

EAA1410 September Newsletter

Yes it's late or early if you consider this an October newsletter. Once again my apologies for not getting this out before our last meeting. As I mentioned during our last meeting I am extremely grateful that the meeting went without a hitch. The food and drinks arrived as per the usual routine thanks to Donovan Benz and John Mader. The turnout was great and we were able to fill the agenda for the meeting.

We were very happy to see that Nico Meyer and Guy Bourgeois were able to attend the meeting. They have indicated that they would like to present some of the details of their recent incident at a future meeting. We are looking forward to that presentation and discussion that I'm sure will follow.

As many are aware, Jack Dueck was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Air Venture at Oshkosh. Jeff Seaborne repeated the award presentation that was given to Jack for the benefit of our club members. Jack unfortunately did not attend, so the next time you see him give him a pat on the back, but not too much. He's a humble guy. We are very proud of his accomplishments and especially so since he is a member of our Chapter. Congratulations Jack!

The Zenith 601XL project continues to progress. During Jack and Debra's trip to Oshkosh they were able to make a detour to Midland Ontario to pick up some remaining parts for Fire Wall Forward, landing gear etc. at the Zenith facility. While there, they were given a tour of the facility and Zenith expressed their gratitude that the 601XL had been chosen as one of the first Chapter projects in Canada.

The primary construction emphasis has now shifted from the air surfaces to the fuselage. The critical aspect of this phase seems to be proper alignment which allows for level installation of longerons from back to front and subsequent fitting of skins so that rivet lines for wing spars, supports etc. are positioned properly. The enthusiastic group continues to meet weekly and are now anticipating a completion date of March 2020, with a COA following the mechanical completion and the required 25 hour logged flight time.

This year's Air Venture is now history with many of our members attending in official and non-official capacities. Our chapter and other Canadian chapters were well represented. John Mader gave an excellent summary of the highlights of this year's conference including numerous photos in a slide show. Thanks John for your contribution.

SportAir Canada will once again be offering workshops in High River on October 26 & 27. This year's workshops will include:

- RV Assembly
- Composite Construction
- Annual Inspection of Home Built Aircraft
- Flight Testing (tentative)

If anyone is interested in attending, registration can be done at the Canadian SportAir website (<https://eaasportaircanada.ca/>) or for more information you can contact Ralph Inkster (rvinkster@shaw.ca).

Our next meeting is October 3, 2019. (Yikes that's my wedding anniversary, might have to bring my wife for dinner.) We are looking for meeting agenda topics so I would greatly appreciate any offers from members that could make a presentation. Any new projects out their?

-- Kelvin Downs