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Flapjacks and Sausage On Saturday, September 4th. at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, around 8:00 AM. See you Saturday!

The **September Chapter Meeting** will be on Wednesday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in our Chapter Hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport. Our surprise guest speaker will host an interesting how to, hands on, sheet metal workshop. Come prepared to ask questions. This will be an audience participation event.

A Picnic BooBoo Instead of our regular second Wednesday of the month August Chapter meeting, around thirty members and guests held a picnic on Saturday, the 21st, at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport.

It was a potluck affair, with (to borrow a line from Clara Peller) the Chapter providing the beef! Italian Roast Beef that is, compliments of a recipe from Morrie and Sharon Caudill.

Just a note that our October 13th Chapter meeting will feature a potluck dinner and guess what is on the menu. That's right, left over Italian Roast Beef! Bring your appetite.

Congratulations to Chapter member Bill Van Mieghen for making lemonade when faced with a forced landing. When interviewed on WMBD TV 31, Bill took what could have been a negative and made it a real positive for sport aviation.

Young Eagles The Chapter will host Young Eagles Flights on Saturday, October 2nd, after our hangar breakfast. Please contact Joe Rex at 694-3792 if you can volunteer an aircraft, your time as a pilot or ground crew member, or if you know a Young Eagle who wants to fly.

NorthCentral Fly-In 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 approaching.

As one of the host Chapters sponsoring this event, we are expected to provide volunteer workers. The Chapter is also required to provide 3 'delegates' to serve as Board members for the NCEAA Fly-In..... and at the current time we are in immediate need of two volunteers!!!!

If any Chapter member who is an aircraft owner/pilot

would like to fly Young Eagles on Saturday, 18 Sept. 1999, at the NCEAA Fly-In at Sterling-Rock Falls from 3 p.m. until dusk..... please contact Ron Wright at 694-1527 or e-mail him at wright.ronald1@mcleodusa.net for the necessary 'pre-registration' form.

Be sure to mark the weekend of September 18th and 19th down on your calendars. We also need volunteers to man the registration desk Saturday and especially at the Sunday morning Fly-In Breakfast.

Important Notice from the EAA Government Office

EAA headquarters needs your help with an important Airspace issue. This proposal, if accepted, will set a precedent making it easier for the government to ban general aviation traffic over all national parks. The current proposal deals with banning general aviation aircraft from overflying Grand Canyon National Park. This proposal, if accepted, will set a dangerous precedent for the government to more easily ban general aviation traffic over all national parks. It is important that we take a stand against this proposal.

EAA will be filling comments, however the Department of Transportation needs to hear many voices. Your action can stop this ban. You can help by simply composing your own email message from the information below and sending it to the DOT. Action must be taken by September 7, 1999.

Given the short period for your comment, it is fortunate that the U.S. Department of Transportation is allowing comments to be received via e-mail. EAA recommends using e-mail, if possible, to speed a response to the proper agencies.

When responding to any proposal from the FAA or any government agency it is important that you compose your own message. Simply forwarding this message or if your message is an exact copy, it will not be considered by the DOT.

Adding simple changes, however, such as a personalized opening paragraph with information on your occupation,

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what pilot credentials you hold, how long you have been flying, if you visit national parks and similar information will count your letter as a separate response. You may also consider copying any correspondence to your US Senators or Congressman's office. Their e-mail address can be

obtained at <http://www.com/hpi/us50/index.html>

The full text of the proposal is available on the web at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html "click" proposed rules enter search on 07/09/99 then search the federal register for "page 37295"

Thank you for being an EAA member and for taking the time to review this issue. Regardless of where you live, an airspace rule in one area sets a precedent that may affect your area in the future. It's important that you take action.

Earl Lawrence
Executive Director EAA Government Programs

E-mail your response to: 9-NPRM-CMTS@faa.gov

Note: If your response is sent as an attachment the FAA uses Microsoft Word. Or Mail your response to:

U.S. Department of Transportation Dockets
Docket No. FAA-99-5926
400 Seventh Street, SW.
Washington DC, 20590

SUBJECT: Docket No. FAA-99-5926, Modification of the Dimensions of the Grand Canyon National Park Special Rules Area and Free Flight Zones

Here are some of the issues EAA believes are important to the discussion:

* Extending Special Rules Area and Flight-Free Zones outside of the current scope sets a dangerous precedent. The National Park Service may then use mitigation agreements to "give away" federally protected airspace anywhere in the country.

* An attempt to raise the upper limit of the park's Special Rules Area from 14,500 feet MSL to 18,000 feet MSL is proposed with no evidence that any noise impact exists.

* The proposed southeastern border of the Special Rules Area would effectively eliminate all eastbound VFR routes and create a safety hazard with an adjoining military operations area.

* The expanded northern and western boundaries of the Special Rules Area are unnecessary, as no evidence of noise issues has been presented.

* The two established VFR transition corridors for use by general aviation pilots flying through the area should be maintained. In addition, non-commercial general aviation aircraft should be allowed to overfly the proposed Flight Free Zones at altitudes above 10,499 feet MSL.

Calendar

September 5th — 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 16th thru 19th — Reno, Nevada
Reno Air Races.

September 18th and 19th — Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois
North Central EAA Old Fashioned Fly-In.

October 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.

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