

MEETING DEC 12, 7:30 P.M.

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SPEED'S NEWS

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NOTE: MEETING, DEC 12 A.A.
7:30 P.M. SANBORN AVIATION

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Pres: CHUCK LARSON 459-8757
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DECEMBER NOTAM: PILOTS cautioned to beware from dusk to dawn, Dec 24 - 25th. Bizarre, low flying aircraft using non-approved fields throughout North America.

The NOV. meeting was lightly attended, so we were able to get off to the Savoy early. Chapter 54 now has \$205.00 in checking and \$460.00 in Savings. CHRIS DONALDSON mentioned that the FAA offers a program called OPERATION RAINCHECK wherein you get a very intimate picture of airtraffic control operation. It was designed for people working on their instrument tickets, but they'll let in others when available. Several members who'd been through it said it's pretty informative and interesting. IF YOU BUILT MODELS IN THE 30's or are interested, CLEVELAND MODEL & SUPPLY CO. (10307 Detroit Ave, Cleveland OH 44102) charges 60-cents for plans catalogs. They list many models.

THE VICE SQUAD- JIM OLSON has wood-vice screws, reasonably priced, call him if you want in; 484-9459.

IF THE MOB beat you to the newstand and you couldn't get the 50TH ANNIVERSARY issue of FLYING, you can get back orders on the remaining issues by sending money orders only, in the amount of \$2.25, to Ziff-Davis Publ. Co., Consumer Services Division, 595 Broadway, NYC, New York 10012. (The Hardcover Issue will cost about ten bucks!)

CHAPTERS can now buy EAA pins/decal/ manuals & emblems @t 20% discount.

Well snap my cowl! JERRY LAUNDRY has cowl fasteners for sale; also some back issues of SPORT AVIATION from Harry Dahlquist's collection, "You're specially invited to browse these goodies", call Laundry.

The Human Circus...(Overheard) "SO this guy comes over, rings the project a couple times while I'm working there, then he says, 'Say, how long you going to have this in your front yard?' So I says, "Oh, I don't know, why? Is it barking all night and keeping you up? Never heard from him again. But his dog still barks..."

BUCK ROGERS AND THE SUNDANCE KID; Ever wonder what the feds are doing to catch smuggler of the wacky weed? Ever wonder which planes are most likely to be stolen by said smugglers? The Nov issue of Flying has a fun article on how hard they're working to nail the dopers. Some of the equipment is mighty impressive; electronic wizardry, fast planes and daring pilots.

HUMOR ME, I say whenever I open a book. Unfortunately THE GLIDER GANG, by Milton Dank, has very little humor. This dry account of the history of our Glider Corps is probably necessary for a serious historian, but makes poor general reading. The book does display some of the faults of our military planners. Our rush to "get back" at the Germans by showing them that we too could use gliders, mixed with the curiosity of military experimenters who need never actually fly in some of the interesting schemes they concocted, led us down the path to failure. Despite the handicaps of poor training, poor aircraft, and myriad boondoggles, some of the missions achieved partial success, and some of the pilots lived through it. Amazing, and available from the library.