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**Breakfast** Because many of our Chapter members were in Oshkosh last Saturday, attending the Annual EAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention, we will meet for breakfast at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport this **Saturday, August 8th**, beginning around 8:00 am.

**Annual Picnic** Instead of our regular second Wednesday of the month Chapter meeting, we will hold a picnic on Saturday, August 22nd, at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, starting at 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.

**Parade of Projects** We had around 30 members and guests for breakfast on Saturday, July 11th. After a good meal, we embarked on our annual tour of member projects.

We didn't travel far for our first visit. Danny Marcy had brought his pretty little blue Avid Flyer out to the airport on it's custom built trailer. Everyone had a good look at Danny's Avid, as it was wheeled off the trailer and the wings were unfolded in preparation for flight. The Avid has been flying now for slightly over a year, and Danny has more than 100 hours on the aircraft. As we piled into four wheel transportation, Danny and the Avid flew off to the east for a day of fun with friends in Champaign.

Our next stop was at the home of Randy Eakle, where we saw an all wood, Loehle Parasol, about 75% complete. The fuselage was on the gear, the engine was hung on it's mount and the wings were attached. Randy's next major

task is the fabric covering.

At Joe Rex's house we saw an RV4 with the fuselage, wings and tail complete. The wings need to be mated to the fuselage and the engine hung on the gear. Joe is probably about 75% done. He has 150 hp Lycoming engine for it and expects to be flying in about a year.

Our final stop was out at the Hanna City T hangars at Greater Peoria Airport. Dave Rial is building a KR2 with a VW engine and it could easily be flying yet in "98." The plane is complete, on the gear, with the engine mounted, but Dave still has lots of finishing work.

Thanks to everyone who shared their dreams with us on the Chapter Parade of Projects!

**Congressman Ray LaHood** was the guest speaker at our July Chapter meeting at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, Approximately 45 members and guests were in attendance.

LaHood is a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the House Transportation Committee and the House Aviation Subcommittee.

Ray quoted Bud Shuster, who is the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee as saying that next year is going to be the "Year of Aviation." Just before the adjourned, the House passed an extension of the Airport Improvement Act. Next year there will be an attempt to take AIP funds off budget and use the trust fund monies only for aviation. This year Congress took motor fuel tax monies off the budget.

LaHood attributed to "Good Local Leadership" the fact that Greater Peoria Airport has a 10,000 foot runway, the longest in downstate Illinois. (Both Bruce Carter and William Blake were in attendance.)

LaHood said he supports Access Air's attempt to obtain a gate assignment in New York, and he is fearful of Airline Alliances. He foresees the time when there are only a handful of major airlines.

Ray said we don't need any more taxes or aviation user fees. We don't need a new airport at Peotone or near Lincoln, and ATC privatization is not going to happen. Before meeting with us, LaHood said that he was unaware of EAA's existence. (Editors Note: EAA Oshkosh says they routinely correspond with all our national legislators and they mailed to Morrie Caudill a copy of their most recent letter to Congressman LaHood.)

Besides User Fees, LaHood fielded questions on keeping Loran as a backup for GPS and VOR, Medical Self Certification and the STAR System, which controllers are unhappy about. Controllers say STAR does not address some of the problems.

Congressman Ray LaHood suggested that early next year, along about February or March, we should meet with him again, so he could update us on what legislation is being considered by Congress next Spring.

**Young Eagles** Chapter member Neil Pobanz hosted a Young Eagles Rally at Marshall County Airport in Lacon, on Saturday, July 18th.

We had a great volunteer turn out, with more aircraft, pilots and ground crew than Young Eagles. Around 10 lucky Eaglets had their first airplane ride!

**This and That** Andy Metzka just got a nice 1946 Cessna 120 that is in great shape. Jack frost made his first solo cross country from Galesburg to Keokuk to Clinton and back. Morrie Caudill has new AirTex seat upholstery for his Cessna 150.

**North Central** We still need a third Chapter member to serve on the Board of Directors of the North Central EAA Old Fashioned Fly-In. If you are interested please contact Ron Wright or Dennis Mellen.

**FAA TICKETING PROGRAM GETS THE BIG CHILL...** FAA Administrator Jane Garvey sat through nearly all of a two-hour meeting last week during which the FAA's so-called "ticketing program" got blasted by nearly everyone in the room except those connected with the FAA. Reaction from GA and airline reps as well as members of pilots' and mechanics' unions to the proposed "streamlined enforcement action" was uniformly and overwhelmingly negative. From AVflash 4.30

**...BUT DID THE MEETING MATTER?** Though the FAA asked for comments, it may not have been listening to them. AOPA reports the agency's position at the July 21 meeting was so "entrenched" that the Association plans to submit another set of comments specifically addressing all the points raised by FAA officials in defense of the embattled program, including those outlined in two handouts. You can still speak out, too, but not for long! Cutoff date for email comments is July 30: <mailto:9-anm-publicticket@hq.faa.gov>. At some point after that date, FAA chief Garvey will make a final decision on the ticketing program. We expect she'll be able to gauge hostile GA reaction firsthand at her "Meet The Administrator" session at OSH this week. From AVflash 4.30

**USER FEES DOWN FOR THE**

**COUNT -- AGAIN...** Pilots and aircraft owners are making it through one more budget process none the worse for wear. House and Senate committees working on FAA's budget have agreed to "no aviation user fees." The committees also rejected the Administration's proposal for a new Performance Based Operation (PBO) for air traffic control. A report accompanying the House transportation appropriations bill thumped the administration for even ASKING for user fees. "As the GAO and DOT Inspector General have repeatedly stated, FAA's modernization problems have not been the result of inadequate funding but [of] weak and unfocused management at the FAA." We have to wonder what part of "no" the FAA leadership is having difficulty understanding... From AVflash 4.30

**...GOOD NEWS FOR GA...** The FAA's \$9 billion-ish budget will provide more money for GA airports, and both bills include specific funding for continued maintenance of the Loran-C chain. Also included is protection for GA airports from closure or sale. The Senate's version of the Reauthorization bill also changes some Emergency Locator Transmitter requirements. The full House will consider its bill this week and the two sides will meet to hash out any differences in the fall. From AVflash 4.30

**YOUR A.D. HIT PARADE STARTS WITH CESSNA...** Airplane ownership is a wonderful thing, but no one ever said it was cheap. Grab your wallet because Cessna, Maule, and Mooney owners are going to be coughing up some dough. First on the greenback hit parade is a proposed AD aimed at some 50,000 Cessna 150, 152, 172, 177, 180, 182, 185, 188, 206, 207, 210 and 337 owners. The proposal requires measuring a portion of the tubing in the top of the fuel strainer for correct length, and replacing any that is not. From AVflash 4.30

**...A GOOD MAULING...** Next come Maule M-4, M-5, M-6, MX-7, MXT-7, MT-7-235 and M-8-235 owners. An AD already on the books requiring the one-time inspection of certain wing lift struts for corrosion has been expanded to become a repetitive inspection. Ultrasonic procedures to accomplish the inspections will be allowed. The AD was prompted by an accident in which a wing separated from one of the affected airplanes. From AVflash 4.30

**...GRAB THAT MOONEY MONEY** Now, get ready to spend it. Under a proposed AD, owners of Mooney M20B, C, D, E, F, G, J, K, L, M and R models would be required to repetitively inspect the aileron control link welded area and, if cracks are found, replace the control link with one of improved design. Got comments about any of these proposed ADs? The FAA would love to hear from you now, in triplicate. From AVflash 4.30

**MICROLIGHT ADVENTURER SETS**

**RTW RECORD** British microlight pilot Brian Milton has just returned home to Surrey, England, after completing a record-breaking around-the-world flight. Milton, a financial journalist, did in 120 days what it had taken pilots before him 175 days to accomplish, and now holds the open-cockpit, single-engine aircraft record. Mind you, it took seven engine failures to complete the trip. From AVflash 4.30

**BACK TO THE FUTURE:** The FAA says that one of its most critical mainframe computers, used in the nation's largest ATC centers, WILL function properly in Y2K. However, while programmers hired by the FAA say the system will work, IBM -- the computer's manufacturer -- continues to say it can't be sure, and wants the system replaced. Perhaps they had a nice, new, expensive IBM mainframe in mind? From AVflash 4.30

**WEIRD SCIENCE:** Ready for a little something from our "strange but true" file? On a Saturday morning an Andover (Mass.) industrial park was rocked by an explosion. Crews digging through the twisted metal found a flight data recorder and began looking for the bodies they knew must be nearby. Instead of casualties, they found a second flight recorder, then a third... Seems the company where the explosion occurred -- Industrial Materials Technology -- was in the business of heat-treating metals, including FDR cases. From AVflash 4.30

**HOOP DREAMS DOWN UNDER:** Or maybe you prefer this one. Pilots flying aircraft into the Northern Australian region of Torres Strait may soon be doing so at their own risk. Insurers are reportedly threatening to withdraw coverage on aircraft because windsocks at the remote strips may wrongly indicate a no wind condition. Turns out the islanders are throwing coconuts into the windsocks for basketball practice. From AVflash 4.30

**SHORT FINAL...** From our "knot exactly" file: Found in the Cirrus Design ad in FLYING magazine (August 1998, p. 15), describing Cirrus' new SR20 aircraft: "With a 160-knot cruise speed and an 800-knotical-mile range, the SR20 is a great cross-country aircraft."

[EDITOR'S NOTE: In the spirit of full disclosure, we wish to point out that both Cirrus Design Corporation and FLYING Magazine are Avweb sponsors. We sincerely hope they also have a sense of humor...] From AVflash 4.30

## For Sale

**MADRAS** 1 Pair of super tips. Droop wing tips. For Cessna 150. \$220. 309/647-5984 Canton.

**LYCOMING O-360-CEIC** 25 Hours since major and new cylinders. \$12,000 or trade for O-360. Warren Brecheisen, 319/277-2118.

**PAZMANY ONE** — 1990 model, side by side 2 place, all metal, 119 Total Time with zero time 0-320, NAV-COM, Loran, Mode C, Electric Trim, Cleveland wheels and brakes. \$30,000. John Wentz, 309/944-6252.

**1964 CESSNA 150D.** 3400TT. 460 SMOH. 1992 restoration. 9+ P&I. New 760 channel Nav/com & Xponder. \$17,500 firm. 309/647-5984 Canton.

**FISHER Classic Bi-plane.** 60 hrs. T.T. 532 Rotax. Dual CDI ignition. 2 place. Open cockpit. Fun! Fun! \$17,500. 309/923-5871 Roanoke.

**LAZAIR Microlight.** Twin eng. 1 person. Custom enclosed trailer. \$5400 or trade for 4WD truck or full dress motorcycle. Rich, 309/676-3216 Peoria.

**1964 MOONEY M20C.** 3000TT. 350SMOH. IFR. Coupled auto pilot. GPS. Mode C. Intercom. Hangered. Extras. Transferred overseas. \$32,900; BO. 309/673-2026 Peoria.

**HANGERS** For Rent. Tri-county Airport, Yates City, IL. \$25 -\$55 per mo. Storage for boats, motor homes, trailers, etc. Call today to reserve your space, 309/742-8668 Elmwood.

**CONSTANT Speed Propeller hub.** For older Cessna 180-182. Reworked by Aircraft Propeller Service, Wheeling, IL. \$350 invested. Sell \$235. Contact: Al Lurie 309/682-1674 afternoons/evenings. Peoria.

**1973 CESSNA 150L.** 4000TT. 300 SMOH. New carpet, paint, Nav-com. Hangared. \$22,000. 309/925-4801 Tremont.

**VPII VOLKSPLANE** Wood & fabric. Fresh 1835cc. Fly open or closed cockpit. GC. Always hangared. \$6500; BO. Must sell! 309/852-4413 Kewanee.

**WIZARD** Ultra Lite, 2-place. 503 Rotax eng. Needs rebuilt. \$1100. 217/754-3477 Bluffs, IL.

**HANGERS** For Rent. KEWANEE AIRPORT, Kewanee, IL. \$60, \$70 & \$100 per mo. Call 309/853-8222 Kewanee.

## Calendar

**August 9th — Mendota, Illinois** FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN Breakfast at Grandpa's Airport, two miles south of Mendota, IL. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 263. Featuring the World's Greatest Pancakes, Fresh Ham & Eggs, Orange juice, Milk and Fresh Hot Coffee.

**August 15th — Aurora, Illinois** Illinois Wing OX-5 Aviation Pioneer/Historians Fly-In Picnic. 708/344-1464.

**August 22nd — Lake DePue, Illinois** 2nd Annual Illinois Seaplane Fly-In. Contact: 815/223-0129.

**August 22nd — Mexico, Missouri** Zenith Aircraft Company's 7th Annual Open Hangar Day. Contact: Zenith Aircraft Company, 573/581-9000.

**August 28th - 30th — Edinburg, Illinois** EAA Ultralight

Chapter 88, Three Day Team Midwest Regional Fly-In, Tommy's Lake Sangchris Airpark. Contact: 217/623-5772.

**September 6th — 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.

**September 6th — Dubuque, Iowa** EAA Chapter 327 Fly-In Breakfast. Contact: 319/582-3105.

**September 9th - 13th — St. Louis, Missouri** American Bonanza Society 30th Annual Convention and Industry Exhibit. Contact: 609/424-8998.

**September 12th — Lincoln, Illinois** Heart of Illinois Ultralight Fun Fly at Logan County Airport. On Field camping, motels nearby. Contact: Bruce Wilson, 309/444-3105 or Gary Weiss, 309/698-7622.

**September 12th — Decatur, Illinois** EAA Chapter 174 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles Rally. Contact: 217/348-7564.

**September 18th - 20th — Jacksonville, Illinois** 14th Annual Byron Smith Memorial Midwest Stinson Reunion. Contact: Suzette Selig, 630/904-6964.

**September 19th - 20th — Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois** North Central EAA "Old-Fashioned" Fly-In. Contact: Dan Rubino, 630/830-0559 or Dolores Neunteufel, 630/543-6743 or <http://members.aol.com/nceaa/index.htm>.

**September 25th and 26th — Bartlesville, Oklahoma** 41st Annual Tulsa Regional Fly-In. Contact: Charlie Harris, 918/622-8400.

**October 3rd and 4th — Pierron, Illinois** Octoberfest '98 sponsored by Gateway Ultralight Club. Flying events, dinner, bonfire. Contact: Keith Smith, 314/776-4790.

**October 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.

**October 8th - 11th — Mesa, Arizona** Copperstate EAA Fly-In at Williams Gateway Airport. Contact: Bob Hasson, 520/228-5480 or 520/298-3522.

**October 9th - 11th — Evergreen, Alabama** Southeast EAA Regional Fly-In. Contact: Harold "Bubba" Hamiter, 334/765-9109 or 334/743-3916.



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