



SPEED'S NEWS



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HELLO FRIENDS- - - - -

Well, another CONVENTION has come and gone, and while there was no spectacular showcase event (such as last year's CONCORDE VISIT) it was by all measures a highly successful affair with a record number of showplanes - 1,961 - and an attendance estimated at over 800,000 people.

For the first time in EAA history, the airfield was saturated on the first day of the convention. Wittman Airfield closed at 1:30 PM on Friday July 31 - less than six hours after the fly-in officially opened.

Our new meeting place at Lake Elmo Airport is all ready for our September meeting and is graced with new chairs personally selected by Chapter 54's official chair-buyer BILL SCHANKS - a thankless job - but somebody had to do it.

Gene Frank reports that he and some other chapter members attended a forum on aviation safety matters held by Congressman Bruce Vento at the State Capitol. FAA Officials were on hand but refused to discuss the Super TCA NPRM or listen to Chapter members voice their opposition. The "Official" reason for their silence was so that they could not comment on rulemaking in progress, but one official later told our members privately that the real reason was they plain just did not want to talk about it. Chapter members were able to corner Congressman Vento after the forum to discuss their concerns. Most of the meeting was spent listening to complaints of lost luggage and delayed flights.

A new column entitled "News To and From EAA Chapters" appears in the September issue of SPORT AVIATION. The column is designed to bring additional information of special interest to Chapter members and to inform EAA members-at-large about Chapter activities.

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In response to a suggestion made at the second annual EAA State Association Forum during the EAA Oshkosh Convention, a special autumn EAA State Association conference will be held November 7, 1987 to discuss organizational matters and issues facing the EAA State Association.

EAA Chapter Promotional Kits are being sent from Headquarters to all EAA Chapters. The kits have been designed to assist Chapters in promoting their local activities and membership. A full array of promotional material including a large weatherproof chapter banner, an EAA Oshkosh 1987 commemorative poster, chapter membership poster, sample EAA magazines and EAA membership brochures are all contained in the kit.

And speaking of members, we had a couple of new people at our last meeting.
WELCOME TO THE CHAPTER!!!

And finally - - Jerry Allnoch, the editor of the Chapter 489 newsletter in Statesboro, Georgia, tells us that the REAL purpose of a propeller is to keep the pilot cool - if you don't believe it - just watch the pilot seat when it quits turning!!!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

Mark Wilson