

CHAPTER 245 NEWSLETTER

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LAST MEETING

At the March meeting Lionel Robidoux gave an excellent presentation on the uses of tubing in aircraft. He spoke mainly about fuel lines and fittings but also covered brake lines and aircraft instrument lines.

The Post Office did its thing, and got the mail through so we had our Champion Spark Plug presentation. Those who were at the meeting also got a 27 page Aviation Service Manual published by Champion.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the War Museum on Sussex Ave., Friday, April 18th at 8.00 p.m. John Romanovitch from the Ministry of Transport will present an Audio-Visual presentation on flying in the Ottawa area. It will cover what is and what will be required to fly in the Ottawa area and what services are available from the MOT.

This is an excellent opportunity to be briefed on flying in the Ottawa area as well as to ^{ask} make questions and discuss problems with an MOT representative.

OSHKOSH '75

Last year a group of us flew in a chartered DC-3 to Oshkosh over the August Civic Holiday long weekend. Some interest is being shown in repeating this flight again this year. Conrad Sitter of the Allumette Flying Club would like to hear from all those interested in participating. If you are interested write to him in care of the Allumette Flying Club, General Delivery, Deep River, Ontario, or phone him at 1-584-3702 (home) or 1-687-5581, ext. 654 (business)

Conrad would like an indication of how many would be interested so he can get the project moving

Father John MacGillivray has been a member of our Chapter for some time. Unfortunately he did not get to many meetings because he was stationed at CFB Petawawa. He has now been posted to CFB Ottawa (South) and now we can expect him at most of our meetings.

One problem, he has is hangar space for his aircraft. His Miles Hawk is temporarily in Lionel Robidoux's hangar at Smiths Falls. His DeHavilland Puss Moth is at Summerside. He would like to hear from you if you know of any hangar space near Ottawa about to become available in the near future.

Father John was kind enough to write the following notes.

"In the Spring

Despite the ridiculous snowstorm that bombed us Easter week, we are now officially in that season of the year known to other earthlings as spring and to birdmen as flying time. Some members of the clan have been fortunate enough to pursue the hobby despite the short days of winter but most have to let their flying hibernate. With the return of fine weather, (eventually!) our thoughts turn lightly to thoughts of love, especially where this involves graceful wings, blue sky and a cream puff cloud.

There should be a variety of flying fetes available locally in the weeks ahead including one at Rockcliffe on the first weekend of June and one at St. Jean, P.Q. on June 22nd. If you know of others I'm sure our editor Jim Wallace would be pleased to pass them along via the Chapter Newsletter.

Probably the most ambitious flying project available to our members is a jaunt to the big convention at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 29 to August 4. The ideal way to make the trip is in your own flying machine, preferably a homebuilt or Antique. If you happen to have one of these two you can enter the Annual AC Spark Plug Rally for the last half of the trip, from Flint Michigan to Oshkosh and if you fly sharp and get lucky you could win a pile of bills and pay for your trip. Last year Joe Dipeppo from Toronto won 3rd (\$50.00) with his Starduster II and the year before the Miles Hawk came second for \$125.00 clams. Chapter 77 in Flint guarantee that anyone in town for the event has a good time and other Chapters take care of formalities at the different check points along the route (Elkhart Indiana - Marris, Illinois - Waukesha, Wisc. and Oshkosh). All you do is estimate your fuel per hour and air speed (no wind) and fly the legs. A computer does the rest. Watch for details in Sport Aviation.

Whether your plans involve the Rally or not, it might be fun to think of a group flight out to the big event. Three aircraft, an Emeraude, Ercoupe and a 150 will be coming up together from EAA 305 country (Dartmouth N.S.) and a couple of fliers from Smith Falls are considering joining in. The Hawk or the Puss Moth should be making Gipsy naires around that time enroute and Lionel Robidoux is hoping to have his Citabria operational in time to join the party. If the idea appeals to you, think it over and perhaps we can discuss it at a forthcoming meeting."