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Volunteers at Oshkosh By Walter Rich

The following is a short story on our trip to Oshkosh to volunteer to help for the preparation for AirVenture 2000.

I had heard from Jim Nagel the previous year how he had enjoyed his trip to Oshkosh with Tom Olson and Steve Chia, to work with the volunteer crew, and their trip there in the pair of RV6's. So after giving it some thought, I thought it might be fun this year.

I called Tom to let him know that I was interested in helping out, he called Steve Chia and Tom called me back to coordinate the flight the following Saturday morning from the new west T hangars at the C.R. airport. Riding in Steve's RV6a the next morning was quite a thrill. The craftsmanship in his RV was a reassurance to the overall quality and confidence I felt riding with him. We arrived at OSH about 8am, descending from 4500ft and blue skies CID was just a little over an hour behind us. If we hurried we would be able to make it to breakfast Steve said. So after shutting down his RV and getting out our baggage we met a fellow who drove up to meet us by the name of Mr. Shoehart. He said glad to have you and offered us a ride to the mess hall for breakfast. It turned out that Mr. Shoehart is the coordinator for volunteer work and he gave us a short briefing on how things were going in preparation for AirVenture. He seemed to be juggling about 10 different projects all at once. With about 50 volunteers and probably an equal or greater number of paid personal he was busy traveling all over the EAA grounds, trying to get one exhibit then another ready on time.

Breakfast was great pancakes sausage eggs and orange juice. Available to all who come to volunteer. Mr. Shoehart then took us to the bunkhouse where we made a home for ourselves for our stay along with about 20 other guys from different EAA chapters in the Midwest, there to do the same. The air-conditioning in our bunkhouse didn't seem to be that important that morning but it was sure appreciated later in our stay. The company and comradery of the other guys from other chapters with similar interests was also part of the benefit of our bunkhouse.

After getting a place for ourselves Mr. Shoehart again met us and herded us to the carpenter barn to gather some tools and take us to the new forum buildings where we would be working. Since Steve Chia is a carpenter by trade it was agreed that

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doing some sound proof panel installation at the forum buildings would be the most suitable work for us. It was fairly straight forward work, the carpenter that was there in charge of finishing the remaining work at the new buildings kind of gave us some encouragement, and left us to work on our own.

Steve and I both put in an honest days work. We worked together until about noon then put down our tools and got a ride to the mess hall with a fella from Michigan who was working on the adjacent forum building. Lunch was great, a little rest in the bunkhouse and we were back at it until about 4:30. One surprise I received while at lunch was a free \$25 gift certificate to the EAA store that I won in a free raffle for the volunteers.

During our work the thirst wagon would stop by every hour or so and give us a cool soda or even a beer if you were so inclined. The girl who drove the thirst wagon also reminded me that we would be welcome to go along on the tour of the museum and Pioneer airport at the close of the day given for all volunteers.

Both Steve and I felt the day was long and a rest and dinner would be a welcomed to our work. After getting back to the bunkhouse a rest and shower prepared us for dinner, most of the folks there at dinner were just as tired as I but you could feel a slight exhilaration and feeling of anticipation knowing that all they had done was for something greater still to come.

Most there were of retirement age who just loved aviation and just can't keep themselves away from being there to help. Many came from distant states to spend several weeks at the convention grounds prior to the event. After dinner we went on a bus with about our entire bunkhouse over to the museum and had a great tour, of both the museum and Pioneer Airport.

The day was long and full of memorable activities and a rest and sound sleep were the last part of a good day and restful night. The next morning we decided we would leave around noon because of an expected storm that was moving our way and would be in Iowa that afternoon. By going early we would miss it we thought.

We worked on another forum building that morning and at about 11 am headed to the bunkhouse packed up, had some lunch and headed home. I would recommend to anyone who wants to find out what its really all about and have lots of fun doing it to give the Oshkosh volunteers a try.



Next Meeting

By Tom Olson

Our next meeting will be Friday evening Jan 5th in Mark Anderson's hanger at the Iowa City Airport. Doors will open at 7:00 with the meeting starting at 7:30. The meeting's presentation will be a review of Mark's beautiful Glassair.

There will also be a show and tell on aircraft engines. Ron White, will bring in failed components from his O-320 and Mark Navratil will bring in a selection of parts from a recently acquired runout O-360. Then to give you a feel for what good parts look like, Greg Zimmerman will bring in a selection of serviceable/new parts from an O-360 he is working on. Please feel free to bring in any engine parts you want to share with us or ask questions about.

Special thanks go to Mark Anderson for donating his hanger for the night.

Last Meeting

By Tom Olson

The last meeting was our annual Holiday Dinner, Award Night, and Gift Exchange. For those that missed it, we had an excellent meal at Bishop's in Lindale mall. I hadn't been there in some time and was pleasantly surprised. They provided us their private back room which worked very well though slightly cozy. I guess aviation folks are used to close quarters anyway.

The EAA National Chapter provided us with Award certificates and pins for the officer positions, technical counselors, flight advisor, and young eagle coordinator. These were handed out to those recipients present and the remainder will be distributed individually. Special thanks, again, go to these folks for contributing their time to make our chapter a positive influence on aviation in our communities. I won't repeat their names as they are

As always, the gift exchange was a blast. There were several hotly contested gifts but I believe the most coveted gift award goes to the purple toboggan sled provided by the Navratil's. It seems there are a number of grand mothers out there who had a premonition that this year would provide ample opportunity to take the grand kids out for some fun. This was followed up by a very nice aviation US wall map, tool kits, snow men figurines, and several others. Its not too early to start planning now for the ideal gift for next year.

Officer's Column

By Tom Olson

Your officers and board members held an initial planning meeting last month to establish a tentative plan for this years activities. Here is what we have come up with so far.

We will be holding another board meeting shortly after the January meeting so please take a few minutes to review these activities and let us know if you can help or have suggestions for activities or topics that you would like to see a presentation on. Remember, this is **YOUR** chapter and **YOU** will only get out what **YOU** put into it. Sadly, our chapter seems to be in short supply of active members. Please let us know what it is that would be of interest or help to you.

Month	Location	Day	Meeting Subject
Feb	Bank	1 st Friday	PC based flight simulators
Mar	Bank	1 st Friday	Topic of your choice
Apr	TBD	1 st Saturday	Ladies Night or ?
May	TBD	1 st Friday	Visit to a project, Sonex or Kolb or ?
June	Monticello	Sat. 6-2	Noon Pot luck and fly-in
	TBD	TBD	Young Eagle Rides
	Greenfield, Iowa	Sat 6-16	Fly out to Iowa Aviation Museum (near Des Moines)
Jul	Green Castle	Sat. 7-7	Hot dogs and fly-in at 4:00
		14/25	EAA Oshkosh Work Party
	TBD	TBD	Young Eagle Rides
Aug	Oshkosh	Saturday	Evening meal in the campground
Sept	Iowa City	Aug 25/26	Fly Iowa, young eagle rides, breakfast, air show
Oct	TBD	1 st Friday	TBD visit to an aircraft project or workshop
Nov	Bank	1 st Friday	Election Night plus a TBD program
Dec	TBD	1 st Friday	Holiday Dinner and gift exchange

We could really use some help in obtaining an interesting speaker for ladies night and in technical topics for some of our meetings at the bank in North Liberty. We will also be needing a number of volunteers to help at the Fly Iowa event on August 25/26 so please plan to support this now.

Editor's Rant

By David Koelzer

Well you all have gone and done it. You have elected me chapter secretary and newsletter editor in and uncontested race and you only have yourself to blame. There is no use asking for a manual recount, I already did and Tom Olson assured me it would be a cold day in Miami, Dade County before I would get one. So as I embark on this new literary adventure I would like to remind you of the words of Bob Dillon "I have suffered for my art, now its your turn."

A little about me. I am fairly new to Chapter 33. I joined about two years ago. I have been a EAA member for over 10 years and have visited Oshkosh almost each of those ten years. My very first trip to Oshkosh, though, was in 1979. I was 17 and had just gotten my private pilots license. I had attended may local air shows around the Kansas City area and seen lots of planes and even the occasional homebuilt or antique. But Oshkosh was stunning. Rather than an air show with maybe a half dozen antique aircraft, Oshkosh seemed to have a dozen of each type of antique. Stinson and Stearmans and Swifts, oh my! Equally as stunning was the warbird section, which I am sure is the envy of may third world air forces even today.

These days when I am not editing chapter news letters you can find me in my workshop building a Sonex. It was designed by John Monnett and Pete Buck. You may know John from his other designs such as the Soneri, Moneri, or the

Moni. The Sonex is an all aluminum, two place, sport plane. I will be powering this beauty with a Jabiru 3300 engine, which is a purpose built aircraft engine from Australia. With six cylinder and 120 horses it should pull me along quite nicely.

Watch for a Chapter 33 visit in May or check out my web site <http://dkoelzer.murkworks.com> or stop by my shop any time.

Fly Market

For Sale: 1947 Stinson 108-1, four place taildragger, nice. New fabric on wings in 98, new paint on entire aircraft 98, new prop in 99, new Slick mags in 99, shoulder harness and wing tip strobes, IFR certified, 2900 TTAF, 700 SMOH. \$23,500 or looking for two persons for a partnership. Hangared at CID west T's. Walter Rich 319-364-3733

Wanted: Content

Our motto here at the Chapter 33 editorial staff is "All the News that fits, we print." And yet filling six pages with chapter goings on is sometimes a challenge. So I want to invite everyone to put pen to paper or finger to keyboard, write up those project updates, amusing antidotes, flying experiences, indignant tirades, desperate pleas, or shameless self promotions and send them to me.

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Get 'em Flying!

By John Anderson

We are working with the Lone Tree School on a Young Eagles Flight after the first of the year. The principal has requested some sort of program for an aviation section and It appears we would be able to fly up to 32 students.

We plan to provide about an hour of ground school for the class at the Iowa City airport and follow with the flight program for those with parental authorization. Please make note of this as I will be contacting pilots as soon as we can set some possible dates. We are thinking of a nice winter day as they can be flexible.

Chapter 33 Email

Email, its not just for nerds any more. In fact, over half our chapter gets this newsletter via email. The other half of you have yet to discover the joys of the Internet. One of those joys is "email groups". That is where similarly minded individuals can share ideas and information with the rest of the group via a single email address. I have setup a group for Chapter 33. You can join this group by going to <http://www.egroups.com/subscribe/eaachapter33> Then you will be able to send messages to the Chapter as well as receive messages from other Chapter members. I will also be using the group calendar to notify members of up coming chapter events.

EAA Chapter 33 Application & Questionnaire

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Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

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Pilot Ratings: _____

Aircraft Owned & Flying:

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2001 Dues are Due!

It's Time! Your 2001 Chapter dues are now due! Please fill out the application form on page 5 and send it to Terry Scherman as soon as possible to keep your membership in good standing.

Chapter 33 Calendar

January 5, 7:00 pm
Mark Anderson's hanger
at the Iowa City Airport.

