



Prop Wash

Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 517 December 2003

President's Message

NOVEMBER MEETING:

For those of you who were not in attendance at the November meeting, the slate of officers submitted in October, was elected for the 2004/2005 term.

The Treasurer's Report was absolutely fantastic. Even with the cost of the hangar, mortgage, utilities, and improvements, we ended up with more money at the end of the year than at the start of the year. Congratulations, your work at the breakfasts and other fund raising is making a difference to our Chapter financially. Let's not get too comfortable, though, because our costs for the hangar will increase in October 2004 when we start paying on our second mortgage.

While I'm talking about the Treasurer, **Zane** has served with distinction in this position since I joined the Chapter. We all owe **Zane** a thank you for his effort, particularly through the last couple of years with the major changes that have taken place in the Chapter operations. He won't be disappearing though. He will stay active supporting the Chapter in other ways as he works to get his glider completed. **THANK YOU, ZANE!**

Paper Airplane Fly-In is a concept that has been embraced by the members present at the November meeting. We will work with the Stevensville Main Street Association, Western Montana Aviation, and possibly a couple of other groups to assure that this event is a success. The plan is to hold this event in April.

"Flight is romance—not in the sense of sexual attraction, but as an experience that enriches life."

Stephen Coonts, The Cannibal Queen

NEW PILOT! Nathan "Nate" Hall has successfully completed the requirements to become a Certificated Private Pilot. He completed his check ride on Sunday, November 30, 2003. **Nate's** next goals are to get his tail wheel and high performance endorsements. Congratulations, **Nate!**

"Flyers have a sense of adventures yet to come, instead of dimly recalling adventures of long ago as the only moments in which they truly lived."

Richard Bach, A Gift of Wings

EAA 517 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Plans are on track for our December 17 celebration at the Double Tree in Missoula. Please get your ticket orders in no later than Thursday, December 11, 2003. Also, please invite your friends. We need to give the hotel a final count for meals on December 12, 2003.

In addition to the items previously identified for the door prizes and auction, we've added four constant speed prop blades, one banded up fixed pitch prop, headset cases, and an electronic E-6B.

Just a reminder to non-members receiving this newsletter. This is not a members only event! Everyone that wishes to come is welcome. Groups may buy tickets individually for \$30.00, or purchase a table that seats 12 for \$300.00. Contact any of the Chapter officers for tickets.

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“For a plane to fly well, it must be beautiful.”

Marcel Dassault

CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL BY FLYING! If you're one of the lucky 35,000 who have a ticket for the December 17 Centennial of Flight Celebration at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, your day is set. But what about the rest of us? How can each of us, as EAA members and Chapters, mark this grand event? One of the best things you can do to honor what Orville and Wilbur accomplished in 1903 is get in your aircraft and fly! Fly a Young Eagle, fly a friend, or fly alone...just FLY! If you do, EAA would love to hear about it. We've set up a special email address, EAAFirstFlightDay@eaa.org, where you can send a brief report and/or digital photo describing your special flight. These personal accounts will be collected and presented on a special page on the national EAA website.

“Defly they opened the brain of a child, and it was full of flying dreams.”

Stanley Kunitz, My Surgeons

FORMATION FLYING PILOT TRAINING:

We will be conducting training for any pilot interested in learning how to safely participate in formation flying. In the future we hope to participate in many public events in the area by having a Chapter formation flyby to increase the public's awareness of EAA Chapter 517. I anticipate flybys during parades, outdoor sporting events, and at air shows or fly-ins. This should be a fun activity as well as an excellent public relations tool for the Chapter. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

“I have often said that the lure of flying is the lure of beauty. That the reasons flyers fly, whether they know it or not, is the aesthetic appeal of flying.”

Amelia Earhart

2004 BREAKFASTS:

One of our efforts for 2004 is to invite the aircraft owners that hangar aircraft at the Stevensville Airport to roll them out on the Saturday we hold our monthly breakfast. This will make one Saturday a month a mini-airport day. This informal event will help raise public awareness of sport and private aviation as well as generate more people for our breakfast. The breakfasts have been extremely successful and have generated a positive cash flow for the Chapter, which helps pay for the hangar. The pancake breakfasts are not only fun, but profitable.

Another change for 2004 is that we will specifically invite aircraft owners in western Montana to each of our monthly breakfast based on a theme. One month we may target Cessna owners; another month we may target short wing Pipers, biplanes, classics, tail wheels, homebuilts, balloons, ultra-lights, and so on. This will help make these Saturdays more interesting to all who participate.

“To most people, the sky is the limit. To those who love aviation, the sky is home.”

Anonymous

DUES NOTICES AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Not doubt you noticed that we sent out dues notices this year. This has been done to get better control of our membership list, so we don't miss anyone or double bill. I've been pleased with the fact that some of our members have taken the opportunity to donate above and beyond their dues. **Thank you!** Please pay your 2004 (and 2005, if you'd like) as soon as possible. Membership cards will be sent in January.

Based on the comparison I completed last weekend, between our records and the national EAA records we have 42 members and 29 sponsors. (Sponsors are members that do not hold membership in the national EAA.) That means we have 71 people that are supporting our Chapter's efforts. I remember a time not too long ago when we had a hard time showing 15 members.

“There is no flying without wings.”

French proverb

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF POWERED FLIGHT

Join EAA Chapter 517 for a once in a lifetime Birthday Party



An evening not to be missed...

Hear the story of flight by “Wilbur Wright” himself!

Live music provided by the *Centennial Fiddlers*

Hangar Flying (meet Board Members; View Aviation Videos)

Wine Auction featuring *Chandelle Wines*

Aviation Art Auction

Silent Auction featuring Aviation Items

Photo Opportunity with “Wilbur Wright” *

Dinner

Door Prizes

Where: Doubletree Hotel - Missoula

When: December 17th, 2003

Festivities Begin: 4pm

Silent Auction & Photo Opportunity: 4pm – 6pm

No Host Cocktail Hour: 6pm – 7pm

Dinner: 7pm – 8pm

Guest Speaker: 8pm

Live Auction Starts Immediately Following Guest Speaker

Cost: \$30.00 per person

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**Photos may be purchased at an additional cost not included in ticket price.*

Calendar 2003

December 17 - Wednesday Christmas Party
- 100 Years of Powered Flight

Next Meeting: 19:00 Monday, Jan. 19th
MSO Conference Room
Next Breakfast: 0800 -1100, Saturday,
January 24th



For Sale: 1948 Stinson 108-3 Station Wagon. 165hp Franklin, 1600 hrs total time airframe and engine. Engine cylinders removed for inspection, crank is standard (not turned .010 or .020), Metal prop, all accessories. Crankcase and some accessories still mounted to airframe. Cover removed from fuselage for inspection and replacement, wings still covered, but fuel tanks removed for inspection. No apparent damage history.

Aircraft was running but out of license when first inspected, disassembled partially by former owner before my purchase. Aircraft is complete, and has a number of little original details besides the N-number.

I've been flying a 108-1 for the last 15 years (MSO included) and couldn't let this one die a death of being cannibalized, but am now starting an old SM8A Stinson straight wing project and there's no room to hangar the plane \$6800 e-mail: abelav8r@aol.com or call evenings 509-927-2698. Bill Abel - Spokane

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