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No Breakfast!

Because many of our Chapter members will be in Oshkosh on Saturday, August 1st, attending the Annual EAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention, there will be no breakfast this month.

If you're going to Oshkosh drive / fly safe, have a good time, and we'll see you at the picnic.

Picnic

Instead of a regular second Wednesday of the month Chapter meeting for August, we will hold a picnic on Saturday, August 9th, at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, starting around noon.

The Chapter will provide the meat and beverage. Please bring a covered dish and your own table service, as this will be a potluck affair.

Danny Marcy's pretty little blue Avid Flyer has been seen in the air and reports are that Bill Van Mieghen has made progress on his Kit Fox. Although no formal invitation has been extended, just maybe we will get lucky and one or both of these fine gentlemen might bring their aircraft to the picnic for display.

B-17 Visit

The winner of the raffle for a ride on the EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" was inexplicably left out of the July newsletter. The lucky winner was Justin Miller of Chillicothe. Justin got to fly the Bomber on Sunday morning, June 29th.

While the turnout for the visiting "Flying Fortress" was not as large as the previous year, we still had a good

response. During its stay here over 800 people toured the bomber and 26 persons joined the B-17 Historical Society to fly the bird. Chapter Treasurer Al Phipps has just received a check from Oshkosh for \$1,600 plus as our portion of the receipts from the visit.

On the Sunday afternoon flight to Decatur, four seats were available for the Chapter to award to members as a reward for services. Those chosen to fly were Neil Pobanz, Phil Moldenhauer, Dave Cook and Dennis Mellen. Several of the photos in this month's newsletter are from that flight.

Next year EAA Headquarters plans to send "Aluminum Overcast" on a tour of the western United States, so it will probably be several summers before she returns to Central Illinois.

Young Eagles — "Spirit of St. Louis"

Our next Young Eagle day is set for Saturday, September 20th, at Mt. Hawley Airport. We tentatively have the EAA's Spirit of St. Louis coming to support the event. This has not yet been confirmed. Apparently Oshkosh is still searching for a pilot to fly the "Spirit" to Peoria that weekend.

On International Young Eagles day, Saturday June 14th, at Marshall County Airport in Lacon, we had the best turnout since we started participating in the Young Eagles program. We flew 119 new Eagles.

With this experience we need to start planning for the visit of the Spirit of St. Louis on September 20th. We should anticipate an even larger crowd than the turnout up in Marshall County. After all, we will not only be giving kids rides, but the replica of the "Spirit" will be on display for all to view.

Can we handle the size of crowd we might get with this kind of an attraction? We definitely need the entire chapter's support as well as the FBO's. Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator Brian Briggerman estimates that we will need approximately 10 planes and pilots and another 10 persons acting as ground crew.

At the Chapter picnic on Saturday, August 9th, we will be passing a sign up sheet and asking for definite commitments from volunteers for this event. Anyone with ideas on how best to organize the rally or if you want to volunteer, please phone Brian at 309/266-4553.

Last Month

Our Chapter met on Wednesday, the 9th of July, at 7:30 p.m. in our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport. Chapter Secretary Joe Fox read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read.



"The Usual Suspects..." From left to right, Chapter members Neil Pobanz, Dennis Mellen, Dave Cook and Phil Moldenhauer, after their flight to Decatur in the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast".



B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" turning Final for Runway 22 at Greater

Treasurer Al Phipps provided a report on the state of Chapter finances.

The chapter decided to purchase the canopy that we had used out at Greater Peoria Airport during the B-17 visit. A motion was made, seconded and approved to buy the canopy for \$193.00 and to also order the feet and tie downs. That way the canopy can be set up in the grass or on an airport ramp.

There was some discussion about the upcoming breakfast at the Chapter hangar scheduled for Saturday, July 12th. Several members felt that we lacked the proper equipment and were unprepared to host a breakfast at the hangar. Someone pointed out that the refrigerator we had in the hangar wasn't even working. It was suggested that instead of a complete breakfast, we should serve donuts and coffee for the July breakfast. That motion was made, seconded and approved.

Updates! 1.) The turnout for donuts and coffee at our first hangar breakfast was good, with 25 members and guests attending. 2.) Since the July meeting Joe Rex has donated a working refrigerator to the Chapter. We now have a place to store all our goodies.

August Meeting There will be no August Chapter meeting. Instead we will meet for a picnic on Saturday, August 9th, at noon in our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport.

NorthCentral Just a reminder to all Chapter members that the North Central EAA Old Fashioned Fly-In at Whiteside County Airport at Sterling/Rock Falls is fast approaching. As one of the host Chapters sponsoring this event, we are expected to provide volunteer workers. For the last several years Chapter 563 has been in charge of the registration table. Be sure to mark the weekend of September 20th and 21st down on your calendars.

Fun-Fly '97

The Heart of Illinois

Ultralights will hold their annual Fun-Fly at Logan County Airport in Lincoln, Illinois on Saturday, September 13th. Ultralighters know how to have a good time. This is a fun event. For further information contact: Bruce Wilson, 309/444-3105.

Fuel Pressure Gauge?

Joe Fox must

be the only guy to have installed a fuel pressure gauge on a gravity fed fuel system on his Cessna 180. It only reads .7 or .8 of a pound when operating. What the heck is Joe going to do when it reads "0".

P.S. Joe, Morrie Caudill is the "Fink" that told me about your new fuel pressure gauge.

Grand "Dad" of Aviation

Next

month's newsletter will have a feature story on James W. Monte'e, the Grand "Dad" of Aviation, which has been submitted by chapter member Bill Rutherford.

1998 EAA Calendars

This year we are going

to order only as many EAA Calendars as people want. Since the volume will be down, the cost will go up to around \$6.50 or \$7.00 per calendar. If you want a 1998 EAA Calendar, contact Chapter Treasurer Al Phipps at 693-2943. We will only order enough calendars to meet our needs. If you want a calendar, the deadline is fast approaching.

Calendar of Events

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.

August 1st thru 3rd — Brodhead, Wisconsin

Annual Pietenpol Fly-In.

August 3rd — 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.

AUGUST 6th thru 11th -- Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin

IAC Championship. Contact: 717/233-8711.

AUGUST 8th thru 10th -- Muncie, Indiana

Summer Heat Balloon Championships.

AUGUST 8th thru 10th -- St. Paul, Minnesota

Air Power Display.

AUGUST 9th -- Delavan, Illinois

"Celebration of Flight" at Hobby Hide-Away, sponsored by Wings and Things Museum, beginning at 9:30 a.m. until ?

AUGUST 9th & 10th -- Goshen, Indiana

Airshow '97 with Golden Knights.

AUGUST 10th -- Mendota, Illinois

EAA Chapter 263 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast. Contact: 815/539-6815.

AUGUST 15th thru 24th -- Columbia, Missouri

US National Ballooning Championships. Tel: USA 314 445 1445.

AUGUST 16th & 17th -- Canton, Illinois

Melon Fest. Temor Aviation. Contact: 309/647-6976.

AUGUST 16th & 17th -- Columbia, Ohio

Rickenbacker International Airport Airshow and Open House with Thunderbirds and Golden Knights. Tel: USA 614/863-8791.

AUGUST 16th & 17th -- Kankakee, Illinois

Air Festival with Golden Knights.

AUGUST 22nd thru 24th -- Bloomington, Illinois

Prairie Airshow.

AUGUST 23rd & 24th -- Canton, Illinois

Fifties/Sixties Fly-In Dance. Temor Aviation. Contact: 309/647-6976.

AUGUST 23rd -- Flora, Illinois

EAA Chapter 16 "Runway Extension Celebration" all day Saturday, August 23rd. Contact: Bill Ridgeway at 618/662 -4734.

AUGUST 23rd & 24th -- Chicago, Illinois

Air and Water Show with Thunderbirds and Leapfrogs. USAF 50th. Tel: 312/353-8300

AUGUST 27th -- Chicago, Illinois

O'Hare International Airport, Illinois. 80th Anniversary of the 108th ARS. Tel: 312/825-5620

AUGUST 29th thru SEPTEMBER 1st -- Cleveland, Ohio

National Airshow with Golden Knights.

AUGUST 29th thru SEPT 1st -- Blakesburg, Iowa

Antique Airplane Association Fly-In. Contact: 515/938-2773.

AUGUST 30th & 31st -- Sellersberg, Indiana

Airshow with Golden Knights.

SEPTEMBER 5th thru 7th -- Brodhead, Wisconsin

Grassroots Fly-In. Contact: 414/966-7627.

SEPTEMBER 5th thru 7th -- Blakesburg, Iowa

WWI Fly-In. Contact: 515/938-2773.

SEPTEMBER 6th -- Chicago, Illinois

Airshow.

SEPTEMBER 6th & 7th -- Marion, Ohio

MidEastern EAA Fly-In. Contact: 513/849-9455.

September 7th -- McNabb, Illinois

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SEPTEMBER 7th -- Swanton, Ohio

Toledo Airshow with Golden Knights.

SEPTEMBER 7th -- Dubuque, Iowa

EAA Chapter 327 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast. Contact: 319/583-2413.

SEPTEMBER 11th thru 13th -- Reno, Nevada

Air Races with Leapfrogs

SEPTEMBER 13th -- Lincoln, Illinois

Heart of Illinois Ultralights Fun Fly-In. Contact: 309/444-3105.

SEPTEMBER 14th -- Mt. Morris, Illinois

Fly-In Breakfast at Barnett Field, Ogle County Airport. Contact Dr. Glen Orr at 815/732-7268.

SEPTEMBER 14th -- Danville, Kentucky

Great American Air Fest.

SEPTEMBER 18th -- Reno, Nevada

152 AW 50th Anniversary Event. Tel: 702/788-5256

SEPTEMBER 19th thru 21st -- West Chicago, Illinois

DuPage Airshow with Leapfrogs

SEPTEMBER 19th thru 21st -- St. Louis, Missouri

Monocoupe Club Fly-In. Contact: 703/590-2375.

SEPTEMBER 20th -- Rhinelander, Wisconsin

A bombardiers view from the nose of the B-17, "Aluminum



NAA Colorama Fly-in.

SEPTEMBER 20th & 21st -- Rock Falls, Illinois

Annual North Central EAA Old Fashioned Fly-In. Contact: 630/513-0642.

SEPTEMBER 20th & 21st -- Youngstown, Ohio

Airshow with Thunderbirds and Golden Knights

SEPTEMBER 21st -- Hinkley, Illinois

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

SEPTEMBER 21st -- Peru, Illinois

Illinois Valley Flying Club 11th Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, Illinois Valley regional Airport. Contact: Chuck Studer at 815/223-2003.

SEPTEMBER 27th & 28th -- Smyrna, Tennessee

Aviation Days with Blue Angels.

October 5th — McNabb, Illinois

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OCTOBER 9th thru 12th -- Mesa, Arizona

Copperstate Regional EAA Fly-in.

OCTOBER 10th thru 12th -- Evergreen, Alabama

Southeast Regional EAA Fly-in. Contact: 334/765-9109.

OCTOBER 10th thru 12th -- Wilmington, Delaware

East Coast Regional EAA Fly-in. Contact: 302/738-8883.

OCTOBER 17th thru 19th -- Kerrville, Texas

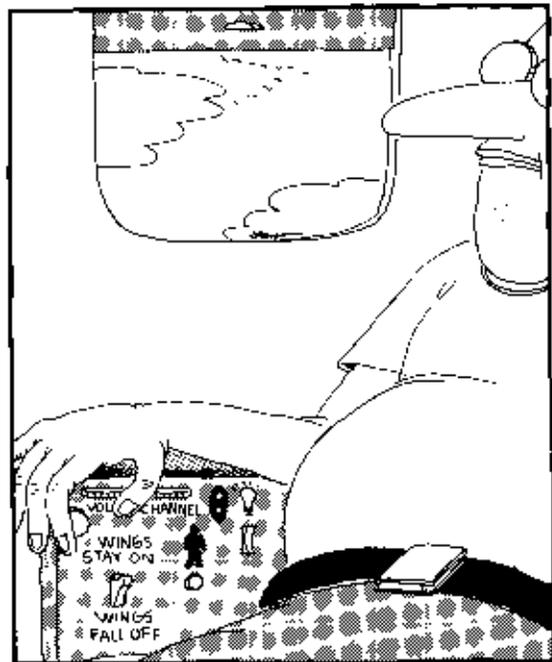
Southwest Regional EAA Fly-in. Contact: 512/388-7399.

OCTOBER 12th -- Muskogee, Oklahoma

Airshow.

OCTOBER 25th & 26th -- Tulsa, Oklahoma

Centennial Celebration Airshow with Blue Angels and Golden Knights.



Fumbling for his recline button,
Ted unwittingly instigates a disaster.

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