solid shape with approximately \$64,000 in total assets.
- Ron Murray has volunteered to be the Event Coordinator for the forthcoming EAA309 Fly-in and Young Eagles event at the Lake Norman airport on April 24; however our chapter still needs to identify a General Event Coordinator for 2007. At present, the event agenda plan contains a workshop to be held at David Border's shop on April 21, and a Poker Run planned for May 19, 2007.

John Wigney reported that activity on the EAA309 hanger is progressing well, and John passed a proposed layout of the facility around to the members for their observation.

Dale Ensing introduced two UNCC students as guests. One of the students, Ethan Martin, explained that they were in the process of designing and building an airplane as a senior project.

In spite of the lack of a projector to show pictures as he had originally intended, Radomir Zaric made a very informative presentation about the ECI 0360 engine that he had built. Some of the points of Rad's discussion are as follows:

- The kit did not come with minor items such as covers and hardware.
- The kit was bought through A.E.R.O.
- The engine is better balanced than its Lycoming counterpart and has better cooling and lubrication.
- Rad received excellent training by Mattituck which was offered at no cost.
- The kit did not contain engine accessories.
- Parts carry a warrantee, but the assembly is not warranted.
- There are virtually no instructions with the kit, and the best reference source that Rad had was a 1942 Lycoming engine manual.
- Rad believed that he had saved \$4000 to \$5000 on the total cost of the engine by building the ECI engine kit which was approximately \$6000 less expensive than other kits that he had considered.

Dinner was consumed and the meeting ended.

Submitted by: Robert P. Allen, Secretary