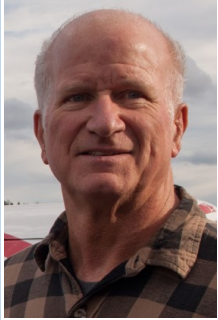




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Around the Patch: Our last meeting was a Pizza Night with Mark and Janice making sure that no one went home hungry!

by Steve Kame

Our little group got information out about our upcoming fly-in and the many fly-outs that are coming up. Activity Director, Kevin, is doing a great job in giving us all a reason and many, many, places to fly out to. Coming up really quick on May 18th is the STEM (STEAM) event at our very own UCC Campus. It's designed to help stimulate young minds and to let them know that they are capable of much more than they can ever imagine. Pres. George and Board Director Paul still need some more volunteers to help at this annual event.

I'm very glad that everybody wore their name tags as it makes it easier for visitors to talk to us when they can see a name. Speaking of visitors, our group was visited by Haley, Dustin, and their daughter, Young Eagle Justice. Haley has quite the story about what Justice got her grandmother to agree to after her Young Eagle flight! I gave a "thumbnail" presentation on the Ten Thousand Dollar Ray Foundation Aviation Scholarship. It's a lot of work to get it, and some restrictions on how it's used, but it's a whole potful of money!!!

As an experienced TV watcher, for my vote, I think that Vice President Tal and Activity Director Kevin deserve at least an Oscar or an Emmy or some such for the cinematic treat that they premiered at our get together. Their video will make it much easier to get into the Akins airstrip (17OR) for their fly-in/ pot luck/ bar-b-que towards the end of June. Hopefully, I'll be able to get the fuel stain on our Rebel fixed so as to be able to fly in, as is proper. Somebody told me to just paint the underside of the wings blue. Hmmmmm. Otherwise I'll have to drive in. (UGH) Either way, I'll have my trusty chain saw there to buzz up some wood. They plan to do a couple more videos for some of the other strips in our area and put them on our chapter website.

Good Job guys! I'm getting so far behind in my stuff. I HAD planned to write up an article on my vortex generators, then do an article on my ADS-B in/out that I would install during the annual, however, things don't always go as I plan them ☺. Such is life! Good thing that I'm retired ☺.

The Cottage Grove EAA chapter is planning a Young Eagles rally on July 6th and asked Vice President Tal if 495 could help. We of course said "Yes" and so I'll be taking a 172 up to give a hand. My wife and I have a prior commitment for next meeting, but I'm sure that our officers and directors will do a great job without me. Board director at large-- Steve

DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE ON JULY 20, 1969?

Apollo XI landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. This year will be the 50th anniversary of that historic event. I'm thinking it might be of interest to our members if we could hear from those of us who remember that event. Where we were, what we were doing and any other memories we might have of man's first landing on an extraterrestrial body. So if you would take a few minutes and put your memories down on paper we will publish your story, unedited, in the July issue of the newsletter. All members, family and friends are invited. Please email your submissions to me at joe@joemessinger.com.

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B&B Productions premier their first video

If you are planning on flying in to the Chris Akin BBQ and campout it would be wise to start out by taking a look at the video 495 members Kevin Bruton and Tal Botner have produced and posted on YouTube. Click on the link below to view the approach. Both Kevin and Tal have offered to take anybody on a demonstration ride so if this is of interest to you please contact one of them and make arrangements for a ride. You might also want to get together with your favorite CFI and make a couple landings in your own airplane. Probably best let Chris know you're coming first. The event will be held June 29 and 30. Look for the guys along the side of the runway scoring landings.

https://youtu.be/g851Ywd_D7I

Northrup N9MB flying wing crashes killing pilot

By: Joe Messinger

Late last month experimental aviation lost a treasure and a fellow pilot when the Northrup N9MB, flying wing, crashed in the exercise yard of the state prison in Norco killing the Pilot, David Vopat.

When I was living in Southern California, Claremont, to be exact I flew out of Cable airport (KRBG) in nearby Upland as a member of the Foothill Flying Club. Being near Chino airport (KCNO), I would often visit the Planes of Fame Museum and enjoy their annual air show. It



was mostly heavy military aircraft and aerobatics. One year they had Aluminum Overcast and Sentimental Journey in the air in formation escorted by eight or ten P-51s. But one of my favorites was the N9MB Northrup flying wing seen above with yours truly.

The "Wing" was restored by the Planes of Fame Museum starting in 1981, and completed its test flying in 1996. It was one of four third-scale prototypes built by Northrup in the 1940s to test design concepts that would eventually yield the B-35 flying-wing bomber. The B-2 Spirit bomber also traces its lineage to the N9MB. It was powered by two 300-HP Franklin eight-cylinder engines buried in the wing. Twin pusher props pushed it through the air and it had advanced flying-wing features like leading-edge slots.

According to the Planes of Fame website, "The primary mission of the N9Ms was to provide flight test information from which the maneuverability, controllability and performance of the XB-35 could be predicted. Now days they use computers. It was flown at Muroc Army Airfield (later Edwards Air Force Base) by well-known pilots including Robert Cardenas, Russ Schlee, John Myers, and Bob Hoover."

The N9MB crashed shortly after takeoff from the Chino airport on Monday, April 22, killing the pilot. This N9MB, the last remaining flying-wing, third-scale prototype used to develop the B-35, was being flown in preparation for the upcoming Chino Air Show.

Our Newsletter will soon have a real identity

At our last meeting we really got serious about naming this newsletter. We had 36 possible names to pick from, which were thought up by your newsletter editor and several chapter members. One additional name was written in by an unknown member. After tallying the results the committee (of one) decided that the finalists would be those names that garnered five or more votes. Only six possible names failed to get even one vote. We will make the final selection at the next meeting and you must be present to vote. Sorry, no absentee or early voting here folks, we aren't the state of Oregon.

The six names that made the final cut are, in alphabetical order: 495 AV8R (a play on words), Flying Times, Plane Talk, The Wingman, Wings of Roseburg, and The Wright Stuff. Members will be asked to vote for two of the names and the one receiving the most votes will appear on the masthead of the July newsletter (I hope).

If you have a favorite you can start lobbying your friends at the first of the year EAA 495 First Saturday Breakfast at Felt Field on Saturday, May 4 beginning at 8:00 am.

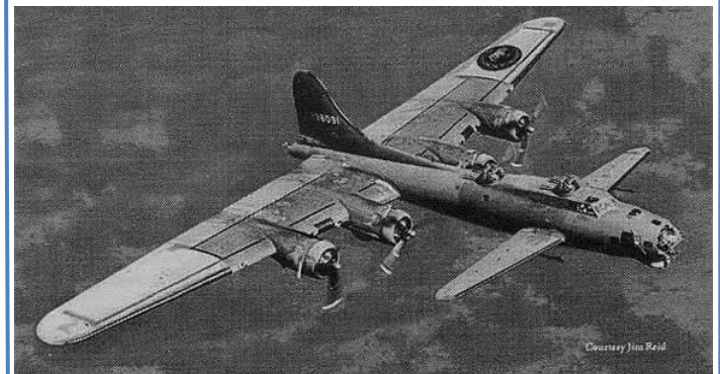
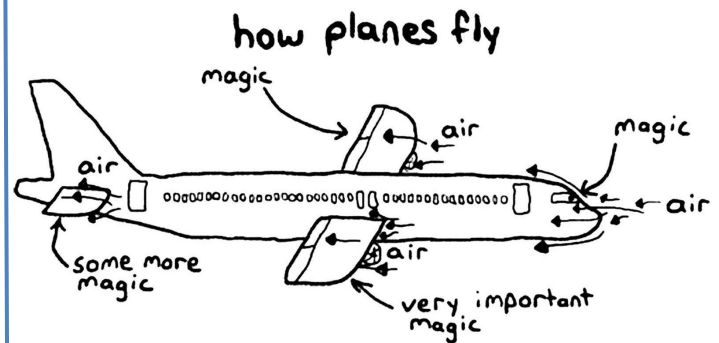
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If you are in the market for some **SuperFlite** aircraft paint, 495 friend Greg Marron down in the Jacksonville-Central Point area is selling some at a reasonable price. He is asking \$1,000 for the lot. Greg, a first time builder, tells me he took delivery in April of this year and when he opened a can he realized the fumes would be just too much for renters living above his shop to tolerate. He is switching to the Stewart System, a water base paint with little or no odor. For more information contact Greg at: jbdriill@msn.com.

- 1 gallon insignia white
- 3 quarts insignia white
- 1 quart fedX purple
- 2 gallons of primer base
- 4 pints of primer catalyst
- 2 quarts of topcoat catalyst
- 1 pint of topcoat accelerator
- 2 gallons of cool temp reducer
- Manual & CD instructions
- Invoice (\$1617)

JUST FOR GRINS



If aircraft designer, Burt Rutan, had been called upon to design the Boeing B17 it might have looked something like this.

Got a good aviation joke or a funny picture of an airplane? Send it in. We may just use it.

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