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EAA Chapter 790

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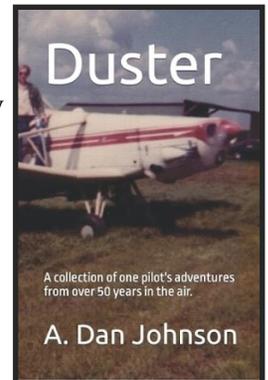
EAA Chapter 790 Annual Banquet

Chapter President Matt Van Bergen has confirmed the plans for the Chapter 790 Annual Banquet. It will be held at the Cary Country Club on Saturday, February 10th. Dinner is at 7 p.m., with the cash bar opening at 6 p.m.

This year's speaker will be Dan Johnson, author of the book "Duster: A Collection Of One Pilot's Adventures from Over 50 Years In the Air." Dan will share with us his story about his 2016 flight from Galt Airport to Valdez, Alaska in an LSA Bushcat on amphibious floats! He also competed in a STOL competition while in Valdez.

The title of his presentation at the banquet is "7000 Miles In A Bushcat". What a great chance to get together as a chapter and hear a wonderful story.

Hope you can make it! We're in for a treat!



Matt's Christmas Party

Once again, Matt and Janet welcomed everyone to their wonderful home last month to host their signature holiday get together. Great food and camaraderie made for a great time last month. Thank you Matt and Janet!

Signed,

The Chapter!



Launch of the Tango N880TM

Although it started life as a “build-fast, fly-fast” project, my Tango 2 took flight December 13 after an eleven-year labor of love. But as a lifelong design engineer, the last thing desired was yet another schedule to keep. So absolutely no effort was made to push along progress. However, there were no big set-backs – well, maybe a few unpublishable words now and then – but otherwise just steady progress with a lot of humorous learning and intrigue along the way. And several boxes of custom tooling that, looking back at them now, I have forgotten what most of it was used for anymore.

I also decided long ago, having mostly flown a Kitfox for 28 years with an occasional 172 thrown in, that this did not qualify me for the initial flight testing of an airplane with a wing-loading of 26 pounds per square foot. But chapter member Brad Delisle volunteered, which in itself is a hilarious story, to do the honors. The first flight was totally uneventful, as was the second. Because it’s not an aluminum can, however, a few refinements are to be made here and there. But it’s flyable today just as she sits.



A happy Brad Delisle

To get the full story, please come see my April 23 presentation to Chapter 790 with the short title of “How I Learned to Love Fiberglass After I learned to Love Wood, Tube and Fabric.” Also, Brad promises to be on-hand for his side of the story, plus a discussion of our cooperative approach to flight test, making the occasion a real three-for-one. And why it’s flying with the wrong spinner. Bring popcorn.

Mike Perkins

Radio Control Sailplane

Chapter member John McClelland built an RC sailplane 30 years ago and would like to find a good home for her for free. He has the original box and the plans with instructions. The sailplane would need a 2 channel radio to make her flyable. Contact email is: ea790newsletter@outlook.com if interested.



Hangar Saga At Lake in the Hills Airport



Maybe these will become airplanes someday

If you are in any way associated with 3CK, you are likely aware of the large blue hangar located southeast of the airport property. A few years ago, the hangar and its associated property was purchased by a non-aviation entity. Unfortunately, this resulted in the loss of the transient airplane parking at 3CK. It also marked the end of a safe staging area for Chapter 790's frequent Young Eagle events. Activities such as the chapter pancake breakfast and the airport's annual Open House have also been affected.

The property is for sale once again and will likely be purchased by another non-aviation business. However, The City of Lake in the Hills seems to be sensitive to the issue of 3CK becoming less of an airport and more of an industrial park. The Planning and Zoning Committee turned down a potential buyer last month whose intent was to operate a truck repair business on the property. Many chapter 790 members as well as other important tenants of the Lake in the Hills airport were in attendance at the public meeting to voice their well-founded concerns such as airport security, large vehicles in close proximity to aircraft, etc.

At this point it is not known if there are other potential buyers out there. We can hope that one of them is an aviation-oriented business.

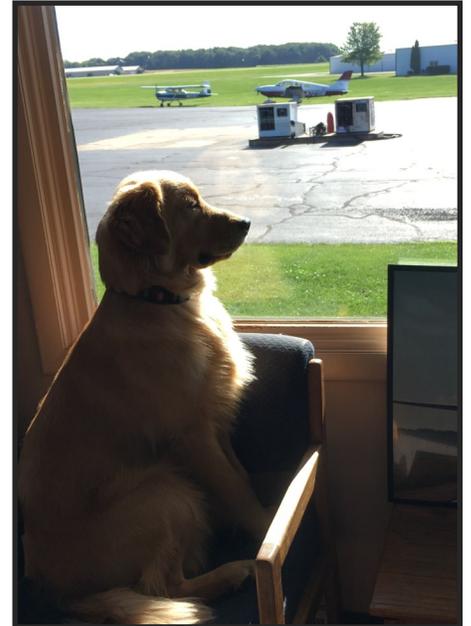
Chapter Meetings

Chapter 790 meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month. The meetings are generally held at the Lake in the Hills Airport Office lounge at 6:30 pm. From May until October, the meetings also consist of a cookout to enjoy the nice weather. Matt will keep everyone posted via email of exact times, location, guest speakers, etc.

Fly-Out Scheduling

A great way to enjoy a Saturday morning and some camaraderie are the fly-out events. They are held the third Saturday of the month at 9am. If the weather isn't satisfactory, it will be rescheduled to the following Saturday. Paul Ranieri will keep everyone posted as to the destination and time via email. If you are interested in going and need a seat, you can respond to Paul's group email prior to the upcoming fly-out.

Nice day at Poplar Grove



Young Eagles

Beginning in May and running through October are the Young Eagle events. They are held the first Saturday of the month at either Schaumburg Airport or Lake in the Hills Airport. There is no better way for kids to get some flying experience. Before each event, chapter members will receive an email outlining the various volunteer opportunities. These consist of the registration area for kids and their parents, being on the ramp to park airplanes, and flying the kids of course!



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1958 Cessna 172

EAA Chapter 790 Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 20	Flyout	TBD
January 23	Chapter Meeting	LITH Airport Office
February 6	Board Meeting	Barrington Library
February 10	Chapter Banquet	Cary Country Club
February 17	Flyout	TBD
March 16	Flyout	TBD
March 26	Chapter Meeting	LITH Airport Office
April 2	Board Meeting	Barrington Library
April 20	Flyout	TBD
April 23	Chapter Meeting	LITH Airport Office

