
✈️ EAA CHAPTER 32 NEWS ✈️

Jim Bower, Editor

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Remember, the June meeting is the last one until August (because of Oshkosh). Come early for the barbecue and hangar flying! See you all at 1:00 on the 27th.



Young 'uns on their way to their first ride, during the June 12th Smartt Field open house and Young Eagle rally.

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May Meeting Notes

Jim Bower, Secretary

The meeting opened at 2:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Laura announced that the chapter sent flowers in memory of Fred Gottman. Laura nominated Sherry Gottman for an honorary membership (as is traditional). A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Jim Hann and his wife had a baby girl; pictures were available for viewing.

President Laura and Ted Boerding attended a dinner hosted by the AIAA (members of which we flew at a special rally last year). They presented the chapter with a plaque expressing their appreciation of our contribution to aviation.

Participants at the Washington Young Eagles rally received personally written thank-you notes from the 3rd graders.

George Stephenson asked for volunteers to help at the upcoming June 12 Young Eagles rally that will be held in conjunction with the airport's open house.

Laura read information on various fly-outs and fly-ins.

Doug Killebrew talked briefly about this year's St. Louis County Fair and Airshow, and asked for volunteers to help on the planning committee. Call Doug if you are interested at 314-727-0640.

Gale talked about our various fundraisers. Periodically, we receive checks from Café Press (chapter merchandise), the store coupon sales, and kickbacks from the EAA for signing up new members. The latest of all these totaled about \$93.00.

Since Ron Wright is no longer a chapter member, Dave Doherty agreed to sell the Entertainment coupon books. These books gained us about \$900.00 last year, so please buy one.

A gentleman named Joe Wilson donated a nice brake shear to our chapter. Gale tested it and pronounced it good.

From mr. bill:

Ken and Dot Kotik will be bringing their Piper L-4 Liasion aircraft to the June EAA 32 meeting. He called today to confirm. I am leaving at 1900 hours see ya soon, mr. bill

At approximately 2:30 the meeting adjourned for a presentation by members of the unofficial Chapter 32 Alternative Engine group. Present were (from left in the picture) Gary Fitzgerald, Christine Bush, Randi Kelcher, Gale Derosier, and Dave Domeier. A very interesting discussion ensued, with topics ranging from engine choice, engine performance, and fuel issues and concerns.



At approximately 3:45 the meeting broke up and the Executive Committee held a "brief" session. Here are some of the highlights:

Laura is going to send postcards to a number of local EAA members who are not currently members of any chapter. We hope to increase our membership roster by enticing these unaffiliated people to our lair.

We are getting prices on having a ream of letterhead paper printed.

We are going to inquire if our insurance coverage will permit us to lease the ARC to outside organizations. Doing so would hopefully relieve some of the cost of maintaining the ARC from the membership at large.

Upcoming Events

Every Saturday: ARC work days

Every Saturday: Mustang II building

October 2nd and 3rd: Bob Nuckolls Seminar. To sign up, visit: <http://www.aeroelectric.com/seminars/StLouis.html>

Ramblings from the President's Desk

For those of you that missed the Suburban Journal last week, they printed a “lovely” article about the Smartt Field Open House. Funny there was one thing missing, OK two things, EAA Chapter 32 and the Young Eagles flights. There could be several reasons that we were omitted. Maybe the reported didn't want to walk to our end of the ramp to find out what all that activity was about. Maybe he didn't like crowds so stayed by the CAF hanger instead. Maybe he wasn't even at the Open House and just relied on what the photographer saw. It doesn't really matter. The 82 kids that got to fly (and a few Old Buzzards) fully enjoyed themselves as did the pilots and ground crew. Well, OK, maybe George Stephenson didn't enjoy himself as much as he usually does. His Cessna developed battery problems and was grounded. I saw George several times that day looking sad, like a kid that had lost his dog.

I consider the Open House a success (especially for Chapter 32) because of all the kids that got to fly, and because of all the people that came out to help, especially the pilots and the ground crew. Also a special thanks to the International Plastic Modelers Society's Gateway Chapter. The participants on Saturday were: Bob Fisher (chapter president), Fred Amos (vice president), Mike George (newsletter editor), Brad Vaughn (director), Julie Vaughn (treasurer), Bob Burgess. These folks helped the kids build plastic aircraft (and spaceship) models in our conference room. Chapter 32's own Ken Blackburn came out and gave the kids a treat with his paper airplane demos and flying contest. Jim Baker brought out his P-51 that is always a big hit with the kids. (Has anyone else noticed that anytime KidVenture is mentioned in print or on the website, Jim's P-51 is usually pictured?)

Volunteering is what EAA is founded on, and volunteering is what makes all of our events so much fun. It's that time of year again. Many of us are headed up to Oshkosh again, and for some of us, not just to look at the planes, but to donate our time to help make our experience at AirVenture much more fun. You can find me at the Membership village on one day, the 99s tent another day, the leadership forum, leadership breakfast, Web-Editors workshop on other days. Why do I do so much? It adds to my experience as a president, as web-editor, as a chapter member and I meet the most interesting people. You can have your flight line of thousands of aircraft, I'd rather meet and talk with the people at AirVenture. Last year I introduced my 9 year old nephew. This year he has convinced his dad to come along (not that it took much convincing). I've met people from all over the world. Last year, I met 2 guys from South Africa as we waiting out a rain storm. Where else in the Midwest would I get a chance like that? If you can't make it this year, we will have plenty of stories to tell you when we get back. If you are going, don't forget, we meet at the Chapter House at 11am Saturday, July 31st for a Chapter photo.

See you in Oshkosh!
Laura Million
President, EAA Chapter 32

Young Eagles Report

Jim Bower

June 12 got off to an inauspicious start, with early thunderboomers in the area, and a threat of more. But since we live in Missouri, the weather cleared up quite nicely by showtime, and the air was smooth as glass! Our Young Eagles rally grew into a steady flow that lasted well past 1:00 pm. We ended up flying 82 kids (plus a few parents). Ken Blackburn gave one of his famous paper airplane demos.



Make 'n Take

In attendance were several folks from the local chapter of the International Plastic Modeler's Society. (Before the RV took over my life, your friendly editor was an avid plastic model builder, and I still belong to that organization.) The IPMS people brought some small kits so the kids could get a taste of modeling. This is called a "make 'n take", and about 50 kids took part.

I also want to thank my friend and neighbor Arnie Dienhoff, who volunteered to come along and work my job in registration so I could take the IPMS folks for "old buzzard" rides in a rented C-172. Arnie did the job so well, that all I had to do all day was schmooze. I think I'll bring him again!

Ironically, I got more flying time than did George Stephenson, whose battery picked that day to go out to lunch. Poor George looked like somebody took away his birthday, just sitting there and watching other people go out and fly.

Many thanks to all the pilots, ground crew, and assorted helpers for making this another rousing success.

Newsletter Deadline: The deadline for submitting articles, pictures, want-ads, etc. is two weeks prior to our regular general meeting. Please submit these items to the newsletter editor via e-mail (jimbower@hotmail.com), snail-mail (10350 Toelle Ln. St. Louis, MO 63137), or phone (314-869-8971).

LEARNING AS WE GO

mr. bill

Reading the opening piece by Tom Poberezny in the June 2004 issue of SPORT AVIATION sums up what the goal of the local chapter (and the national headquarters) needs to be and that is to provide "Leadership and Programs." The national headquarters in Oshkosh, Wisconsin has done a great job of providing for us as EXPERIMENTERS, a place to bring ourselves and our EXPERIMENTS and put them on display. Next month (July) many EXPERIMENTERS will travel to this gathering place which for us in the St. Louis area is only eight hours away by car to view many of the airplanes we have heard about or have seen pictures of in the great magazine. EAA national provides us with one week a year (this year being July 28 to August 3, 2004) where we can fly, display, see, touch, feel, and ACTUALLY talk to the (or a) person who designed, built, and flew the air machine that piques our interest. All this and it is only eight hours away!!! As one ex-chapter 32 builder told me years after he was transferred because of the floods of 1993, "I did not realize what I had when I lived in St. Louis. I had Staunton Airparts over in Illinois for old parts. I had WICKS Aircraft for new parts and supplies. And I had an eight hour drive to OSHKOSH and usually a few friends who would also take some time off from work and be driving up there sleeping in their car or tents on the camp ground just so we could actually SEE the man, woman, plane, or part to help motivate them in the building process for another year."

Last year with all the EAAer's visiting Oshkosh several demonstration booths went unmanned. There was no one to do the Composite Demonstration though the material was there. There was no one to do the woodworking demonstrations, though the material was there. (I went to go assist in the Flight Advisor booth but was asked to man the woodworking shop because no one was there to assist.) This could not be Oshkosh with all these knowledgeable people from all over the world??? And **NO** volunteers??? It was!

This year your local EAA 32 Chapters leadership has put together some very interesting programs for all to enjoy. This with leadership that is made up of a Private Pilot single mother working a full time job; an airline jockey who is based in Chicago; a treasurer who, with 30+ years of service to his company as a mechanic is working mid-nights; and a Secretary/Newsletter Editor who is working full time and building full time. The really great people are those who stepped up to the plate when asked to come and talk about their planes, products, or project. I thank each and every one of you for your time and work that went into the presentation. A real big thanks to those who erected the building so we could have a great place out of the elements to present these programs.

Then just several days ago EAA 32 had an open house in conjunction with the Smartt Field open house and it was a great time. Judging from the pictures the crowd was great, the airplanes were plentiful, the weather was good, and no one was hurt. No, we did not receive any press coverage...but at least the press was there. Imagine this, there were some that did not want to have this open house now. It begs the question of "Why wait??? What are you waiting for???" The only ones hurt were those who did not come out and enjoy the experience. We have to remember that this is OUR chapter and OUR programs.

As my ole buddy Jack would say...."There are shirkers, jerkers, and workers." Let us try to finish up the ARC and make it a GREAT place to EXPERIMENT with aviation.



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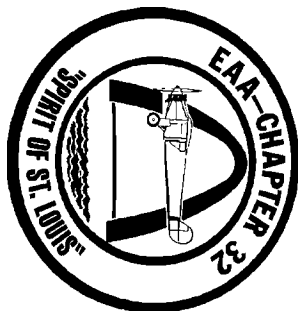
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