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MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting will be Monday March 13 at 7:30 P.M. Location will be Northern Airmotive, Molman Field. Several Aviation movies will be shown.

MID-MONTH MEETING

Mid-month meeting will be at Don Latterell's Volksplane project. This will be Monday March 27 at 7:30 P.M. Address is 830 Tuscarera Ave, St. Paul 226-1927

MINN. SPORT AVIATION ASSOCIATION BANQUET

This year's banquet meeting of the Minnesota Sport Aviation Association will be March 17 at McGuires. There are two choices on the menu, Steak at 7.00 and chicken at 5.00. Jim Bede will be the main speaker, and Gene Souce, Tom Poberezny, and Bob Schernule will also be in attendance. Cocktails at 7:30 and dinner starts at 8:30.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The big membership contest is under way. The goal is to have every member bring in at least one new member this year. Every member should have available an application form to sign up new members. Don't forget to put your EAA number on the form to get credit toward the 7AC. See Sport Aviation for further details of the contest. Brochures will be available at the meeting to give to prospective members.

CHAPTER PROJECT

Jack Hickey will be co ordinating a chapter project which will be the completion of a project that Gus Limbach has. (See Gus for details of project.) All interested members contact Jack.

WELDING FORUM HELD

Half a dozen chapter members turned out for the welding forum and had a chance to learn and practice welding under the supervision of designee Florian Sullivan and master welder Jack Hickey.

NEWSLETTER

Articles are needed for newsletter- all members are urged to contribute to the newsletter. Especially welcome are tips on aircraft construction.

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"I shouldn't say that about my Mother-in-Law!"

364 MSAA'ers Hear Jim Bede Speak

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Member:

From all reports, our second annual dinner was a great success. Three hundred and sixty-four people turned out to listen to Jim Bede talk to us about his proposed around the world trip in the BD-2 and his experiences with the Micro and the BD-4. Jim is a great speaker. He didn't get up to talk until 10:15 and he kept the audience both in stitches and at the peak of interest for over an hour and fifteen minutes. We certainly appreciate his coming to be with us.

Also on the program were Tom Poberezny and Bob Schuerle who represented our International Aerobatic Team. During the program, we were able to obtain contributions

of \$418.00 to help subsidize the team's trip to France to defend their world championship this summer.

We were also pleased to have Mr. Weston Farmer who was the Editor of the old Flying and Glider manual back in the late 20's and early 30's. We hope to see more of this gentleman since his very brief presentation was very interesting and very funny.

To sum up this year's activities: Our organization has established a position as a strong organized group that speaks for all phases of private aviation. We have obtained recognition from the State Aeronautics Commission as such. We have obtained recognition from the Minnesota Aviation Trades Association as the only reliable group of pilots that can stand up with them and they

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Several Projects Coming Up Soon

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have asked us to sit in on their meetings and work with them to help the future of private aviation in the state.

We have, through the Duluth and St. Paul Chapters, been instrumental in starting the building of the Heath Parasol that is presently being completed at E.A.A. headquarters. This airplane will be used as a test bed for the Klekhaefer snowmobile engine. We helped in supplying manpower for the St. Paul Winter Carnival Balloon Race which has received commendations from all the balloonists as being one of the best run balloon races ever. And of course, the aforementioned collection of \$418.00 for the Aerobatic Team is certainly appreciated by the Aerobatic Club of America.

Getting on to what our plans are for the future — number one on the program is our participation with the Civil Air Patrol and the Junior Chamber of Commerce of South St. Paul in an Airshow July 16 at Fleming Field. A third of the proceeds will go to the E.A.A. — divided among the Air Museum Foundation and other groups that are participating in the Airshow. We are planning a big work party weekend at Oshkosh and hope that every available member from Minnesota can make plans to be at Oshkosh during that weekend especially. We will have car pools leaving from the Anoka County Airport on Friday evening, the 23rd of June, and details will be published in future issues of the Minnesota Flyer.

As mentioned above, we have been invited by Mr. Gil Lundquist, the President of the M.A.T.A., to meet with them and to join them in their efforts to strengthen private aviation in the state. We have been happy to accept this opportunity to broaden our base and to work for the statewide benefit of all pilots. Towards this end, most of you may be aware that Frank Hosh of Chapter 237 is on the A.T.C. Committee working with the air controllers on air traffic control systems in the North Central United States.

Last, but not least, we are working the best we can to urge all of our members to participate in the E.A.A. membership drive. Our membership in the state was increased some 19 per cent in the past year. We now have over 790 members in the state and I'd like to see better than 1,200 members next year. This would be a 50 per cent increase in membership and it is a goal I think we can meet. We should reach out to our flying friends; all our fellow airport burners who still think of the E.A.A. as a homebuilders club and explain to them that we are a strong organized voice for all of general aviation. If we all really concentrate, each one of us can bring in one new member for the year and this will aid tremendously in strengthening our position, helping us to accomplish our goal which is to preserve and improve our right to fly.

Gus Limbach

FLASH: As this was being typed, Matt Weiderkehr, our balloonist member, was busy adding to his list of accomplishments. Matt, the only commercial balloon pilot in Minnesota, has set a new world's record for endurance in hot air balloons. He has been in radio telephone contact with WCCO all morning and when last heard from, he was merrily floating over Northeast Iowa.

Ken Rolvie of Northern Airmotive was the officially sanctioned N.A.A. observer and was dutifully chasing him in the pickup van. Matt gave the E.A.A. and the Aerobatic Team some great publicity from his floating perch and a big congratulation is due Friend Weiderkehr!

NOTE TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: The Minnesota Sport Aviation Association was formed last year of E.A.A. members in the State. To join the M.S.A.A. you join the E.A.A.

There are no dues. We rely on a monthly column in the Minnesota Flyer to maintain contact.

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Gus Limbach, President - Arden Nelson, V-Pres. - Ernie Meyer, Sec-Treas.



Weston Farmer shares a page from the past.

Scene at the banquet



Walt Pfeiffer (left) awards a precision aeronautical engineer's "chain saw" to Jim Bede to speed work on the Micro.



Aerobats (from left) Bob Schnuerle and Tom Poberezny, Designer-Builder Jim Bede and MSAA President Gus Limbach pause for this photo at the banquet.

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This was the scene at the 1972 MSAA Banquet at McGuire's Restaurant on March 17.