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MARCH MEETING

The March meeting will be held Mon. March 8 at 7:30 p.m. Location will be the Mercury Aviation lunch room, Holman Field. The program will be devoted to rotorcraft, with two Scorpion builders being present with their nearly completed craft. I understand they have been flown with tether, and are about ready for free flight. As an added bonus, Jack Hickey will bring his school bus aircraft factory down for us to see. Jack is building a Flybaby in this old school bus, and was the subject of a recent article in the St. Paul paper.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Feb. meeting was held in the Eutectic shop in St. Louis Park. The Eutectic people explained their process to us and put on a demonstration. They certainly did turn out some beautiful examples of joining metal together, and some of the fellows were unable to break apart two tubes which were butt welded together. Although the rods and flux are quite expensive by normal welding standards, they say that a little rod goes a long way. It appears that one would do well to consider the Eutectic process.

USER CHARGE

As originally proposed, the user charge would involve a 7 cent per gallon tax with no deduction on income tax, and a flat fee of \$25 plus 3¢ per pound registration fee each year. The bill passed the House in this form. We have been notified by headquarters that the Senate Finance Committee amended the bill to delete the 3¢ per pound provision for aircraft of 4 place or less. It is felt that this is a concession to the many general aviation people who wrote in protesting the bill. In addition, Sen. Goldwater R-Arizona and Sen Cannon D-Nevada (both pilots) succeeded in lowering the gas tax to 6¢ per gal. Thus at present there are two bills, the House bill and the much more favorable Senate Bill.

OSHKOSH INFORMATION

We have received a discription of the many things which must be done before the convention take place to the standards to which we are accustomed. This involves planting trees, drilling wells, electrical wiring, sanitation facilities, picnic tables, and many more things. Headquarters is putting out an urgent request for help of all kinds. Besides the obvious needs for manpower, there is a need for all kinds of equipment. The complete list will be read and discussed at the meeting. Anyone who can donate or loan any needed equipment, or who has connections to get a good price should contact headquarters.

EDITORIAL NOTE

It was just about a year ago that chapter 54 first published a monthly news letter. Having established a newsletter, the time has come to upgrade and improve it. This issue represents a first attempt. You will notice a crude letterhead, showing a racing plane rounding a pylon. This general idea was suggested by your president, and seems quite appropriate for the Speed Holman Chapter. It was sketched in a short while by your editor who makes no claims to artistic talent. The whole idea is to arrive at the general design that appeals to the chapter, then we can get it carefully drawn to proper perspectives. The next thing needed is a name for our newsletter, and here I am completely stumped. How about doing a little thinking and let me have some ideas at the meeting. My eventual plan is to include some pictures on the front page, which will be reproduced by Instiprint. I have access to produce the halftones so it won't cost too much. The second page will be done by a less expensive process.