



# SPEED'S NEWS

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## MAY MEETING

The May meeting will be Monday May 10, 7:30 P.M. at Mercury aviation, Holman Field.

**Program---** Orland Danielson and other members of the Minnesota Rotocraft Association will be our guests for the evening. They will tell us about building and flying gyrocopters. There has been a great deal of progress recently in training new gyrocopter pilots, and they will tell us about the program they have to insure safety in these fun little machines. If possible they will also bring in some movies and perhaps a gyrocopter for us to see.

**Business---** Continued discussion of a chapter building. Thus far it would appear that Lake Elmo would be by far the best site for such a building. Possible costs will be discussed. Chapter 289 is again soliciting for funds for the campsite at Oshkosh. Last year they raised \$5,984.32 for this worthwhile project.

**BLOOMER FRY IN** What has developed into the best fly in in this part of the country, the Chicken Fry-in at Bloomer, Wisc, is scheduled for May 29 and 30. This is a real EAA-Sport Aviation event. A barn dance is featured for Saturday nite, and free camping is available. The Unicom will be in operation, and bring your own tie-downs. Phone Jim Southworth (568-3663) for further information.

**OSHKOSH WORK PARTIES** Week end work parties will again be held at the fly in site in Oshkosh this year. Work will be in progress every weekend, so all you have to do is show up, and free lunches will be served. We are lucky enough to be close enough to take part in this preparation of the grounds for our convention fly in. This is really a lot of fun. Note that this does not have to be an organized chapter activity, and individual can help out any weekend he has available.

**POBAREZNY\*ERNST PITTS FLYS** Sunday April 25 at the Anoka County Airport saw the roll out and first flight of Tom Poberezny's Pitts Special. This aircraft was built by Tom and brought up here two years ago for cover and finishing touches by Cliff Earnst. Wow! What finishing touches. The aircraft features a hand tooled leather interior (and a bit of the exterior as well) polished aluminum cowl and access covers, chrome plating and a traditional red Pitts paint scheme. It sets a new standard in show aircraft, plus it even flew hands off the first flight.

AEROBATIC JUDGES SCHOOL IAC chapter 16 is holding a competition aerobatic school Saturday, May 22 at Journey's End Airport. The purpose of this school is to teach judging of aerobatic competition, setting up competition, and flying in competition. For further information call Jerry Villendrer, 639-70 78

BRIEFS Joseph Schwenk (227-7797) of Schwenk Aero says he has lots of goodies.

AC spark plug Rally entry blanks are now available, and must be sent in no later than July 19. Gary Wirth has one form, and additional ones can be obtained from Bob Voto, 276. Brandon St, Flint, Mich, 48503

EAA wing decals are now available from HQ for \$11 20.50

Librarian Don Moulin says we now have almost a complete set of EAA publications. They can be checked out from Don.

Word from HQ is that the word "experimental" on the side of the fuselage will probably be changed to something more appropriate like "sport aircraft", "amateur built aircraft", "racing aircraft", etc. However, it appears that we are stuck with the large registration numbers on the fuselage.

#### PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

Getting more mileage from your EAA membership-----EAA can be characterized by the bringing together of Aircraft, Flying, and People. The essential element in getting it all together is the chapter. If you are a rugged individualist as many EAA people are, you won't need a chapter to build your airplane, and you certainly won't need the chapter to fly. That is not to say that the chapters technical programs aren't important but they aren't the most important reason why we band together to form a chapter. We get together to hang fly and to have contact with people of the same interests. Those people who don't belong to chapters or don't see the value in social contact are missing out on the best part of EAA.. To get more mileage from your EAA membership, get involved in chapter activities, spend a weekend in Oshkosh, see your fellow members between meetings and so on. For our chapter I would like to see us expand our Technical and social programs. Both these programs can be expanded by getting a chapter building to serve as a technical and social center at which we can meet between meetings. And if such a building is at an airport we can get together to do a bit of flying. So my pitch is let's get it all together and build a hanger.

#### MEET THE MEMBERS

Floran Sullivan. As a child Floran had always been interested in aviation, building model airplanes of all types. In 1950 he bought a '38 40hp I-Craft with a friend and started instructions. In 1951 he entered the Air Force on active duty for two years. He had previously been in the Minn Air National Guard where he learned the A +P trade, his active duty gave him additional experience. After this tour of duty he used the G.I. Bill to get in more flying time, and in 1953 went to work for the Guard as a civilian employee. He joined EAA in 1965, and the chapter the next year, when he also started work on his T-18. He has been our Designee since the summer of '68. He has one boy 13, and his wife Helen.

#### MID MONTH MEETING

mid month meeting for May will be held at Floran Sullivan's T-18 project on Monday May 24, 7:30 P.M. Address is 2418 Bush, 739-8648