



# SPEED'S NEWS



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Dear Chapter 54 Members and Friends:

OSHKOSH '84 has become a memory. What a way to spend a long weekend! There are just the pictures left, and the warm fuzzies from seeing old and new friends under the blue skies of Wisconsin. There were the meanderings on the flight line, there was the 25th Anniversary Party for Jim and Sandie Olson, there were forums, and there was the Voyager. Here are the official statistics: early estimates indicate that over 700,000 enthusiasts visited the convention site. Approximately 14,000 aircraft flew in during the 8-day celebration. A total of 1,592 show aircraft were registered, and 1,269 visitors from 63 different countries checked in at the International Pavilion. Over 40,000 EAA campers utilized the grounds. The control tower logged 50,000 aircraft movements during Oshkosh '84. There were over 350 forums, seminars and workshops, and more than 400 commercial exhibitors. Over 700 members of the press corps covered the convention.

HERE AND NOW: October is election month for our chapter. You will recall (even if you can't find it) that the July newsletter gave you the news of Mike Fox's resignation. Now here is something for you to think about: everyone in this chapter is a potential President. You are all knowledgeable, literate people and have a great contribution to make to Chapter 54: your enthusiasm for what has been accomplished, and that which is still left to do. Don't even be shy! If no one nominates you, then volunteer. Think of all the people you have yet to meet! Be there for more discussion at the meeting where nominations are being accepted.....September 10.

Our chapter picnic on August 19th was a huge success. The weather was gorgeous, we had a good turnout, there lots of flyers, and there were lots of kids. Things were a little thin in the kite department; but big cheers are in order for Ron Wattleon's brownies ----- he brought the prize winners! Huzzah!

Rosemary has ordered 100 calendars for you to purchase, give as presents for all occasions or peddle to your friends and acquaintances. They will sell for \$4.00 each again this year, and will hopefully be here by the October meeting.

Prior to the official beginning of EAA Oshkosh '84, two important dedications took place in Oshkosh. The first was the dedication and premiere of the new Carnauba Expedition Exhibit in the EAA Aviation Center Air Museum. The exhibit, which features a full size Sikorsky S-38 Amphibion was supported by the Johnson Wax Company (with the engine painted beautifully by our own Rosemary Frank.) Pioneer Airport was also dedicated prior to the convention. Dale Crites of Waukesha, WI, flying his 1911 Curtiss Pusher was the first pilot to inaugurate this new addition to the Aviation Center. Donald Engen dedicated the Black Wings exhibit in the museum. The dedication was attended by about 30 of the black pilots who were either instrumental in assembling the exhibit or who were depicted in it. Also, the Boeing Aeronautical Library was dedicated during the convention.

One of the highlights of '84 was the arrival on Sunday, July 29th of the Voyager. It was the first public exhibition of the unique aircraft. Thousands of EAA members warmly welcomed the Voyager and its crew. During the week, pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager made several flight demonstrations for the enthusiastic and awed crowds. During a press conference, the crew and designer Burt Rutan discussed their plans for the aircraft and its ultimate goal of circling the globe non-stop, non-refueled. They noted that the Voyager was designed and constructed without governmental or corporate financial support. Paul and Audrey Poberezny made a private contribution to the Voyager fund and encouraged other EAA members to follow suit. Anyone interested in supporting the Voyager program may contact Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan at 805-824-4790.

While wandering on the flight line, did you wonder about the "ultra-light type" that had Chuck Yeager's name on it? I did, and now I know why. Larry Newman of American Aircraft and demonstration pilot, General Chuck Yeager, displayed a 2-place amateur built Falcon, based on American Aircraft's ultralight design. The Falcon was the focus of attention for many aviation enthusiasts seeking easy to construct, inexpensive, light weight aircraft.



**EAA AIR ACADEMY** — The 30 students of the First Annual EAA Academy were also a focus of attention as they participated in EAA Oshkosh '84. The young people (aged 15-17) came to Oshkosh from across the country and three foreign nations to study the skills, science and lore of aviation for three weeks at the EAA Aviation Center. Prior to their graduation ceremonies during the convention, the Air Academy participants had also substantially completed the construction of a Moni sport plane donated to the program by Monnett Experimental Aircraft Inc. and equipped with a KFM 107 E engine donated by KFM.

For information about EAA Air Academy '85 contact Chuck Larsen, EAA Education Director at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh.

**EAA RECEIVES AUTO FUEL STC'S** — On Saturday, July 28th, during his Theatre in the Woods program, Federal Aviation Administrator Donald Engen presented EAA's President Paul Poberezny and EAA's Technical Director Harry Zeisloft with FAA Auto Fuel Supplemental Type Certificates for the Avco Lycoming O-320 A, C and E engines, and a wide variety of aircraft including the Piper PA-28-140, -150 and -151, the Cessna 172 I, K, L, M, Beechcraft Bonanza 35, A-35, B-35, C-35, D-35, E-35, F-35, G-35, 35R and all Ercoupe's including those constructed under Alon, Mooney, Ercu, Forney and Univair license. Prior to the Administrator's presentation, the EAA Aviation Foundation had already obtained FAA Auto Fuel STC's for 164 different aircraft models.

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