

EAA Chapter 39 Rapid City, SD http://39.eaachapter.org



# **FLYBOY NEWS**





# The Prez Sez...

by Darrel Sauder

Volunteers showed up! i.e....Dan and Molly Benkert, Norma Kraemer, Jason, Becky, and Aspen Eatherton, Gary Telkamp, John Glasford, Patrick Ealy, and myself ....at the Hayward Air Rally premeeting on Thursday night, the 24th of July. Now knowing what to expect, we showed up again the next day when the 25 aircraft making up the rally landed at Rapid Regional. We all had a lot of fun, meeting, greeting, and getting to know the rally participants. We filled out official refueling forms, ran errands, and got to see a variety of aircraft, as well as getting an idea of how much work the planners of the rally go through.

Some of us attended the breakfast at the Ramada where Aspen received her official EAA Air Academy Scholarship Award. We gave several participants a ride to the airport.

Jason, Becky, and Aspen were the official rally aircraft launchers. Standing at the hold line, Aspen "dropped the flag" for each aircraft to start their takeoff run. Many of us attended the airport open house, held at one of West Jets big hangers and put together and hosted by our own Shawn Gab. Many aircraft were on display (including some of our members' planes) as well as fire truck demos. Pancakes and burgers were served by the Civil Air Patrol. Molly, Brenda, and Chuck Childs manned our EAA Chapter 39 table and entertained a myriad of questions.

Oshkosh....we expect to hear from those of you who attended at our next meeting. Aspen might be giving us a report on her experience at the EAA Air Academy.

Hope you are all enjoying our good flying weather. "If you are faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible." -Bob Hoover.

Don't forget to floss.



Good hangar talk and good food



Bruce game prepared to share his tale of woe.

### Mystery Plane of the Month



This attractive 3-place biplane that appeared in the late 1920's was an exceptional performer; strong, agile, even looking somewhat military pursuit-like in appearance.

July Mystery Airplane: The Alliance Argo A-1

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, July 8

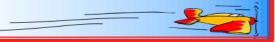
at Chapter 39 Clubhouse

### 6:00 Burger Burn

Please bring a salad, dessert, or munchies to share.

### 7:00 Meeting

Program: Oshkosh Show & Tell and "Buck" DeWeese, Delta Airlines Captain



### **Chapter 39**

### Officers

President Darrel Sauder Vice President Dan Benkert Secretary Gary Schroeder Milo Schindler Treasurer

#### Volunteers

Newsletter & Web Manager Molly Benkert Young Eagles Jerry Petersen

Brenda Nolan

Safety Officer Jerry Densmore

**Tech Advisor** Randy Daughenbaugh

### **Coming Up**

### Aug. 12 Young Eagles

9:00 at RAP

Call Jerry Petersen (348-1871) if you can help either as a pilot or on the ground crew.

Sept. 5-7 MAAC Grass Roots Fly-In in Brodhead,

Talk to Dan Benkert for more info

Sept. 26 Benkert's Annual Fly In Picnic at Dan's Airport (more info later)

Oct. Williamson/Telkamp Fly in at Spearfish

Airport



### **August Birthdays:**

Jerry Densmore—20<sup>th</sup> Charlie Summers - 21st

And a belated happy birthday to Scott Christiansen—July 2<sup>nd</sup>



Oops!

### TREASURER'S REPORT

by Milo Schindler

Balance brought forward. Oshkosh Treasurer in

..\$900.52

## **Secretary's Minutes**

By Gary Schroeder

- Meeting was held at the clubhouse
- •Burger burn in Rick's hanger
- Darrel called the meeting to order at 7:10
- •Minutes read and approved
- •Treasures report given, balance \$900.52 Rent paid
- Birthdays Gary T, Scott C, Chuck 94 and Grove 84

### **Old Business**

- Darrel thanked everyone who came the his fly-in
- •July fly-in will be in Wall
- •Young Eagles will be Aug 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM for the military leadership kids; Jerry requested help with ground crews and pilots.
- •Need member pictures for the clubhouse
- •Discussion about the Mustang I project. National approved the sale of the project as a fundraiser
- \*Volunteer to take to Oshkosh to sell parts No go
- \*Sealed bids This is a go! Milo need bids by next meeting
- \*Sell on Trade-a-plane No go

#### **New Business**

- •Discussion about the Hayward Air Rally and a request for volunteers for the arrival and departure on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
  - \*Open house Saturday 7:00 to 1:00
  - \*There will be a meeting at Pizza Ranch July 24 at 6:30 to prepare for the Hayward arrivals
  - \*Aspen Eatherton and her father Jason will be official timers for the race.
  - \*The open house including Shawn's plans and a list of volunteer positions that need to be filled (Pancakes (CAP), burger bun, Fire truck, bus tours, Young Eagles, Pilot promotion, static aircraft displays, talk to public, raffle for a plane ride, etc.)
- •Darrel read a letter from Mike Sterling, asking if anyone has a hanger that he could use/rent.
- •Angel Flight awareness Shawn answered question about the program and his experiences with the program.
- Craig G. invited everyone to join CAP
- •Kevin Hittle from RCRA operations department updated us about the construction project at the airport
  - \*Phase 1 localizer project complete phase 2 and 3 yet to come
  - \*Crack sealing on all runways is beginning
  - \*TWY B and A4 are closed for milling and repaving

### **Program**

Members shared stories including uncontrolled airports and weather related difficulties and misc. interesting flights.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM

#### **ROYAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM**

By Norma Kraemer

Over the Thanksgiving holiday I decided to explore London, England, and a little bit of the countryside (Stonehenge.) Since I am a museum junkie, much of the time spent in London was visiting all sorts of museums. Two museums featured airplanes, so this will cover the Royal Air Force Museum in northwest London. You can get there by using the Tube, although you need to make sure your Underground pass includes the farthest reaches of the Underground system. To get there you need to arrive at the Colindale station and then walk several blocks to the museum.

Entrance to the museum is free. It is one of the largest aviation museums in the world and they are smart enough to keep most of their airplanes out of the weather. In the pecking order of aviation museums, nothing that I have toured gives the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum a run for their money. The Royal Air Force museum sits on what was Britain's first military aerodrome, Hendon. It is no longer an active airport. It covers aircraft from before the Wright Brothers till today. It is heavily influenced by Britain's involvement in WWI and WWII. Also, to understand the British view of aviation you need to understand their view of their preeminence in the world. They are the "Royal Air Force," not the "Royal British Air Force" or the "Royal United Kingdom Air Force." Canada calls its Air Force the "Royal Canadian Air Force."

The first gallery to visit is called "Milestones of Flight." It is an expansive hall that includes aircraft from the British, Americans, French, and Germans. I think it curious that their guide book takes credit for the design of the American P-51 Mustang. That is a bit of stretch, I think. They rightfully can be proud of their Harrier.

The next gallery is Bomber Hall. They have a good restoration of a B-17 and B-24, along with British bombers from WWI to the present day. The whole building is a memorial to the 131,000 young men who gave their lives during WWII to save Britain from the Germans. This number includes British and Americans. They also have a really nice theater featuring the Dam Busters.



Milestones of Flight Gallery



Royal FE2b. It was a WWI fighter/bomber, anti-submarine aircraft

The third gallery is called Historic Hangars. This includes all sorts of aircraft, including seaplanes, autogiros, helicopters, fighters, jets, and the RAF overseas. Besides the gorgeous aircraft in this building they have a really nice restaurant. They had healthy offerings at reasonable prices. This building also has the gift shop that is really well done, picked up the Christmas tree ornament and a mug for the official souvenirs. In my touring in Britain, all the museums and cathedrals had restaurants. I suspect that is how they help finance their upkeep caused by the crush of tourists.

The fourth gallery is called Battle of Britain Hall. This covers British aviation from 1939 until the United States entered WWII. It is a glowing tribute to the tenacity of the British to defend themselves from the superior numbers of the German Luftwaffe. They have a really gorgeous Short Sunderland on display, a seaplane that could patrol for 12 hours looking for submarines, bombing them, and rescuing people at sea.

The last gallery the museum has is the Grahame-White Hangar and Watch Office.

Unfortunately, it was closed so I could not see the first British aircraft factory and the WWI planes it houses. Guess I will have to go back again someday. In your planning make sure give yourself more than a half day for this museum even with the one gallery closed



Historic Hangar – Avro 'Rota' a version of the Cierva C30 Autogiro designed by Juan de la Cierva of Spain in the late 1930s.



Grahame-White Hangar - first aircraft factory in Britain

Complete Mustang 1 fuselage kit (does not include finish kit or firewall forward)

Included in this kit:
Rivet Gun (1)
Numerous bucking bars
Rivet set
Hand squeezer (new)
Dimple Die Sets
Clecos and pliers
Numerous Clamps
90 degree angle drill attachment

Drill Bits
4x4 Wheels and brakes
All Rivets needed to complete

Inspection of these items will be at Milo's hangar at the July Burger Burn, prior to 6 PM.
Bidding is by sealed bids.

I will accept the bids until the August meeting.
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