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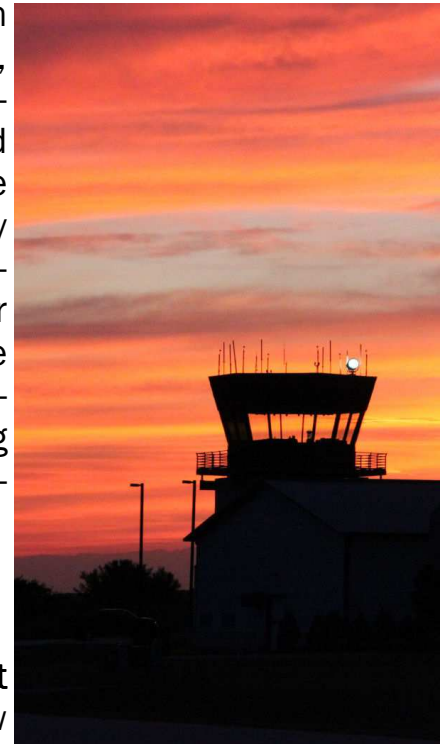
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- **EAA Chapter 18 February Meeting** This month's program will be on crop dusting. Don't try this at home folks. Come on out and hear about this exciting profession. Tuesday March 26th at 7:30 PM at the Timmerman CAP hanger.
- **FAA Announces 149 ATC Tower Closures** On Friday March 22, the FAA listed all the towers to be closed starting April 7th. The list includes 8 towers in Wisconsin including: Mosinee, Eau Claire, Kenosha, Janesville, La Crosse, Milwaukee Timmerman, Oshkosh and Waukesha. Sean Elliott, EAA's vice president of advocacy and safety said Friday "While we're disappointed to learn of the Wittman tower closure, it's important for everyone to understand that air traffic operations during and surrounding AirVenture will not be adversely affected."

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- **Who didn't get the news about February's meeting?** The snow storm last month put the kibosh on last month's chapter meeting. Jeff got the word out as best he could while sitting in the middle of a snow induced traffic jam. Going through his phones contact list, making as many calls as he could, he had us all do the same. Hopefully we got the word out to everyone in time. Apologies to anyone who didn't get the news and showed up anyway. We'll be asking for a briefing of how the meeting went. So, obviously, the board and chapter meeting minutes will be a little shorter than usual.





PRESIDENT'S CORNER- JEFF POINT



President's Rant- March 2013

Welcome to the January Flypaper! Wait, what? It's not January!?! What do you mean? It's cold and snowing with no end in sight, and that sure sounds like January to me! OK, a quick glimpse at the calendar (not to mention all your confused faces) lets me know that this is in fact March, and spring is, at least in theory, right

around the corner. So, in that case, welcome to the March Flypaper!

As is our annual custom, my bride and I will be jetting off to sunny Phoenix AZ in a couple of days for a week of sunshine and baseball, which is quite what the doctor ordered after this miserably long winter. This year we are making the trip a little earlier than usual, which means we will be back in time for the March chapter meeting. The program for March will be on crop dusting, given by an experienced purveyor of the craft. Just the thought of crops is enough to make one think of warmer weather, so come on out and share in the fun.

It is difficult to believe it, but this coming up Friday, March the 15th, is the 9th birthday of the Spruce Moose. My baby turns 10 next year, which means that in six short years I'll have an airplane old enough to drive! It also means, among other milestones, that I've been flying the Moose for about twice as long as it took me to build it. I suddenly feel old, which might explain why Arizona seems so appealing...

While baby #1 is getting on towards the teenage years, baby #2 is still in the slow gestation process. Last month I told you about getting a mysterious package from the Big Brown Santa. It measured 8 inches tall, 10 inches wide and seventeen feet long. Can anybody guess what that was? No, it wasn't my tax return, nor was it our chapter renewal documents from



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER- JEFF POINT *CONT'D*

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EAA; it was a set of wing spars! Even though they shipped via UPS wrapped in cardboard, they arrived in remarkably good shape, as close inspection revealed. I once heard Fred describe the arrival of his wings spars as “the most beautiful pieces of wood that I ever laid eyes on,” and I now know what he means. These pieces of straight grain spruce are absolutely spectacular and free of any flaws. It’s no wonder that these four pieces of prime lumber set me back four figures, but I have a great deal of confidence in their quality, and having that level of confidence in the main structural piece of your airplane is hard to put a price tag on.

Having the spars in hand allowed me to tackle a couple of tasks that I had been putting off, such as fabricating the fuselage attach brackets. Finally, on March the 4th, it was time to start assembling the wing. Those of you who have built airplanes know that visible progress is often achieved in fits and starts. You can spend six months working on it and it doesn’t look any more like an airplane than it did six months ago. Then, all of a sudden, whammo! In the space of a day or so, your pile of parts has morphed into an airplane. March 4th was one of those days, as I built a jig to hold the spars and began stringing the ribs onto them. By the end of the day, I had what looked for all the world like an airplane wing! It still needed a lot of work, but it looked like a wing! That sort of visible progress is invaluable in keeping the motivation going on a long term project like this, and all of you builders know just what I mean.

Until next month, keep your airspeed up and your eye on the ball.





CALENDER OF EVENTS

*Monthly meetings are always 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Timmerman CAP hangar.

Sun 'N Fun April 9th—14th Lakeland, Florida <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/>

Steve Wittman Birthday Fly-In Breakfast Saturday, April 13, 2013 7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Wittman Airport Terminal, Oshkosh, WI, USA

Start out the 2013 fly-in season at Wittman Airport in Oshkosh!

Come celebrate the life of Steve Wittman, aircraft designer and race pilot.

Pancakes (all you can eat), Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Milk, Juice, or Coffee. Free breakfast for pilots of homebuilt aircraft who fly in.

AeroElectric Seminar April 13-14, 2013 EAA Chapter 413 building, Broadhead Airport

EAA Chapter 431 is pleased to announce a weekend AeroElectric Connection seminar by Bob Nuckolls, April 13-14, 2013, which will cover design, fabrication, troubleshooting and maintenance of homebuilt aircraft electrical systems. The AeroElectric Connection seminars are conducted by Mr. Bob Nuckolls, engineer, teacher, author and publisher of Electrical Systems Information Texts for Amateur Airplane Builders.

The seminar will be held in the Chapter 431 building at Brodhead Airport (C37) and attendees will be provided lunch and refreshments.

The fee for the weekend seminar is \$150 per person. EAA Chapter 431 has underwritten \$35 of the normal \$185 seminar fee as an incentive to homebuilders. More info here... www.eaa431.org

EAA AirVenture Museum Lecture Series - Flying the North Atlantic Thursday, April 18, 2013 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Follow the trail of early aviators traversing the far North Atlantic air route as Jeff Skiles, EAA's vice president of chapters and youth education, recounts his journey from Toronto to Switzerland in a rare Junkers JU-52 Tri-Motor, a German airliner from years gone by.

Free admission to the general public. "Beyond the ropes" museum tour immediately following presentation.

JOIN CHAPTER 18 TODAY! Still considered the "best deal in aviation" by Chapter 18 president Jeff Point. Fill out the info below and give it to our membership coordinator Ken Klima at the next meeting. (Annual Dues are \$10, plus \$5 for name plate)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CALENDER OF EVENTS



Young Eagle Rally Bolingbrook's Clow International Airport, Bolingbrook, IL April 13th

Come join Chapter 461 for our first Young Eagle Rally of 2013. The first rally will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The airplanes are piloted by members of EAA Chapter 461 and along with the ground crew are all volunteers of EAA's Young Eagle program. If you are a youngster, ages of 8 - 17. Contact: John Churinoff Phone: 630 960 9756

<http://www.eaachapter461.org>





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FAA Announces 149 ATC Tower Closures

In Winnebago County, local officials are discussing options to continue year-round tower service at Wittman, which has had air traffic control facilities for a half-century. "We will work with the airports and the operators to ensure the procedures are in place to maintain the high level of safety at non-towered airports," said FAA Administrator Michael Huerfano in a news release announcing the tower closures Friday afternoon.

Waukesha is looking into alternate funding to keep the tower open also. Kurt Stanich, Waukesha County Airport Manager stated in a special Waukesha County Newsletter email, "Airport management and county officials are continuing to explore contingency options to keep the tower open. We will, of course, let you know if we are able to find a solution. We also ask you to join us in supporting our air traffic controllers, who have served us so well. We truly appreciate their dedication to Waukesha County Airport and the aviation community." Kurt also said "We are likely to see less corporate traffic at the airport as corporate flight departments and charter/fractional operations evaluate safety options along their routes. All other operations should continue as usual, however, we ask that all airport businesses keep us informed of any concerns they may have as these changes become a reality."

AOPA President Craig Fuller said in a posting on their website "AOPA is extremely disappointed that the Federal Aviation Administration has taken the unnecessary and unprecedented step of closing a third of the nation's 515 air traffic control towers, some of them newly built at a cost of millions of taxpayer dollars. This is no time for politics. These towers were put into operation to ensure aviation safety. By closing them, the same organization responsible for ensuring the safety of our skies is compromising that safety."

One of the towers slated for closure is at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport in Lakeland, Fla., home to Sun 'n Fun. The show, often considered a spring break for pilots, is scheduled to start April 8, one day after contract towers across the country will begin closing. Sun 'n Fun President John "Lites" Leenhouts issued a statement shortly after the FAA released its lists of cuts, stating that FAA air traffic controllers would ensure "safe and expeditious handling of all arrivals and departures at Lakeland Linder Airport" during the show, April 8 through 15.

CHAPTER MINUTES-
SECRETARY JIM HATZENBELLER



No meeting, no minutes.

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE, RENT or LOAN

1. I've got a few things for sale that builders and/or pilots might want:
 - 2 Tempest AA48108-2 oil filters \$15/ea or \$25 for both
 - 1 ATS Rivet Tool (204RV) \$80
 - 1 3.5hp oil-sump 135psi compressor w/60gal tank and additional 60gal tank \$600, * includes 1 large and 2 small filter/regulators, several hoses, and condensate drain system w/ball valves
 - 1 Survival Products 4-man raft #1400-1/1500-1 \$800 Contact Andy Laures at alaures@hotmail.com
2. Sonex Airframe Kit #1190 (Standard, Dual, VW) "Easy Build" Laser Cut Metals with Machined Angle Components and Pre-Assembled Main Wing Spars. Some work in progress. Complete Kit cost was over \$19,000, Asking \$18,000. Located at Air Troy Estates (East Troy). Carroll Rands 262-994-9009 or ccrands@yahoo.com
3. Zenith CH200 about 35% finished. The plane is located in the Burlington area and the family wants to sell it. Betty Ashworth 847-502-3034
4. For Sale: Marvel-Schebler MA3SPA carburetor. P/N 10-3237 for a Continental C-145. \$300. Fred Keip 262-835-7714 (after 6 PM) or fredkeip@aol.com

WANTED TO BUY, RENT or BORROW

1. Laurie Probst is looking for some un-airworthy wing ribs for student demos. If you have anything laying around please let her know. kosalof@aol.com

To submit items here, send an email to Darrell Kufalk @ kufalk@wi.rr.com



TREASURER REPORT- TREASURER KEN KLIMA
RE-PRINTED FROM FEBRYRARY DUE TO SNOWSTORM

January-13			
Beginning Bal. 1/1/13	Checking	Savings	Total
	\$962.70	\$1,379.08	\$2,341.78
Receipts			
Dues		\$490.00	
Coffee fund		\$37.00	
Total Income	\$0.00	\$527.00	
Expenses			
Corporate report	-\$10.00		
Insurance & Fees	-\$305.00		
Total expenses	-\$315.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance 1/31/13	\$647.70	\$1,906.08	\$2,553.78

A Rant From the Treasurer/Membership Guy

Just a couple of reminders: January was the time to pay your dues for 2013. Many have already paid but many still owe. Chris Esselstyn will be collecting dues at the February, March and April meetings while I am covering from the Wisconsin cold weather in Albuquerque. Please help us and pay up!

The second item I would like to cover is people who are WAY PAST DUE! We have 16 members on the books who are 3-6 years past due. Many of these people have not attended meetings for a long time and are probably no longer interested or have moved from the area. At the last board meeting this issue was reviewed and the following decision was made: If any of the 16 are still interested in being members they must pay the \$5 new member fee along with the 2013 dues and they will be kept on the books. If they choose not to do that by the end of March 2013 they will be dropped from the roster and the news letter. The list of 16 is below. If you see any of them please tell them about this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Lets face it ,this is the lowest cost , \$10/year, best run organization in the EAA. There is no excuse for missing dues payments.

End of rant.

Ken

Chapter 18 Apparel



Chapter 18 Apparel is on sale now. T-Shirts, Hats, Coffee Mugs, and much, much more. Order anytime and no minimums. Each purchase will help to support the chapter.

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Last Name	First Name	Past Due	Last Name	First Name	Past Due
Collins	Marcus	4 years	Rawling	Kandace	6 years
Gesch	Amy	6 years	Rudelick	John	4 years
Koehler	Ken	6 years	Schuh	Scott	3 years
Kraehnke	Jeff	6 years	Steinmetz	Mark	3 years
Landay	Bruce	3 years	Taylor	Mike	5 years
Lehman	John	5 years	Trittschuh	John	5 years
Perkins	Edward	3 years	Vinohradsky	Steve	3 years
Quinn	Jim	5 years	Whittet	Christopher	5 years

Please pay your dues to Chris Esselstyn in Ken's absence.

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