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EAA Chapter 175 Newsletter



Newsletter for April, 2014

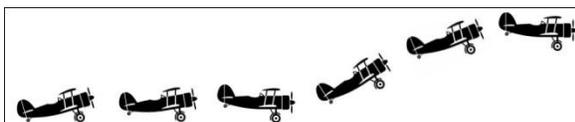
Next Meeting: (May Meeting!)

Saturday

05/24/2014

Breakfast @ 0800

Meeting@ 0900



Program

No April Meeting – Pancake breakfast for S&F volunteers at Chapter House.

Presidents Corner □ with Ginger Adelstone

Hello everyone!

Sun n' Fun has come and gone for this year, and our volunteers at the kitchen did an outstanding job! Rich Denton is the Director for our Chapter of Volunteer Kitchen, which, though you may think it is a "short term" position, he does a ton of work there, and the preparing for it, dealing with the SNF Leadership, coordinating the food, the ordering, and most importantly, the great volunteers that are there to help out. Many have been with the kitchen area for years, like our own Jim Cooper, who is a 40 year volunteer there. We cannot thank all of you enough, the giving of yourselves and your time, the comradeship and the laughs. It was another successful year. And we had great weather! So the crowds at SNF swelled, and everyone was happy! Thank you Rich, and all of the kitchen Volunteers, for doing the great jobs you do. We are grateful to you all.

On Friday April 11, we had the good fortune to work with 22 youngsters from Madison Middle School, a STEM school, with their teacher Mr. Ronald Kline. He had contacted the FBO at Leading Edge. They invited them for a tour, and told him about our EAA chapter, and he had NEVER heard of EAA before. So he got my number and called. We talked, and emailed. You volunteered, and together Jeff Ellston from Leading Edge and Steve Reisser, Dave Presnell, Gordon Knapp and his grandson, Wyn, (who is ready to solo!!!!) Art North, and Earl and Pat Groff and myself were there to show the kids a good time. Steve did two classroom sets on Towered vs Non-Towered airports, Jeff Ellston gave a tour of the facilities, showing them the aircraft in the community hangar, Art North and Dave Presnell brought the Ercoupe and Dave's Grumin Tiger to show the kids and explain to them how the planes work, and let the kids sit in them. Gordon and Wyn assisted in the

classroom if needed. And Earl and Pat were there to talk with the kids. I introduced the days events, and let the others take over from there. Of course, they all did great! Mr. Kline and the kids were all smiles at the end, and he will bring another group of students in the future. Plus, they will be attending future Young Eagle events!

Speaking of Young Eagles, Jeff offered the position of YE Coordinator to Dave Presnell, who did this in our chapters past, and he accepted! We are so glad to welcome you back into the Young Eagle Coordinator position! So everyone, please contact Dave at dave.presnell@gmail.com for news on upcoming events, and to volunteer your time with him.

Next weekend we are not having a meeting and program, however, we will be having a pancake breakfast, just to socialize and see each other after all the work everyone has done. Island Fest is going on from 10-5 at Peter O'Knight airport, and Jeff Kaloostian and Tom Beiser will be in the FAAS team tent giving talks along with Bill Johnston and myself doing a membership drive. Trevor Janz, head of EAA Chapters at Oshkosh, sent me some of the older forms, to fill out by hand, to be able to sign new members up on the spot for both the national and our local chapter! So hopefully we will be busy bees with lots of new memberships coming to join us! That will be something to look forward to, along with the new members we are welcoming in, are Don and Alice Morris, and Dr. Bob Hamilton! We are so glad you have joined us, and look forward to our next meeting with you in attendance!

Thanks everyone for making this year a very special year already!

Ginger Adelstone, President

Events -From EAA

Apr 24, 2014	Airborne Radar Course	Orlando, FL, USA	93 miles
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Apr 25, 2014	Free Lunch Fridays	Lake Wales, FL, USA	61 miles
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Apr 25- 26, 2014	Pilot's Review of Proficiency (PROP 2014)	Orlando, FL, USA	93 miles
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Apr 26, 2014	Chapter 1489 April Breakfast Fly-in	Bushnell, FL, USA	64 miles
May 3, 2014	Wings of Dreams Fly-In / Cruise-In Breakfast	Keystone Heights, FL, USA	142 miles
May 3, 2014	Young Eagles Day - Merritt Island	Merritt Island, FL, USA	112 miles
May 17, 2014	Young Eagle flight / Pancake Breakfast	DeLand, FL, USA	111 miles
May 17, 2014	Young Eagles Rally	Stuart, FL, U.S.A.	140 miles
May 17, 2014	2014 International Learn to Fly Day	West Palm Beach, FL, USA	148 miles
May 17, 2014	National Learn to Fly Day	Williston, FL	112 miles
May 24, 2014	Young Eagles Flights	Orlando, FL, USA	83 miles



Just before the coast disappeared into sea and sky, Jerrie Mock switched on her airplane's long-range radio and found only silence. She tried again and again, leaning her ear to the speaker, and still heard nothing, not even static.

When Mock departed from Columbus that morning, she had heard the tower controller's voice on a loudspeaker. "Well, I guess that's the last we'll hear from her," he told the crowd gathered to see her off to Bermuda. He was joking, but suddenly his words had the ring of truth.

In an aircraft not much larger than a cargo van, surrounded by gasoline tanks, Mock was completely alone, navigating to a speck of an island with a compass and paper charts. Unable to report her positions or call for help, she could have become another

Amelia Earhart: a woman trying to circle the world, lost at sea, never to be found.

Yet Earhart was a full-time aviator with a passenger who served as navigator; Mock was a full-time mother of three flying solo. Earhart had crossed both oceans; Mock, a licensed pilot for only seven years, had never flown farther than the Bahamas. Compared with Earhart's brand-new, twin-engine airplane, Mock's single-engine Cessna was 11 years old, with fresh paint covering the cracks and corrosion.

Suddenly — and suspiciously — cut off from communications, Mock considered turning back. She wasn't flying around the world to become rich or famous. Initially, she hadn't even realized she could set a record. Her original impetus for making the trip: She was bored.

But in the months before her takeoff, the flight had become much larger than a housewife with a dream. As Mock's ambitious husband secured her sponsorships and media coverage, another woman — more experienced, with a faster plane — announced that she'd attempt the same flight. As she headed toward the Bermuda Triangle, Mock had to ignore the danger and keep flying, feeling pressured to win a race she had never intended to enter.

Twenty-nine days later, when she finished the flight on April 17, 1964, Mock could have been America's sweetheart, a household name. On stops from Morocco to Saudi Arabia to Guam, the barely 5-foot brunette had stepped out of her plane in a blue skirt and sweater set and said demurely, as she still does now, "I just wanted to have a little fun in my airplane."

"She has kind of pretty, all-American looks, and I think when they make the film, Doris

Day will play her part,” panelist Orson Bean declared when Mock appeared on the game show [*To Tell the Truth*](#) shortly after the flight.

But the last 50 years have produced no Hollywood movie, no legend, and, until recently, not so much as a statue of Mock in her small hometown. Elsewhere in Ohio — the so-called birthplace of aviation — the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton doesn’t include her. Committee members who vote for inductees, according to one who added Mock to the ballot in 2003, don’t recognize her name.

While history has largely forgotten Jerrie Mock, she never wanted much attention, not even 50 years ago. And not now, at 88, when she’d prefer that her life be remembered for what it was then and not for what it’s become.

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