## EAA CHAPTER 32 NEWS

Jim Bower, Editor

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This is a short, abbreviated edition. Our newsletter editor is experiencing some technical difficulties in producing the newsletter this month, so your fearless web editor decided to give it a try. My apologies if something has been omitted. Laura Million



For those of you that missed the news, Dave Domeier experienced engine trouble near Augusta, MO on October 13<sup>th</sup>. He managed to land the plane, but his front landing gear hit a soft spot and flipped the plane over. Dave managed to walk away from the incident with only a few bumps and scratches. More inside.

## **Calendar of Events**

#### **October**

Sunday, October 26th, 1pm – Executive Committee Meeting, ARC Sunday, October 26th, 2pm – General Meeting, ARC

#### **November**

Sunday, November 23rd, 1pm – Executive Committee Meeting, ARC Sunday, November 23rd, 2pm – General Meeting, ARC

#### **December**

Saturday, December 6th, 6pm – Holiday Party **ARC Workday –** every Saturday 9am. See Stan Crocker for lists of jobs still to be accomplished.

## Not Again, Dave!

From Dave Domeier following his flip over on October 13th

Thanks for all the help offers, but it looks like the insurance company has taken over. The FAA released the airplane so I called AVEMCO and they said a company from St. Peters would pick it up.

As for the details of the incident, the engine quit very suddenly for unknown reasons. I was on one of my usual Missouri River scouting missions at a 1000 feet so there was not much time to decide where to put it down. I switched tanks, turned on the emergency power but the engine just stopped turning. About then I decided to concentrate on a farm road between a bean field and a corn field, but I did hit the starter a couple more times but nothing happened. I thought I had it made until the nose gear came down. It dug into the sand and very slowly, it seemed, the airplane went up and over and there I was upside down looking at corn stalks. When I released the seat belt, my head and right arm hit the broken canopy glass so there was a little blood. I kicked the rest of the broken side canopy clear and wiggled out. Strange, for some reason I remembered to switch off all switches as I was leaving, maybe it was the smell of fuel. The RV roll over bar saved my bacon for sure.

# Last Meeting (September 2003)

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nominations of Officers for 2004-2006 were taken:

President: Laura Million Vice President: Bill Jagust Secretary: Tom Baker Treasurer: Gale Derosier

Elections will be held at the October meeting.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** 

The date for the Christmas party was set for Saturday, December 6th, 2003. Gather and Social at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. Al Donaldson reports that he has received one confirmation of a local Tuskeegee Airman to speak at this year's dinner with the possibility of 3 more.

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## **Last Meeting (continued)**

#### ARC PLAN

Anyone wishing to voice an opinion about the future of the ARC is invited to the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, October 2nd at Ryan's Steakhouse, St. Charles Rock Road and I-270 (behind Olive Garden, west of I270). Dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. Contact Doug Killebrew for more details.

#### **BUILDING DEDICATION**

A Building Dedication of the ARC has been scheduled for the weekend of May 15th and 16th, 2004. Some ideas for the dedication/Open House include static display, workshops, Fly-In Breakfast and BBQ, Dedication ceremony. More about this event in the future.

#### WINGS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER

Wings of Hope is hosting the 2nd Annual "Save a Life" Dinner and Auction at the Frontenac Hilton on October 25th. For more information, contact Wings of Hope.

#### **EAA CHAPTER 32 SIGN**

KZ Zigaitis has completed the EAA Chapter 32 sign in front of the ARC. He spent approximately \$800 for materials. The sign will be lit by External low-voltage lighting.



### **Shop Now for Christmas and Support the Chapter**



Christmas is coming! Ask Santa for that gift that shows your love of aviation and support the chapter while you do! Go to <a href="www.cafeshops.com/wefly">www.cafeshops.com/wefly</a> for merchandise with those general aviation sayings we all love.

Chapter 32 will receive up to \$5 for every item purchased. Makes great gifts for those family members too. Infant and children items included. Chapter merchandise is still available at <a href="www.cafeshops.com/eaa32">www.cafeshops.com/eaa32</a> if you haven't purchased your winter apparel.

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## WHAT WERE THEY THINKING

## Curly

Hey Moe! Larry! Honest! My story last month <u>IS</u> a true story! EAA Chapter 443 of South Columbus, Ohio meet with a very unfortunate demise. They had an excellent set up with two adjacent hangars and an office area in the back cut out of the end hangar. Great buildings! Great location! But infighting over what type of plane to rebuild, what to put where, in which hangar, and lack of leadership caused the chapters members to not step up to the plate and quit coming. The chapter split up and faded away. They kept the "443 Wrong Brothers" Flying Club (Yes, they have an Aeronca Champ N443WB - tail dragger of course) because everyone loves to fly but few wanted to work on the buildings!

At the Christmas party this year the officers will be explaining the programs for the up coming year. Thanks to "Stan the Man" and the "full steam ahead" workers we now have the building sealed, painted, and heated. We are very fortunate to have a GREAT building! Now WE, the members of EAA Chapter 32, have to step up to the various positions to keep the ARC floating!!! Less we drift off aimlessly and end up with a great looking building on the outside and nothing going on inside!

Captain Donaldson and Captain Neuman we need you to contact headquarters with information concerning the holiday gathering!!!

## **Fundraising**

**Entertainment Books:** November will be the last change to purchase Entertainment books. Each book is \$22 and the Chapter receives \$4 for each book sold.

**Grocery Store Coupons:** Purchase Shop N Save, Dierbers or Schnucks coupons at face value (\$10 or \$25) and spend them for face value, but the chapter receives up to 4%.

**Cafeshops.com:** Purchase merchandise with the chapter logo or general aviation merchandise and the chapter receives up to \$5 per item sold. Visit <a href="www.cafeshops.com/eaa32">www.cafeshops.com/wefly</a> for merchandise.

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## LEARNING AS WE GO mr. bill

Well, look at all EAA Chapter 32 has to offer! Hopefully those people with the Internet access have visited the WWW.EAA32.ORG web site to look at the building progress. What knowledge has been gained?

ARC (Aviation Resource Center)- we cannot call it a Hangar because we cannot store airplanes inside. There are hangars on the field to rent for storage. The ARC can be a place for meetings, demonstrations of sheet metal, welding, woodworking, fabric, and composite (fiberglass) workshops, monthly chapter meetings and a great Christmas Party.



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MONTHLY MEETINGS: 1400 hours (that 2:00 PM for you



civilians) at St. Charles County Airport -Smartt Field, just north of KILROY'S Restaurant. You cannot miss the new EAA 32 sign in front of the ARC (Thank you KZ.) Call the EAA 32 information hotline at 314/286-9932 to hear about the latest EAA 32 doings if you do not have Internet access.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP: The fellowship to feed your hunger for other EAA folk and their airplanes knowledge is free. We do require \$5.00 to feed you belly hunger (as well as bring a side dish to share).

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION: Would be nice but would have to be limited to a RECREATIONAL PILOT CERTIFICATE and probably only in an EXPERIMENTAL aircraft. Again there are two flight schools on the field and we do not want to take away from their revenue. Also this flying would have to be through a flying club that is separate from the chapter. The issue of liability (airplane, student, flight instructor, aircraft maintenance and inspections) and all that fun stuff EXPENSIVE insurance is needed for would have to be addressed 5

#### Learning As We Go (continued)

#### AIRCRAFT FINAL ASSEMBLY:



Several years ago this chapter was called to help assemble an EXPERIMENTAL Biplane in a gentleman's hangar. It was cold and the place was small and hard for everyone to move around with the four wings. Now we have a great place

where we can assemble, stay warm, accomplish physiological duties in doors (that's going number 1 or 2 for those not familiar with the FAR's) and even have a warm meal during those mandatory union breaks. We have learned much about the final assembly process, both, of our building and that, with an aircraft. Some builders do not have the space or a place to fully assemble their creation. It is at this time that "they are 99% done with HOPEFULLY only 10% to go." One builder put all his airplane parts in his hangar in December to do his final assemble. "Its all set I just gotta put on the wings and fly?" Ouch! After installing the battery it was learned that some things were a little backwards. Ooppps! The ARC with all its "critters" running around will be able to help and learn from people in these situation. Remember, EAA is people helping others in aviation!

The ARC like any other building is going to require volunteers to accomplish certain tasks both inside and outside the building. Listed below are positions or tasks that will need to be filled for the ARC to function.



Lawn/Landscape

Outside-paint

Lights/Lighting

Food Preparation/Cooking



#### Communication/Calendar of Events Coordinator

What is store for next year? How about pointed meetings with a unique aviation program that follows that will end with a chance for you to actually participate in the just viewed program? Sounds good doesn't it? Stay tuned!!

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## Doing Our Part By Jim Bower

As dues-paying members of EAA Chapter 32 we are privileged to be owners of a great facility: the ARC (Aviation Resource Center). We have a

nice cozy place for our regular meetings, impromptu gatherings, special events, educational forums, final project assembly, and lots of other uses. Please notice the emphasis on the word "owners". We aren't borrowing or leasing the building; it's ours. As such, the only people responsible for repairs, cleaning, maintenance, and upgrades are we members.



Your dues check does NOT cover janitorial services.

Begin doing your part by practicing personal responsibility. Don't throw trash on the floor or leave empty soda cans lying around. Treat the bathrooms as you would (hopefully) your own. If you see others abusing your ARC, ask them to take a little pride in their home. Let's pretend we are at Oshkosh!

We welcome anybody who would like to take this to the next level and participate in a maintenance effort. Go ahead and clean a bathroom, mow the lawn, paint something. It will make you feel good and your fellow members will appreciate you for it..

#### **Elections To Be Held**

Elections for new officers will be held at the October 26th meeting. Nominations are as follows:

President: Laura Million Vice President: Bill Jagust Secretary: Tom Baker Treasurer: Gale Derosier

A phrase I heard as a child growing up in Chicago: Vote early and Vote often!

#### Officers and Committees

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While you're there, take time to join the Yahoo Groups to help you stay abreast of

Chapter happenings!

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