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SEPTEMBER GATHERING

DATE: 9-13-99

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Arrive any time after 6:45 pm

LOCATION: Osceola, WI. Airport.

Yes, Location Change
for September gathering.

PROGRAM: Powersport Engines, Engine Demonstrations and Production Plant Tour.

Speaker: Ray Richardson, Jr.

Some chapter members may remember that Powersport set up a display at Lake Elmo Airport Aviation Day in 1998. This year you may have visited their booth at AirVenture. Again in 99 Powersport had a display and an engine at the 54 Fly-In breakfast. This year as the weather permitted they ran the engine on its test stand. Looks good, sounds great.

Having the opportunity to tour the plant and hear their story should be a big plus.

Visitors welcome

This also just might be a good evening for a short cross country flight. Don't forget, it will be dark for the return flight.

The Nominating Committee, Chaired by P.P. Dale Rupp will present the ballot for the October elections.

Coffee & ??? will be served along with a liberal amount of ----- (talk).

Address Label

Take a good look at this months label. Notice any change?

Top right corner now shows the date your next dues payment is due.

Members were confused by the previous LPD (Last Paid Date) indication.

If all goes well, hard to depend on the editor, there will be an envelope included with your newsletter if your dues are due. Please use this envelope for making your payment. The envelope will have the proper mailing address for mailing your dues payment to the Treas.

In the recent past not only has there been confusion on the LPD but also who to send the payment to. It simplifies everything if it goes to the Treasurer. Having an envelope with the proper address should help things work smoothly.

Last report from Treasurer, J.T. he has returned from his fishing trip in Canada. So he should be at the September gathering.

Where will the gathering take place? **Osceola WI.**

Pot Luck Revived

Friday August 13, 1999 was the second of the revived Pot Luck's. Reports indicate that number of people has increased. As has the quantity of food. Lots of that good healthy chocolate stuff, also.

September 17 will be the next one. Mark your calendar now 6:00 p.m. at the chapter house. For information call Rae Kupferschmidt, chief organizer of this project. Rae can be reached at 651-777-9257. This is a rain or shine event.

Important September Dates

11 Paul Anderson, cochair of the 99 Fly-in has called a meeting of the committee, others welcome, to critic the event. 9:00 a.m. Chapter House.

13 Monthly gathering Osceola, WI to tour the Powersport plant.

18 Young Eagles coordinator Al Kupferschmidt needs volunteer pilots and ground crew. Call Al for details.

Congratulation

Phil & Betty Funk win Grand Champion Plans Built award at AirVenture '99 with their Mustang II. Phil & Betty fly this beauty out of Airtake and are members of EAA Chapter 25.

Watch for N9PE around the the area.

Willie: "Did Edison make the first talking machine, pa?"

Pa: "No, son. God made the first one, but Edison made the first one that could be shut off."

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LAKE ELMO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION

Jerry Sarracco, President

MAC maintenance has requested we not leave our oil containers in the dump station. It might be off airport people, but if it is us, lets help keep the area clean.

If you have not made a decision on how you feel about the airport tax relief issue, contact Dave Fiebiger with your comments and concerns, 651-738-0921. His next meeting is September 9, 1999 and he is going to turn in the money at that time.

The repair of cracks on the north side taxi ways is underway. The progress seems slow. When I questioned the progress, I was told the rain has made it difficult.

If you know someone who is not a member of LEAA encourage them to join. Remember together we are stronger. Fly safe.

CHAPTER HOUSE

Every month things seem more and more comfortable back at 21D. Slowly but surely kinks get worked out. Have to keep reminding ourselves not to get to comfortable. Ed Mayer still has the facility for sale.

Ed has been requested to furnish the chapter with the tax and lease cost for the building. Just to get an idea for the members of what such a location costs as we search around for a permanent home.

Having a location for all chapter meetings and activities is a great big plus. The monthly gatherings, semi-monthly board meetings, once a month Friday evening pot-lucks, Young Eagle flight gathering place. Makes everything simpler.

As the chapter expands the Young Eagle and Flying Start programs the space is very handy. Future program expansion with the Vision of Eagles program, and, and, and, all make a permanent home more important.

Another opportunity that will require space is a chapter project. At this time exactly what the project will be and the amount of work and space required has not been evaluated.

All Success is
preceded by failure.

On the Go

by Dick Wicklund

The August gathering evening started out well for the president and went down hill from there. Made it to the 54 house on time. Did some visiting. Then the cell phone rang. Wife received word her 96+ aunt had fallen and broken her hip. What do we do. Go to the hospital or stay home.

Second phone call was we go. Thanks V.P. Al and P.P. Dale for stepping in at the last minute.

Slowly things are starting to look up for the aunt. Now to get back on some sort of a schedule.

August also found the pres. again owner of "Little Bird" the C-150 he sold last fall. Went out to the hangar the other day to get reacquainted. Had a difficult time finding the hangar. Guess MAC has decided to let the grass grow and sell it to local farmers. Either that or the mower has been stolen.

Finally did locate the hangar and the door. Got the bird out and went sky ward. Managed to find the runway after each take off. Made multiple landings from each approach. Nothing has changed.

Sounds like the building bug has hit a few members. Paul Liedl recently received a large crate from Montana. Paul can now take inventory and begin to assemble his Kitfox Outback. The fun begins.

During Oshkosh Dan Parker had his wife sitting in an RV-9. Have not heard if she has had him injected with some anti-RV medicine or not.

Apparently the same bug has gotten at P.P. Dale. Heard him talking about some plans and work space. Might an RV-6 be in his future.

Great to have some building action in the chapter. Hangars to visit.

While visiting with other EAA members at the Oshkosh Chapter House I learned that most Saturday mornings there is an informal gathering of pilots at the restaurant at Bong Field, Superior, WI. Large crowd must mean lots of hangar flying.

For those members that were at AirVenture 99 you missed out if you did not take the opportunity to check in at the EAA Chapter House. Cool water, shade and friendly people that supplied interesting conversation.

E-Mail For Members and Web Page

E-mail

Last months newsletter included the e-mail address for some members. The following are additions to the list:

Wayne Asp Wayne_asp@hp.com

Harold Hempler

Hoppy@sprintmail.com

Scott Hutchinson

SHUTCH@LRDATA.com

I am sure there will be more in future newsletters.

Web page

Web Page is developing. Scott Olson - Chair, Lee Witson, Nick Stolley and Bob Waldron have been moving forward on the project.

At the present time two different test sites are available for review.

1. www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Station/3277/

2. www.isd.net/mmmmpc728/

Number two is the location where Bob Waldron normally has the Fairchild Web Page. Don't be surprised if Bob has converted it back to Fairchild stuff. Regardless it is worth checking out.

Minnesota State Fair

For those of you that attended, plan on attending, there was attraction that you hopefully did not, will not, miss

At the MN/DOT Aeronautics tent area there is a shiny biplane. Looks much like Bill Schanks. In fact it is Bill Schanks airplane.

Ray Rought, Director of the Office of Aeronautics, ask Bill if he would be willing to have his home-built on display. Bill agreed. Then he got nervous. Bill recently commented he has been at the fair this year more times than the total number in the last 20 years. Might he still be nervous.

Important Message from Headquarters

**EAA headquarters e-mailed :
IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

The concern is the proposal before the DOT from the FAA and the National Park Service regarding changing the fly over rules for Grand Canyon. Major concern is that this is just a foot in the door. As the message is many pages long drop by the chapter house the evening of 9-1 and read it. Board meets at 7:30 p.m.

I have forwarded this message to those members that have e-mail address on file. (A couple were returned.)

If have internet, e-mail, access you can get the full text of the proposal at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html and clicking on proposed rules. Search on 07/09/99 and page 37295. The Docket No. is FAA-99-5926, Modification of the Dimensions of the GCNP Special Rules Area and Free Flight Zones.

Responses must be received by DOT by 9-7-99.

FOR SALE

Aircraft instruments: gyro's, turn coordinator, altimeter, EGT/CHT & more.
Narco NAV-122, GSC 3 bladed prog (ground adjustable, 180 hp Lycoming,) SMOH. Call Doug. (H) 651-768-9319 or (W)651-582-7807.

1971 Spezio Tuholer, canopy/open cockpit, Lyc. O-290-G, 1125 hrs. TTAE, 240 STOH, new fabric 1997, oil cooler, mode C, heater, aux. fuel, \$17,500 or trade for Wittman Tailwind. Dan Bergstrom, 651-777-2680.

Cont. O-200, 100 SMOH w/logs, \$5,500.00 OBO. Chester Ellingson 651-423-1452

Lyc. O-235C - 115HP. TT 2930,) SMOH, w/Loggs, no accessories. John Curry 612-469-2910.

WANTED

RV-6A, Guy Benson, 612-938-5037 or 612-202-5933.

Advice. Purchased kit plane project with a Rotax 912. Seeking advice on oil, gas, break-in method to use. Also, advice on fabric wings, clear coat? UV protection? Will be looking for seaplane instruction. Charles Meacham 651-784-3375 or rosemacem@aol.com

How to Kill an Organization

By Dick Wicklund, President

Today everyone is busy. At times we all feel that we are just too darn busy. Recently many members have received a telephone call from P.P. Dale Rupp chairs the Nominating Committee for Chapter 54. The goal of the committee was to fill every slot on the ballot with two names. To accomplish this goal would take 16 names. It was soon determined to be a dream. Lets settle for only 8 with nominations from the floor to be accepted for additional candidates.

A recent comment made by my wife, Jane, brought the following forward. It contains a message for us all and thus the heading of this article.

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend the committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.

9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.

10. Don't bother about getting new members, "Let George do it!"

Does this sound familiar. It does to me. I am sure parts of it sound familiar to Dale.

The interesting thing is that is copied from a 1929 issue of the Alumna of the nursing school at St Johns Hospital, St. Paul, MN.

What has changed in the past 70 years.

The ballot for the October election should be interesting. There are some of the new chapter members that have agreed to run. Or is it they didn't run when Dale called.

By the way the October gathering should be a standing room only situation. Not that every month should not be.

See you at Osceola in September. Back at the Chapter House in October.

Sport Aviation Magazine

Decided that saving these valuable magazines is just getting out of control. Don't dump them. Make use of them.

Have a Young Eagle flight scheduled. As a parting gift give the new EAGLE your latest, spare, copy of Sport Aviation.

Helping out at the next Flying Start program. Bring along that excess copy of Sport Aviation. Give it to one of the participants.

How about your Doctor or Dentist. Lots of old magazines in the waiting room. Any Sport Aviation Drop yours off.

Have other ideas. Submit them to the newsletter editor.

