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From the Presidents Pen . . .

By Denny Hodge

This is the first installment of what I hope will be a regular feature of the Lippisch Letter. The purpose of "From the President's Pen..." is to keep you all informed of chapter activities, board discussions, upcoming non-chapter events of interest and ask for an opinion or two along the way. My hope is that my musings my encourage more communication between the members of Chapter 33, its board, and EAA National.

Airventure 2010 is history. For those who attended, the economy and the weather clearly had an effect on this year's convention. There were noticeably fewer vendors in the exhibit halls and fewer planes in the parking areas and campgrounds, but the spirit of aviation was alive and well throughout the Airventure grounds. As you are no doubt aware, the big news coming out of Airventure this year was not aircraft related, but EAA related, with the announcement that Rod Hightower would become EAA's first non-Poberezny president.

Many of Chapter 33's members were quick to raise concerns over Mr. Hightower's qualifications (specifically that he is not a builder) and expressed confusion over what EAA's future direction might be. Several Chapter 33 members have been able to meet and talk with Rod since he was introduced on July 26th. I was able to meet Rod as part of a Chapter Leadership meeting the morning of July 27th at Airventure. Several of your concerns were raised by chapter leaders at the meeting



and Rod addressed the concerns directly, with candor and sincerity. While he doesn't claim to know all the answers yet (he doesn't take the helm until September 7th), he assured all present that he would spend a lot of time with the chapters and work with them to address the many challenges faced locally and nationally by general aviation. I personally will assure you that YOU will get a chance to meet Rod Hightower in person in 2010.

Other topics discussed at the Chapter Leadership meetings include:

- Chapter Websites
- Use of Social Media
- Recruiting

I came away from these meetings with lots of ideas, especially for stepping up the recruiting of our chapter. I look forward to sharing my ideas with you and the board in the coming months. Until then, I'd like to express my appreciation to all Chapter 33 members for allowing me the opportunity to serve the chapter.

Aluminum Overcast Visits the Eastern Iowa Airport

The week before Airventure, EAA's Aluminum Overcast made a stop in Cedar Rapids at the Eastern Iowa Airport. What was supposed to be a 2 ½ day stay, turned into a 2 day stay when the aircraft was delayed by weather between Cedar Rapids and Kansas City. During the 2 days, Don Thompson, a former B-17 pilot and several other former crew members talked to the press and interested visitors, describing in detail their experiences aboard the Flying Fortress.

Of special note was a visit by a 96 year-old former "Rosie the Riveter" who made the trip from Waterloo to see the plane. She had worked in a factory in Detroit making wings for the great ship, but had never even seen one completely assembled. She marveled over what she had been a part of . . . as do we.

Thanks to all the Chapter 33 members who took time out of their week to assist with the stay. Special thanks to Chapter 33 member Rodney Ocenosak, who provided an emergency repair by welding an air intake from the number 3 engine before they left Cedar Rapids for Rochester, Minnesota.



Chapter 33 earns a “commission” on all the sales from flights, tours and souvenirs during the B-17 stay. Here is a breakdown of the commissions from July:

Ground tours @ 25%	\$178.00
Flights @ \$30/revenue seat	\$780.00
Merchandise Sales @ 15%	\$144.75
Rental Van	<u>-\$122.34</u>
Total commission	\$990.41



The 35th Annual Air Race Classic – Plan to be a part of this national aviation event in 2011!

By Minnetta Gardinier (IOW)

In just nine months, racers from across the U.S. will converge on the Iowa City Municipal Airport (IOW) to prepare for the 2011 Air Race Classic – “*Celebrating ARC Heroes & History.*” The Iowa Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, is serving as the start host committee to organize and coordinate the events leading up to the start of the race at 0800 on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. After leaving Iowa City, the racers will make 10 high speed, low altitude flybys as they cover nearly 2400 nautical miles in 4 days, with stops in the Dakotas, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and the terminus, Mobile, Alabama. It will be a whirlwind experience on this VFR, daytime cross-country air race – educational, fun, and challenging describe my three ARC experiences.

The mission of the start committee is to welcome the racers, to assist them with prepping their planes for the race, and most importantly, to ensure that they explore the area and enjoy their days leading up to the race start. It is also a great weekend for the local aviation community to come together, to be a part of this historic event, and to celebrate with the racers. We will welcome in the public too. I guarantee that you will meet some amazing women pilots from all walks of life with great hangar flying stories to share. Moreover, they are going to want to hear your hangar stories too. So let's all come together next summer and make this an event to remember in eastern Iowa and an experience that will encourage our racers to return again to Iowa.

EAA Chapter 33, will you join the ARC IOW Start Team to make the 35th Annual Air Race Classic a roaring success? We need a wide range of volunteers who will help with the planning phase over the next several months and who will also be a part of the pre-race activities.

Fundraising support – we need to raise at least \$10,000 for this event. Please make a tax-deductible donation payable to the Iowa 99s (a 501c3 organization) earmarking it for the Air Race Classic and/or help us pitch this effort to others whom you know would be interested in supporting this event. The generosity of all donors will be recognized at the start site events.

Aircraft inspections – we need volunteer A&Ps, an A&P/IAs, and helpers to work with the A&Ps. These individuals will assist the ARC Inspection Chair.

Drivers – over the weekend, racers will need transportation between the airport and the hotel.

FAA Team volunteer – the race preparations typically include a **safety seminar**

Girl Scouts youth event – we are working with Deb Dunkhase at *ICM Take Flight!* to coordinate a day of aviation activities with girls visiting the museum, traveling out to IOW for lunch, and to then tour the airport and visit the flight line checking out the planes.

Publicity / photography – we need volunteers interested in getting the word out to the local and regional areas about the race. We need to record the event by shooting pictures and/or video.

Social event organizers - we are seeking local individuals who enjoy throwing a party – racer welcome hangar party, racer reception at the *Iowa Children's Museum Take Flight!* exhibit, racers banquet, hospitality rooms at IOW and the host hotel.

Timers – 0800 on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 is the start. Planes will taxi out and launch. Timers needed.

Please identify an area that you'd like to volunteer for and contact me today – Minnetta Gardinier, 2011 ARC Start Chair (m.gardinier@gmail.com). We want a great ARC IOW Start Team to make this a great start weekend. Join us for this aviation party!

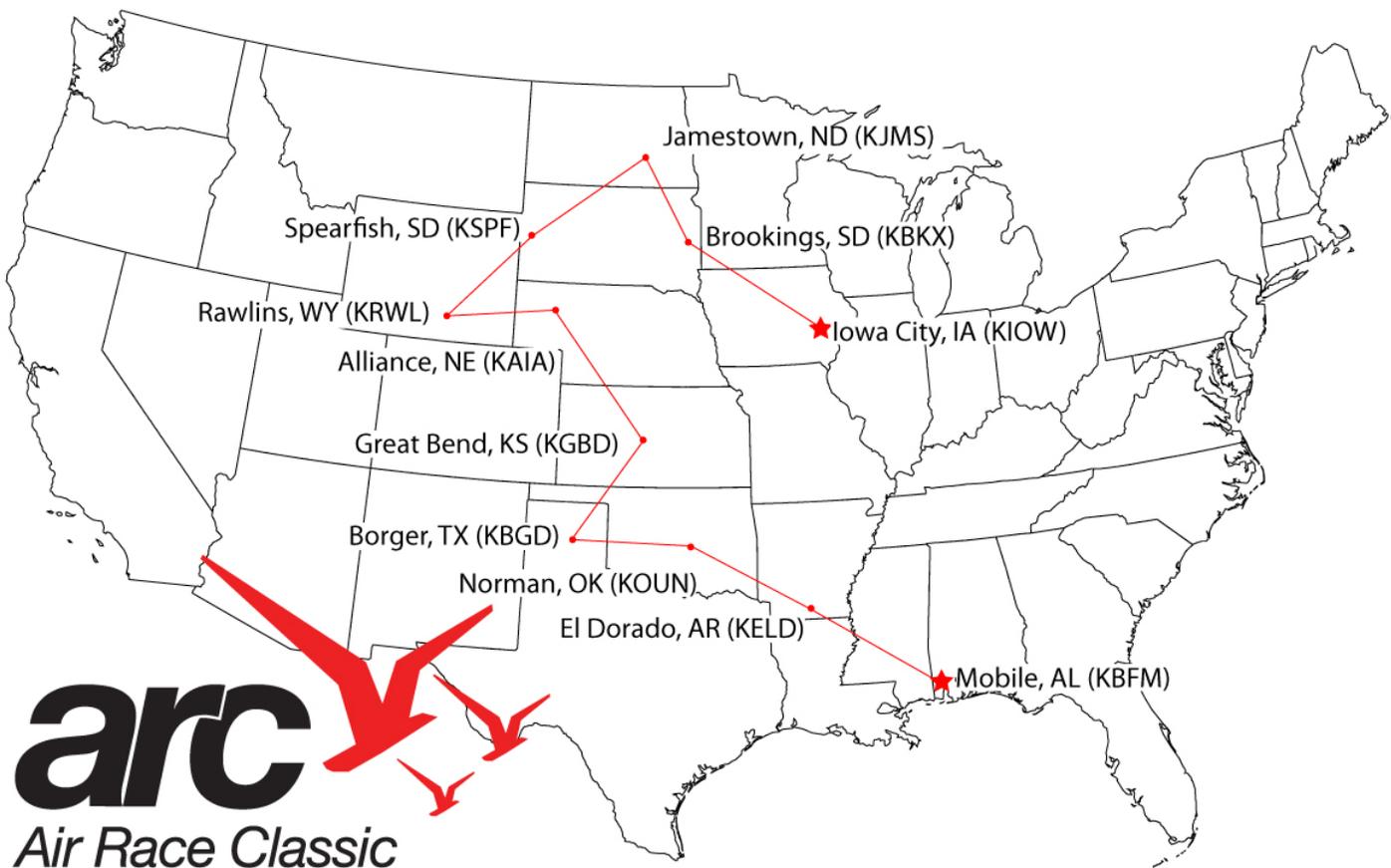
Racers will begin arriving in Iowa City on Thursday, June 16, 2011 up through noon on Saturday, June 18, 2011. As a participant in the last three races (2008-2010) starting from Bozeman MT, Denver CO and Ft. Myers FL, I cannot begin to convey what a great time the racers were treated to in each place. The welcome that was extended definitely took the edge off the tension of the race preparations and ensured that we all had time to kick back, relax, and get to know our hosts a bit...fond memories for sure.

Let's showcase Iowa and Iowa aviation. Our target is to host at least 50 race teams in 2011. Each must include a pilot and co-pilot, and some teams will include a passenger, oftentimes a student pilot. Many teams will also have family or friends accompanying them to the start site to participate in some of the race start events over the weekend. We hope that area aviation pilots and enthusiasts will join with the Iowa 99s to make this adventure a huge success. We'd love to have strong support from EAA Chapter 33. Perhaps the Chapter could sponsor the Friday night hangar party down in Iowa City to welcome the racers.

To learn more, visit the following web sites:

Air Race Classic, www.airraceclassic.org

Iowa 99s, www.iowa99s.org



Vinton Young Eagles

By Dan Meyer

Also see article in September issue of **Sport Aviation** page 116





Chapter Leadership – We can't survive without it.

As with all volunteer organizations, long term prosperity requires vision, direction and motivation . . . in a word, leadership. Chapter 33 is no different. The Board of Directors of Chapter 33 is seeking a Vice President and a new Treasurer to assist with the leadership of the chapter. If you would like to have a hand in keeping our chapter a vital player in the local general aviation arena, and provide vision to our future, contact Denny Hodge at 319-373-3465 or via email at denny-hodge@mchsi.com. If you know of a chapter member that has the "right stuff," nominate them by contacting Denny.

Editor's Video Picks of the Month

Wings of Russia - 12of18 - Amphibians. The Steel Albatross 3/5
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_YQ0M_yJ1Q&feature=related

Swiss Air Force
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pb4K10UUPq0>

The best emergency landing of a King Air
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohtoifa5bNM&feature=related>

Aerial Crop Dusting - Australia
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65KLN5gDHzi>

The Bill Kimble Scholarship Concert and Salute to Charles Wendt!!

When: Saturday, Sept. 25 at 6:00 PM

Where: Green Castle Aeroclub,

Who: Radoslav Lorkovic, Carey Bostian, Hannah Holman, Trisha Dunn, Josh and Anna Russell

This is a fundraiser to support our annual scholarship. Green Castle will not be serving any food this year but everyone is invited to bring a picnic dinner and beverages or to tailgate on the grounds before the concert. Please bring your friends, neighbors and relatives with you and lets make this another great event!

Amana Airport Construction

The Amana airport (C17) will be closing on September 7 for re-grading, renovation and reseed-ing. We hope to recover from the damage caused by the damage from the last three years of flooding and excess rain. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE RUNWAY during this time. The airport will likely not reopen until late April 2011. John Thompson, Thompson Aero, Inc. 319-622-3251

Last Meeting - Upon Silver Wings, Carol-Ann Garrett

Carol-Ann Garrett made a special stop in Iowa City following her speaking engagements at Airventure and, while there, took some time to provide a packed house at the Alexis Inn with a view into her Around the World flight – Dash for the Cure. With over 40 people looking on, Carol-Ann recounted the planning, the training and the actual trip.



Carol-Ann's flight and books she has written documenting the experience are intended to bring awareness to and raise money for ALS research. ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, is a muscular disease that affects adults characterized by the atrophy, or wasting away, of the body's muscle tissue. It is always fatal. After her presentation, Carol-Ann stayed and signed copies of her book for anyone that wanted. The books are \$20 each and ALL the money goes to ALS Research. Carol-Ann's presentation was FREE to the chapter and she even paid her own expenses while in town. The audience was good to her, purchasing 20 books during her stay. For more information on Carol-Ann and her experiences, check her website at: <http://www.alsworldflight.com/media.php>

Next Meeting – Young Eagles & Family Cookout

There will be a Young Eagle Rally at Marion Airport on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2010 from 9 AM till Noon. We will also have a Rain Date of Sunday, Sept. 19th from 1 PM till 4 PM. Please mark you calendar's. Please RSVP Connie White at 319-393-6484 if you can help out on the ground or in the air.

Also, following the Young Eagles at noon, we will be having a family cookout. The Chapter will supply burgers, brats and drinks. We ask everyone to bring a side dish or desert. Everyone is welcome even if you can't make the Young Eagles.



Chapter 33 Calendar

Sept 11 7-11am Fly-in / drive-in Air Show & Sky Diving Breakfast 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. Pilot in command free, Oelwein Municipal Airport,

Sept 11 7-11am Fly-in / drive-in, Fly-Ins eat FREE, Knoxville Municipal Airport

Sept 12 7-noon EAA Chapter 327 Fly-in / drive-In breakfast, Pilots in command eat free, Dubuque Regional Airport

Sept 12 7-11am Fly-in breakfast , Carroll Municipal Airport

Sept 18 9am-noon Young eagles & Family Cook Out to follow, Marion Airport

Sept 18 FLY IOWA 2010, "Celebrating 100 Years of Iowa Powered Flight" Burlington Regional Airport

Sept 19 7am-noon "Celebrating 100 Years of Iowa Powered Flight" Algona Rotary's Annual Flight Breakfast , Fly-in pilots free, Algona Municipal Airport

Sept 25 6pm Fly-in / drive-in concert Please call ahead if flying in 319-545-2101 (Rick Treiber) Green Castle Airport



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