COPAMA Jan 13, 2009
Meeting Minutes

COPAMA President Gene Sprang called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Gene welcomed all new attendees and regulars. He introduced the COPAMA Officers and Board Members as well as the guest speakers Dennis Garcia and John Wolfe from the FAA’s Columbus FSDO and the dinner sponsor Columbus State Community College Aviation Maintenance Technology. Fifty four attendees enjoyed the lasagna dinner.

After dinner Gene made the following announcements:

- February 11th meeting will be sponsored by Gulfstream Aerospace topic will be Avionics Update

- March meeting will move to Wednesday March 18th to coincide with the Ohio Aviation Maintenance Symposium. The meeting will be held at JP’s BBQ at Bolton field starting around 6:00 pm.

- Announcement and presentation of the 2009 COPAMA Scholarships Winners Joe Boyer, Rajah Ishwar, Andy Sisinger, and Dave Wende.

John Wolfe and Dennis Garcia presented on The Non-essential Equipment and Furnishing Program (NEF Program). It was a very enlightening talk regarding the NEF and MEL. Suggested guidance for further information FAA order 8130-21 Order 8900.11 4 Ch4 para 4-896, and FAA Policy letter 116.

COPAMA Secretary and PAMA Technical Committee Chair Jeff Gruber and COPAMA Treasurer Lowell Dowler talked about the TSA Large Aircraft Program (LASP) and the need for the membership to read and comment on the NPRM. Jeff and Lowell also talked about the need to replace the older paper mechanic certificate with the new “credit card style. The due date for that is March 31, 2012 (ref: 14CFR65.15).

The evening ended with the raffle prizes donated by Lane Aviation, PAMA, Tritex, Dassault, and CSCC.

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

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

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