



SPEED'S NEWS



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CHAPTER BANQUET

Our chapter banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, February 16. Rosemary Frank will check out several potential locales for us and report her findings at the December meeting. If you have any ideas for a guest speaker, we would like to hear from you.

SPORT AVIATION CONFERENCE

The 3rd annual Sport Aviation Conference will be held February 9, 1991, at the Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington. The conference is sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in conjunction with EAA, the Balloon Pilot's Association, the Minnesota Ultralight Association, and the Soaring Society of America. For more information, contact Wayne Peterson at (612) 296-9853.

CALENDARS

Rosemary Frank reports our supply of EAA calendars is selling rapidly. If you have not yet purchased yours, Rosemary advises you do so at the December meeting as she expects our supply to be sold out. The cost is \$6.00.

DUES DUE

Chapter dues are due by the first of the year. The amount is \$15.

MN/DOT COMPUTER LESSON

Scott Emkovik, who recently acquired his instrument rating, is available to explain and demonstrate the use of the Minnesota Department of Transportation weather and flight planning computer, to any interested person, before or after the chapter meeting. Just ask.

NEW CONVENTION BUILDINGS

The International Aerobatic Club plans to begin construction this spring of a 40 x 60 foot building on the EAA convention site. The building will be located near the electronic sign board. Construction of a new communications center has already begun. The new "Comm" Center will be located just east of Airport Road and just south of Convention taxiway.

NEW EXHIBITS DEDICATED

Two new exhibits were dedicated on Friday, November 2 in the Eagle Hangar. The first, the "Secret Exhibit," sponsored by Waste Management, Inc., provides an overview of several high-priority military operations conducted during WWII. The second exhibit focuses on one of the most decorated warships in American military history—the aircraft carrier "U.S.S. Enterprise"—and is sponsored by the U.S.S. Enterprise Association.

LOW FLIGHT

Oh, I've slipped the swirling clouds of dust
A few feet from the dirt.

I've flown the Phantom low enough
To make my bottom hurt.

I've BFM'ed the desert, hills and valleys
Mountains too.

Frolicked in the trees
Where only flying squirrels flew.

Chased the frightened cows along
Disturbed the ram and ewe
And done a hundred other things
You damned well shouldn't do.

I've smacked the tiny sparrow
Bluebird, robin, all the rest.
Dragged my wake through branches
Knocking eggs out of their nests.

I've streaked through total darkness
Just the other guy and me.
And spent the night in terror of
Things I could not see.

I've turned my eyes to heaven
As I sweated through the flight
Put out my hand and touched
The Master Caution light.

-thanks to James Stephenson
Chapter 221 Newsletter Editor

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7:30 PM.