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Breakfast Saturday, May 1st. at *Doc's Mt. Hawley Inn*, 8412 N. Knoxville Avenue, just East of Mt. Hawley Airport, at 8:00 AM. See you there!

Last Month Our Chapter met on Wednesday, the 9th of April, at 7:30 p.m. in our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport. The main topic of conversation during the business meeting was the notice of an increase in hangar rent that we received from the Airport Authority.

Sam Sisk gave a Hangar Committee report, in which he reiterated that we thought we had a contract for five years at a set monthly rental amount. However, it seems that the contract is only as good as the ordinance that the Airport Authority passes to set rental rates. The Airport Authority changed their ordinance and the monthly rent for all hangars is going up.

Our monthly increase was not the highest, but certainly greater than most. Our monthly rent is now \$500. Of course we also have a nice new hangar. At the end of the meeting it was decided that Sam and Morrie Caudill would visit Bruce Carter to discuss the increase.

May Meeting Our next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, the 14th of May, at 7:30 p.m. in our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport.

On the agenda for our business meeting, Sam and Morrie will report on their visit with Bruce Carter. The hangar rent increase will remain, but apparently there are some other options, such as special projects that we might perform around the airport to gain sweat equity, instead of paying cash for the increase.

They also apparently received Mr. Carter's word that the next rent increase would be some time in the distant future. It will be interesting to hear the details of their visit.

We also will be discussing our Saturday morning breakfasts. For some time now we have met the first Saturday of every month at Doc's for breakfast. The Bloomington Chapter has been serving breakfast in their hangar every Saturday morning! (See article in this newsletter).

While we might not want to do it every Saturday, it has been suggested that we should make breakfast at our hangar, instead of going to Doc's. The profits could be pocketed for the Chapter treasury. All that we need is a stove, frig and some basic cooking utensils. A folding table or two would be nice, and we already have chairs.

If we have some volunteers willing to organize it, this would probably be the way to go.

'Flying Start' program helps fulfill Dreams of Flight

A new nationwide program introduced by the EAA will share the enthusiasm and excitement of aviation and help 'open the door' to personal flight

The Flying Start program is designed as a first step for those who may have thought about learning to fly, but didn't know where to get specific information. The initiative allows those unfamiliar with flying to learn alongside others having similar enthusiasm, as they discover what first steps to take for success.

The national program also highlights the social and family elements of aviation through EAA's 890 local Chapters. Flying Start will be presented through those Chapters, allowing each presentation to be shaped specifically for local residents. EAA provides structure for the initiative and support for local Chapter hosts, as well as follow-up for those who attend the presentations.

"There are tens of thousands of people who have thought about learning to fly," said EAA President Tom Poberezny. "Flying Start is a place to make local aviation friends who can support and encourage each other. This program creates a comfortable setting with others there for the same purpose. It's where people can ask the questions they've always wondered about and find out what questions they need to ask when they're ready to take the next step. The program incorporates what EAA does best - it supports aviation enthusiasts with locally based efforts coordinated by dedicated EAA Chapters throughout the country."

Flying Start programs will be hosted by EAA Chapters and take place at local airports. The structured one-hour presentations address all aspects of flying, including pilot privileges, finding the right instructor, cost, ground school and other resources. Local instructors, flight schools, fixed base operators and support groups will be available for one-on-one discussions after the presentations.

"There are many programs in place for those who are already pilots," Poberezny added. "Those who are curious about learning to fly often don't ask the questions they want answered because they might feel uncomfortable or intimidated. Since Flying Start is designed for those who are enthusiastic about flying, but are seeking answers to basic questions, it's a great place to get the information needed to make decisions and move forward."

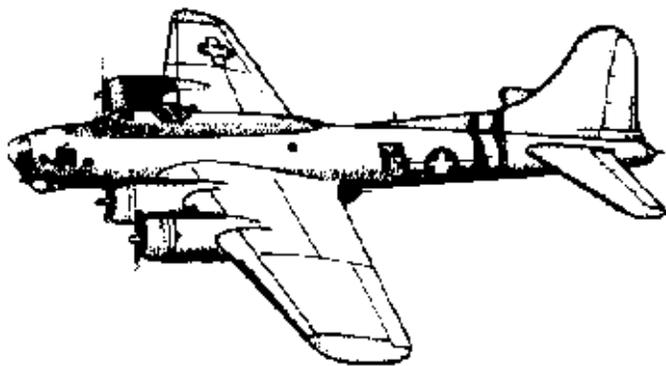
The first Flying Start presentation will take place at Columbia, S.C., on April 23, hosted by EAA Chapter 242. EAA's goal is to present 100 Flying Start programs by the end of 1997, with more scheduled throughout 1998.

The program, officially introduced at the Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In at Lakeland, Fla., is based on presentations created by EAA Chapter 579 in Aurora, Ill. Since the initial program about a year ago, the Chapter has introduced flying to hundreds of people and brought dozens into flight instruction.

"Flying Start is a way to help people realize that flying an airplane may be within their grasp," Poberezny concluded. "This program is an easy, no-cost, non-threatening way for people to 'dip their toe' into the world of aviation before deciding that the joy of flight is a achievement worth pursuing."

Regular updates on the development and progress of the Flying Start program will be offered in EAA's monthly Sport Aviation magazine and through EAA's World Wide Web site (www.eaa.org).

B-17 Visit Plans are already underway for hosting the World War II era bomber. The Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress" - will be on display on the Byerly ramp at the Greater Peoria Airport for four days from Thursday, June 26th, thru Sunday, June 29th.



The Peoria visit is part of a national flying tour. The B-17 "Honor Tour" will take off from Oshkosh in mid-April and return in time for the Convention in late July.

At a Chapter meeting earlier this year, when the idea of hosting the B-17 this year was discussed, someone in the front row volunteered to be the "Promotions Chair". Now we would like to know who that masked man was?

Since no one has yet stepped forward to fill the void, Joe Fox and Morrie Caudill have started doing some of the duties of the Promotions Chair. However, publicity is a very important aspect of the visit and we really need someone who can devote all their energies to Promotions.

Besides, Morrie is the "Tour Chair" and Joe Fox is the

"Equipment Chair". Our two other leadership positions for the visit of "Aluminum Overcast" are filled by Joe Rex as the "Historical Society Chair" and Dave Cook as the "Volunteer Chair". Now if we could just find someone to handle "Promotions".

Young Eagles Plans are being formulated for a local Young Eagles event to coincide with "International Young Eagles Day" on Saturday, June 14th at the Marshall County Airport in Lacon, Illinois. The Rain date is June 21st.

Brian Briggerman, our Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator, is looking for pilots to fly Young Eagles in their aircraft and volunteers to provide ground support. If you can help make this a great success, please contact Brian at 309/274-5472.

Bloomington Breakfast

Last month we received a wonderful letter from Chuck Schumacher, Jr. of EAA Chapter 129 in Bloomington. He had read our March newsletter and noted that we were looking for program suggestions for our monthly meetings. Chuck had a good suggestion, which Sam Sisk is following up on.

Chuck also reminded us that Chapter 129 has a breakfast **EVERY** Saturday morning. He helps start the stoves at 6:30 am and breakfast is served between 7 am and am.

Chuck says its the "Best breakfast in town for \$3.00 - orange juice, pancakes or french toast, eggs, sausage, oatmeal. We try to please. I always have 2 or 3 videos from the Prairie Aviation Museum so you can eat, talk or watch TV. We are in Hangar F-5 (near Bloomington Avionics). Building an RV-6 in this hangar. In F-3 we are working on a Cozy and a Seawind. Stop in some Saturday to see us!"

Chuck is also the Tour Director for Prairie Aviation Museum, and he says if we want to get a group together for breakfast, he can arrange for a tour of the museum when were done eating.

Welcome To new Chapter member Keith Wernsman and thanks to Keith for making a donation to the Chapter of a video Instrument Course by John and Martha King.

Thanks To member Steve Bonfoey for his donation of several bookcases for the Chapter hangar.

Calendar

May 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.

May 4th — Rockford, Illinois

EAA Chapter 22 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast at the Greater Rockford Airport. Contact: 815/234-4016.

May 17th — Bloomington, Illinois

Prairie Aviation Museum Fly-In breakfast. Contact: 309/663-7632.

May 18th — Canton, Illinois

Fulton County Flying Club Fly-In Breakfast at Ingersoll Airport. Contact: 309/245-4343.

May 18th — West Chicago, Illinois

My friend Dan Rubino reports that EAA Chapter 153 is hosting a Fly-In/Drive-In breakfast at the Air Classics Museum at the DuPage Airport. For information contact: 630/830-0559.

May 18th — Mt. Morris, Illinois

Fly-In breakfast. For information contact: 815/732-7268.

May 18th — Romeoville, Illinois

EAA Chapter Fly-In breakfast at the Lewis Romeoville Airport. For information contact: 815/436-6153.

May 18th — Aurora, Illinois

EAA Chapter 579 Young Eagles Rally. For information contact: 630/466-4193.

May 18th — Monroe, Wisconsin

EAA Chapter 1010 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. For information contact: 414/328-8357.

May 24th & 25th — Toledo, Ohio

Midwest KR Gathering and Fly-In Festival at Metcalf Airport. Sponsored by the Toledo KR Mutual Admiration Society and EAA Chapter 582. Contact: 419/882-8478 or 419/531-0423.

May 30th & June 1st — Chicago, Illinois

Alexander Sportair Workshop sponsored by Alexander Sportair, Aircraft Spruce and EAA. Workshops cover methods of construction and cost from \$199-\$299, depending on program. Contact: Sportair at 1-800/967-5746; fax 770/467-9413.

June 1st — Aledo, Illinois

Mercer County Aero Club Fly-In breakfast. Contact: 309/582-5445.

June 1st — Dekalb, Illinois

EAA Chapter 241 Fly-In breakfast. Contact: 815/758-8434.

June 1st — Juneau, Wisconsin

EAA Chapter 897 Annual Fly-In at Dodge County Airport. Contact: Geoff Downey, 414/927-5217.

June 6th — Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Manitowoc County Airport Day '97. Contact: 414/682-0909.

June 6th & 7th — Bartlesville, OK

11th Annual Biplane Convention. Contact: 918/336-3976.

June 6th thru 8th — Aurora, Illinois

EAA Chapter 579 Annual Fly-In, Open House and Acrobatic Contest. Contact: 630/466-4193.

June 7th — Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

Wings Over Mid America. Contact: 618/256-4493.

June 7th — Farmington, Illinois

Fulton County Flying Club Monthly Breakfast Buffet. Contact: 309/245-4343. **Better contact them to find out where in Farmington?!**

June 8th — Muscatine, Iowa

Fly-In breakfast and swap meet. Contact: 319/264-1679.

June 8th — Rock Falls, Illinois

EAA Chapter 410 Fly-In breakfast. Contact: 815/626-0910.

June 8th — Lansing, Illinois

EAA Chapter 260 Fly-In breakfast. Contact: 708/331-4276.

June 8th — Spencer, Iowa

Fly Iowa '97.

June 13th — Sioux City, Iowa

Mid-America Air Show. Contact: 716/742-2480.

June 13th & 15th — Butler, MO

7th National Gathering for Canard Type Aircraft at Butler Memorial Airport. Sponsored by the Central States Association. Contact: Tom Jordan, 816/679-3328.

June 14th — Lacon, Illinois

EAA Chapter 563 International Young Eagles Day event at Marshall County Airport. Contact: Brian Briggerman at 309/274-5472.

June 15th — Lacon, Illinois

Annual Fathers Day breakfast at the Marshall County Airport.

June 16th — Lacon, Illinois

Aviation Safety Seminar at the Marshall County Airport.

June 19th thru 22nd — St. Louis, MO

American Waco Club Fly-In. Contact: 616/624-6490.

June 21st & 22nd — Canton, Illinois

Ultralight Fly-In at Canton Ingersoll Airport. Contact: 309/647-6976.

June 22nd — Auburn, Indiana

Hoosier Warbird Fly-In at Auburn Airport. Contact: Miles Walton, 219/925-6285.

July 11th thru 13th — Mattoon, Illinois

WINGS WEEKEND '97 at the Coles County Airport (MTO) located between the cities of Mattoon and Charleston, Illinois. Sponsored by: FAA Springfield, Illinois Flight Standards District Office; Illinois Department of Transportation/Division of Aeronautics; AOPA Air Safety Foundation; Coles County Airport Authority and AVEMCO Insurance Company.

July 22nd thru July 27th — Mentone, Indiana

Popular Rotorcraft Association Convention and Fly-In at mentone Airport. Contact: 219/353-7227.

July 30th thru August 5th — Oshkosh, Wisconsin

EAA OSHKOSH '97 — 45th Annual EAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention.

The EAA Fly-In Convention is the worlds greatest sport aviation gathering! Thousands of airplanes, hundreds of thousands of people and the biggest names in aviation, all together for one week to share the world of flight. Get ready to make your trip to Wittman Regional Airport, the home of sport aviation. For EAA Fly-In Convention Information contact John Burton, 414/426-4800.

The best way to enjoy EAA Oshkosh is with an EAA membership. As an EAA member, you also receive big discounts over the admission rate paid by non-member aviation enthusiasts. Join prior to July 16th to receive the current member discount. To become an EAA member phone 1-800-JOIN EAA.

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