



# SPEED'S NEWS



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## PIETENPOL TO BE ENSHRINED IN HALL OF FAME

Chapter 54 members are invited to attend the Second Annual Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Banquet scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 1991 at the Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington.

Social hour begins at 5:00pm and dinner is at 6:30pm.

Sherm Booen will be the emcee and the six Minnesota aviation pioneers being inducted will feature Bernard Pietenpol, as well as Larry Hammond, John Akerman, Mal Freeburg, Clarence Hinck and Gustav Imm. Following the banquet dinner and induction ceremony, there will be a guest speaker, Doc Blakely. Next of kin are expected to be in the audience from the families of the inductees. Gus Imm will be there in person. The dinner will also be a regular meeting of the OX-5 Club and the Minnesota Lindbergh Associates, so there will be plenty of old-timers and historians there.

Banquet is \$25 per person. Send your name, address, and fee to Judy Meyers, Minnesota Aviation Symposium, Office of Aeronautics, 644 Bayfield St., St. Paul, MN 55107-1006.

## ST. CROIX RIVIERA AIRPORT THREATENED WITH CLOSURE

Ed Thompson reported at the March meeting that neighbors of the St. Croix Riviera Airport are pressuring Wisconsin DNR officials to shut it down. This small grass landing strip is located along the St. Croix River in Wisconsin, across from Afton Alps Ski Area.

The neighbors are saying it should be closed because of its proximity to the St. Croix River, which is a federally designated Wild and Scenic River. Ordinarily, the airport would be allowed to remain because of the grandfather clause. However, its regular use as an airport is being disputed. Ed, therefore, needs to document fairly constant use throughout the years. If you have ever landed or did a touch and go at this airport (or even thought about it) please write a letter to Ed indicating your use of this strip, how often and when. Mail to: Ed Thompson, P.O. Box 862, Lake Elmo, MN 55042.

21st ANNUAL BANQUET ENJOYED BY ALL WHO CAME

Hafner's Restaurant in St. Paul served as the locale this year for the Chapter Banquet. Our thanks to EAA Education Director and former Chapter 54 President, Chuck Larson for graciously accepting the speaker duties. Chuck spoke of his Chapter 54 days with evident fondness, recalling all the enduring friendships he made. He filled us in on some things happening at headquarters. He told us to expect an extra heavy military representation at the Oshkosh Convention this year.

WORK PARTY

Chapter 54's Oshkosh Work Party is set for May 3, 4, 5, 1991. Please sign up to attend, if you have not already done so.

VIDEOS ORDERED

Chapter 54 will soon have two new additions to our video library. At the March meeting it was decided to order the EAA's instructional tapes on "Woodworking," and "Composites."

NEXT MEETING

Next chapter meeting is Monday, April 8, 7:30 pm at Lake Elmo Airport.