

SPEED'S NEWS



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CHAPTER 54 MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7:30 p.m. SANBORN AVIATION
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Dear Chapter 54 Members:

When there's a deadline to meet, a month goes by incredibly fast! Thanks for responding with your news and ideas for the letter. I've enjoyed talking with many of you over the phone. Please introduce yourself to me at the next meeting, and keep your ideas coming my way.

NOTES ON SEPT. MEETING: President Pat opened at 8 p.m. with 22 bodies and one little dude (Jeremy Tome) present.

Pat Driscoll tried to have an insurance commissioner talk at our next meeting; he was told we'd have to PAY A SPEAKERS FEE! (The idea was to open communication about overcharging homebuilders for flight insurance.) Pat has discussed this development with some currently running politicians. A general insurance discussion followed.

Caution from DESIGNEE: Be very careful using any cables other than those specified-carbon Vs. stainless. If you have questions call AL AMSDEN.

In discussion about drill bits, it was pointed out that if you buy from a surplus store, you'd better mic ALL bits you buy. The whole reason Crazy Louie's got 'em so cheap is his bins are full of manufacturers discards and rejects.

From the recent fatal Homebuilt crash at Anoka, two interesting things emerged: 1. The plane only needed another fifteen inches to clear the embankment which brought it to a hard stop. 2. Medics on the scene speculated that the pilot's broken neck-the only visible injury to the body-might have been avoided had he worn shoulder straps.

JIM OLSON helped launch the Ultralight Chapter 54 with a kit from HQ. The first meeting was set for Thurs. Sept. 16. A report follows below.

Adjourned.

(Meeting notes are courtesy of Pat Riley)

OFF THE BOOKSHELF

BY PAT RILEY

Can you answer who: did the first outside loop?
won the Schneider Trophy?
won the Bendix Trophy?
was the first American to fly the Andes?
pioneered blind flight?
held one of the first Dr. of Aeronautics degrees?
led the Tokyo Raiders?

You can answer all these questions with one name; and in JIMMY DOOLITTLE - DAREDEVIL AVIATOR AND SCIENTIST you can read this man's incredible story. Jimmy Doolittle probably stands out as America's Premier Aviator in an era including the likes of Lindbergh, Holman, Laird and all. Written by Carrol V. Glines, Doolittle's biography is a tour de force of achievement. A busy life of energy, wit, and intelligent examination, Doolittle had the additional charisma of the carrier/fighter pilot and leader of men.

Presenting something of an anomaly to the press - the pilot who could talk like an engineer (or vice versa) - Doolittle's story is full of interesting, of comedic events.

DOOLITTLE - DAREDEVIL AVIATOR AND SCIENTIST by Carrol V. Glines
Macmillan Company - 1972
Available from the library.

A live report from the Chapter picnic follows:

9-26-82

When I saw the sun this morning, I said "Oh! Today I get to ride in the Breezy!" And I did. What a fantastic ride! I think that all the others who had the chance will agree. Once I got over the new sensations of open cockpit flight, I found life quite squabble up there.

Ron Voelker had his Zenith out and gave a few lucky people rides. With Pat Riley on board he aborted takeoff due to a shimmy problem.

The weather smiled at us - it is certainly the nicest day I've ever seen at Lake Elmo.

A great big thank you to Roy Wyland and Dave Fiebriger for opening their hangar, and suggesting that the beer and pop get finished. I don't know if it did, but what a fine day we all had! I can't think of a better way to spend the day: with family and good friends.

Watch for pictures at the next meeting.

See you all again soon!

Eleanor

MORE ITEMS FOR SALE: The Nov. 28 Sunday paper aviation classifieds had lots to offer:
QUICKIE PROJECT: ready for precover inspection, exceptional work, extras, 225 HP, \$6,000. Gary Novaty (sp) 425-4996
CRICKET KIT: still crated, 701-845-1837
CONTINENTAL C-90, 900 SMOH, 380 STO, 451-2980/452-2543, 4-6 p.m.
'46 AERONCA CHAMP: 65 HP, metal prop, hangared, \$5500. 780-2722
'47 LUSCOMB SE: 812 SMOH, 659 STO. 507-826-3384/826-3368
'43 AERONCA DEFENDER: 587-8209

This ad appeared in the Chapter 55 newsletter and I can't resist sharing it with you:

HAVE GRILL - WILL TRAVEL

Just another reminder to all you organizations out there, Chapter 55 has a travelling road show available for all occasions that are not X rated. (We blush easily.) See IVAN THE IMPOSSIBLE perform the improbable ---bake and flip a perfect replica 727 pancake while stumbling over the grill's wheel chock; watch DOUGLAS THE GREAT do his tight wire act while holding the food inspector at arms' length (we passed.) Watch MAX THE MARVELOUS turn Hungry Jack's best (too early) and cover the front of his blue flying suit with spatter. See the greatest balancing act in the world as JOE-JOE the smiling faced treasurer juggles the books to pay for the supplies. Watch DONALD THE DARING chase a hot sausage across the floor (it won). Witness HOWARD THE WISE take a great deal of time getting to his duty station because he's got his plastic apron taped too tight at the bottom and can only take tiny steps.

This, with a cast of happy, helping wives, will perform for you; and best of all, you'll indulge in a gravity defying feat as you put down the lightest, and tastiest pancakes this side of Aunt Jemimas'.

If it's a people pleasing event you want to start off your organization's activities, we're the Best What Am in pancake breakfasts (dinners). Contact any of the Chapter 55 officers. Our grill has wheels and will travel.

P.S. Proceeds will go to the Chapter 55 hangar fund.

JIM OLSON was kind enough to find some information to share with club members. Part of it will appear this month, and the rest will show up in installments through February or March.

I hope lots of you can make it to the meeting on the 13th! Your Christmas shopping can wait for one more day, and you might have fun.

A fellow wandered into my office one day a few weeks ago and said, "Please don't think I'm trying to be funny, but I want to build an airplane." Imagine his surprise when I had some answers for him on where to write for kit information, and even could give him some names of people who are working on the same type. He's interested in a T-18 and has lots of questions. If he can make it to the next meeting, please share your expertise with him. His name is Robert Polzer and he lives in Maplewood. You could call after late morning, 771-3755.

MERRY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!HO!HO!HO!

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