

# Illinois Valley Beacon

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## Breakfast

Saturday, June 3rd at **Wernsman's** Family Restaurant on Route 116 in Germantown Hills, beginning around 8:00 AM. See you there!

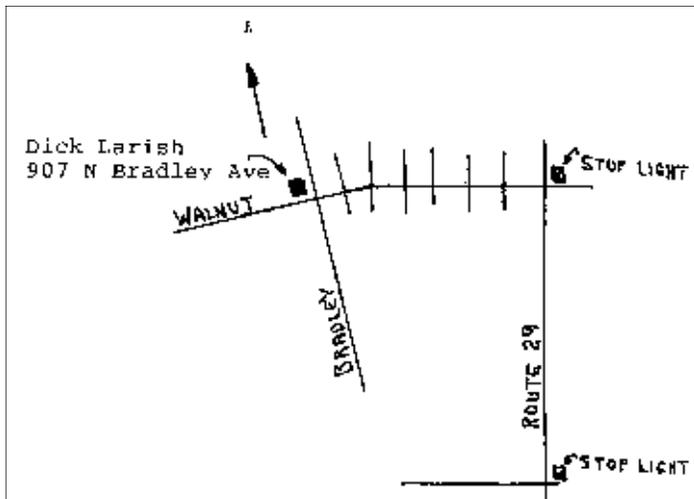
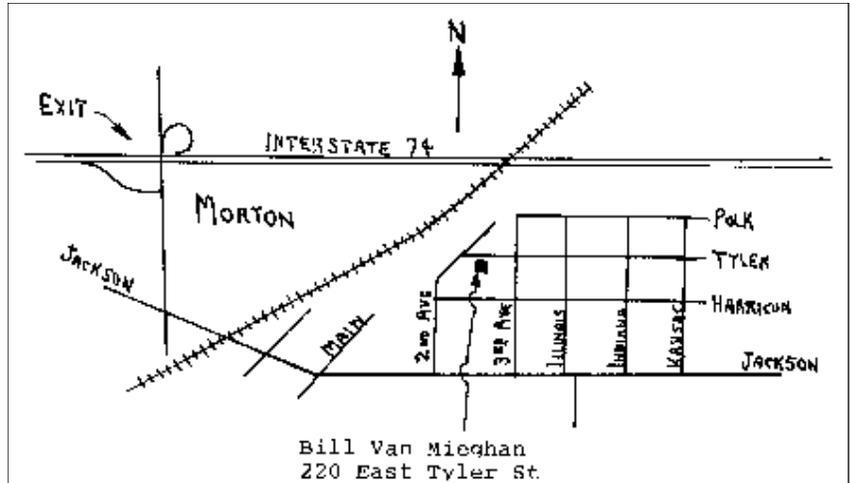
## Project Visits

by Lou Carr

After breakfast at Wernsman's we will visit Bill Van Mieghen's almost complete Kit Fox at 9:30 am. Bill lives at 220 E. Tyler in Morton.

From there, if the weather cooperates, we plan to stop at Mt. Hawley Airport to see Ron Wright's Cougar and Dick Baner's Zenair, provided Dick has his new engine installed.

Then we continue on to Chillicothe to see the progress that Dick Larash has made on his RV. Dick lives at 907 N. Bradley Ave. in Chilli.



By now it should be mid afternoon. If arrangements can be made we might also visit Dan Marcy's project. Dan lives at 2502 East Spillman Rd., rural Chillicothe.

***Either way we should have quite a day full of airplanes!***

## Young Eagles

Saturday, June 10th is International Young Eagles Flight Day. Our local Chapter event will begin at 0930 at Mt. Hawley Airport. We will meet at the pedestrian gate north of the emergency gate in the parking lot.

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# PROFILE... GUY SNYDER EAA 49833

by Joe Rex

Guy says that his interest in aviation dates back to when he was four years old and someone gave him a "Cleveland" wooden model kit to build. His mom wouldn't let him use a razor to cut out the pieces, so he had to make do with a kitchen knife. His first grade teacher was very impressed when he showed up at school with the P-39 model he had just completed. During the years that followed, Guy built many more models for himself, and also for friends who liked to play with model airplanes, but were unable to build their own. As he got older, Guy moved up to string control, and finally radio controlled powered models.

After graduating high school, Guy spent four years working for Caterpillar, but after being laid off several times, he opted to join the Air Force. While in the Air Force, Guy became a crew member on a C-130 airborne command post. His missions on the C-130 took him all over the world. Some of his most interesting mission in his seven years of service were those of serving as back-up support for several Gemini flights. Had any situations caused those flights to land off course in the North African and Middle Eastern areas, Guy and his crew would have gone to their aid.

After leaving the Air Force, Guy joined the Bradley Flying Club. After earning his license, Guy continued his love of flying by renting everything from a Cessna 140 on up!

In February of 1976 Guy was one of the charter members of Chapter 563. After that, he spent 13 years as chapter newsletter editor, **a record that will never be broken!!!**

Guy has recently retired from Illinois Bell, where he worked for 24 years. Guy and his wife Janet live in Bartonville 51 weeks out of the year. The 52nd week they are at Oshkosh, where they have been in attendance every year since 1970. Now that he is retired, Guy is hoping that he might have time to get at that Taylorcraft project sitting in his basement. Hopefully, Janet will let him use whatever tools he needs, so he won't have to make do with kitchen utensils!

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Pilots and aircraft are needed to give rides and volunteers are needed to provide ground support. Brian Briggerman is our Young Eagles coordinator. If you are interested in being involved please phone Brian between 1700 and 2100 weekdays at 274-5472.

## June Meeting

We will meet on Wednesday, June 14th at 7:30 PM at the Illinois Air National Guard complex on

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Smithville Road at the Greater Peoria Airport.

Turn West at the corner of Airport Road and Smithville Road and go approximately one and a half miles to the Illinois Air National Guard Base entrance. Stop at the gate and the guard will direct you to the meeting room. There will be a short business meeting followed by a tour of the facilities. Many thanks to Colonel Alan L. Paige for arranging this visit.

## Last Month

We met at Mt. Hawley Airport in Sam Sisk's hangar, on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Our guest speakers were Linda Schum and Russ Shaheen, who were very entertaining in their description of a recent trip to Central America over open Caribbean waters in a Cessna Cardinal with a newly rebuilt engine!

Linda described all the planning that went into the trip. Early considerations were: accumulating information from AOPA (charts), collecting travel guides, contacting the "Center for Disease Control" for necessary inoculations, flight planning on the computer, deciphering the various Customs regulations of numerous nations and applying for 17 different Visa's.

Just before their planned departure their engine needed an overhaul and was momentarily grounded due to a lack of bolts! (Remember that AD?)

Then on the day they had planned to leave thunderstorms blanketed the area. They finally got out of Peoria late in the afternoon and spent the evening in Birmingham before continuing on to Panama City, FL the next day.

Linda does speak some Spanish, which was a great help. They learned how to file

International Flight Plans and Declaration Documents. Outside the U.S. you must file a flight plan before departure. Before leaving Peoria they completed as much information on these documents as possible and made 168 xerox copies of each to save time en-route. When they returned there were only 38 sets left.

The most widely accepted currency was of course U.S. dollars. They carried a large amount of small denominations, but not over \$10,000, since that is the magic number where DEA considers you to be dealing in drugs!

Small denominations were essential since often the person you were transacting business with did not have change and you would just be out of luck. For instance, if your bill was \$14, but they had no change, you just never got your \$6 back!

Linda and Russ also found that to avoid excessive extra charges, it was necessary to arrive in these countries at a time when their Customs Offices were normally open.

The most important navigational instrument aboard was the hand held GPS. It provided the greatest reliability and flexibility of any of their instruments and every time they passed a slow moving freighter, they would enter its location as a way point.

If engine problems had developed, they could have returned to that same location to ditch and would probably have been seen by the crew of the freighter and picked up out of the water!

Their itinerary included: The Bahamas, where they refueled on Grand Turk Island; The Dominican Republic, which is the first place Columbus landed in the New World; St. Thomas Island in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where they could never seem to get a weather report; Antigua and Barbuda; Martinique; Guadeloupe; Barbados; Grenada, which is known for its Vanilla; Trinidad; Venezuela, where Angel Falls are the tallest wa-

ter falls in the world; Flamingo Island; Curasel, where they changed their oil and were invited to dinner, only to find they had been billed \$55 for

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that dinner the next day; Columbia; Panama City; Costa Rica; Nicaragua; Honduras; Belize; the pyramids of Mexico and Cancun; then home, overflying the coastline of Cuba back to Key West and Miami.

The entire trip took 74 hours and over 3 weeks to complete. They traveled 7980 nautical miles and the trip cost \$7,100, of which \$1,700 was for fuel.

## Pilot Needed

Must have a Commercial rating and be tailwheel proficient to fly a Stearman on weekends. This is a paid position. Contact Mac McLaughlin at 691-5094.

## POSTPONED!

Due to work on the taxiways, the Annual Father's Day Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast at Marshall County Airport in Lacon, Illinois has been tentatively moved to late August.

## Wings Safety Seminar

However, there will be an Aviation Safety Seminar at Marshall County Airport in Lacon in the main hangar on Monday evening, June 19th. Neil Pobanz, who is the FBO at Marshall County and a Chapter member, will be one of the featured speakers.

## Calendar

### JUNE 2nd thru 4th — AURORA, ILLINOIS

26th Annual IlliNine Air Derby starts at Aurora Airport. Contact: 708/530-0903.

### JUNE 2nd and 3rd — BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Ninth Annual Biplane Expo '95. Contact: 918/622-8400.

### JUNE 3rd — PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Annual EAA Chapter 563 Parade of Projects visits, after our monthly Saturday breakfast.

### JUNE 3rd — OLNEY, ILLINOIS

Annual Fly-In Breakfast. Contact: 618/393-2967.

### JUNE 3rd and 4th — RANTOUL, ILLINOIS

Rantoul Airport Open House/Air Show. Rantoul National Aviation Center. Contact: 217/893-9955

### JUNE 3rd and 4th — ELKHART, INDIANA

EAA Chapter 132 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast/Airshow. Contact: 219/291-2688.

### JUNE 4th — McNABB, ILLINOIS

FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN Breakfast, Sponsored by EAA Chapter 948, the first Sunday of the month, from 7-11 A.M. at Hartenbauer's Airport on McNabb Road, rain or shine. Contact: 815/882-2371.

### JUNE 4th — DEKALB, ILLINOIS

EAA Chapter 241 Annual Fly-In Breakfast at DeKalb-Taylor Municipal Airport. Contact: 815/286-7818.

### JUNE 4th — LOSTANT, ILLINOIS

EAA Chapter 948 Breakfast. Contact: 815/882-2371.

### JUNE 5th thru JULY 1st — OTTUMWA, IOWA

Sixteenth Annual Composite Aircraft Construction Workshop. Contact: 1-800/762-2585, ext. 183.

### JUNE 9th thru 11th — OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Fifth National Gathering for Canard Type Airplanes. Contact: Pete Peterson, 405/946-5003.

### JUNE 10th and 11th — KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

"Airfest '95." Contact: 815/932-5125.

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**JUNE 10th and 11th — MUSCATINE, IOWA**

"A Theater In The Sky." Contact: 309/496-2844.

**JUNE 10th and 11th — COLUMBUS, OHIO**

Alexander Aeroplane's Builders' Workshop. Contact: 1-800/831-2949.

**JUNE 11th — STERLING/ROCK FALLS, ILLINOIS**

EAA Chapter 410 Annual Fly-In Breakfast at Whiteside County Airport. Contact: William Havener, 815/626-0910.

**JUNE 11th — LANSING, ILLINOIS**

EAA Chapter 260 Fly-In/Breakfast/Eagle Rally. Contact: 708-331-4276.

**JUNE 15th thru 18th — ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

American WACO Club Fly-In at Creve Coeur Airport. Contact: John Halterman, 314/434-4856 or Phil Coulson, 616/624-6490.

**JUNE 17th — GRAIN VALLEY, MISSOURI**

EAA Chapter 91 Fly-In/Air Show. Contact: 816/358-1458.

**JUNE 17th and 18th — TOLEDO, OHIO**

EAA Chapter 582 Fifth Annual Fly-In Festival, Fourth Annual Midwest KR gathering, Young Eagles rally, projects display, unusual display of radial engines. Metcalf Field (TDZ), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact: 419/382-2924.

**JUNE 18th — LACROSSE, WISCONSIN**

Father's Day Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast. Contact: 608/781-5271.

**JUNE 18th — ELKHART, INDIANA**

Mishawaka Pilot's Club Fly-In Breakfast at Mishawaka Pilot's Club Field, four miles south of Elkhart Municipal. Contact: John Horvath, 219/522-6889 or Paul Kissel, 219/264-3981.

**JUNE 22nd thru 25th — MT. VERNON, OHIO**

Thirtysixth Annual National WACO Reunion Fly-In. Contact: 513/868-0084.

**JUNE 24th and 25th — DAVENPORT, IOWA**

Quad City Air Show. Contact: 319/285-7469.

**JUNE 24th and 25th — GREELEY, COLORADO**

17TH Annual EAA Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In/Airshow. Contact: 303/798-6086.

**JUNE 25th — ANDERSON, INDIANA**

EAA Chapter 226 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast. Contact: 317/778-4391.

**JUNE 25th thru 29th — OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN**

Young Eagles Aviation Camp for 12 thru 14 year olds. Contact: EAA, 414-426-4888.

**JULY 2nd — McNABB, ILLINOIS**

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**JULY 4th — MT. MORRIS, ILLINOIS**

Fly-In Breakfast. Contact: 815-734-4320.

**JULY 4th — MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS**

Annual Fly-In Breakfast. Contact: 309/734-7662.

**JULY 5th thru 9th — ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON**

26TH Annual Northwest EAA Fly-In/Sport Aviation Convention. Contact: 206/435-5857.

**JULY 7th thru 14th — CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS**

## **"BLUE SKIES"**

Congratulations to Jean McLaughlin on her recent induction into the Illinois Aviation Honor Roll Hall of Fame.

Oshkosh — If you are interested in volunteering for a week-end work party to help prepare Wittman Field for the annual convention please contact Sam Sisk at 243-5729. Sam also has received information on the availability of Chapter camp sites for the convention. Sites have space for 4 or 5 trailers. If you are interested in camping as a group contact Sam.

On Saturday, August 19th, we have been invited to join a gathering in Rantoul of Central Illinois Chapter members from the Bloomington, Champaign, Decatur and Springfield areas. Originally August 19th had been set as the date of our Annual Chapter picnic. The picnic will be moved to a different weekend so that we can all meet in Rantoul. If attendance is good this gathering may become an annual event!

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