

FEBRUARY MEETING EUTECTIC WELDING

The February meeting will be held Feb. 9 at the Eutectic shop at 6801 W. Lake St. in St. Louis Park. The personnel there will put on a welding demonstration on the Eutectic method. They claim they can weld anything and invite us to bring samples so they can prove it. We will meet at 7:00 P.M. in the Midway shopping center parking lot, just east of the bank. This is near the corner of Snelling and University. We will form car pools to drive over. This meeting will be held jointly with the new chapter 178 in the west suburbs. If you have welding goggles, it would be a good idea to bring them along.

NEW MEETING PLACE

Those members in attendance at the January meeting saw the new meeting place made available thanks to Mr. Ken Rovey of Mercury Aviation. It is in the lunch hall at Mercury, and is just what we have needed for a long time.

Chapter 54 has received a letter from Paul thanking us for our vote of confidence on the move to Oshkosh of our national convention. He also indicated that there will be a real need for help this spring in preparing the grounds for the big event. Our chapter is close enough to Oshkosh for an easy weekend trip. Maybe we can get a work party together sometime this spring and do our part to make this a big success.

We have received a notice from headquarters that final action is being taken by US Congress on the airways and airports financing bill which includes a tax of \$25 plus .03/lb per aircraft. This will represent an annual tax of about \$50 for a typical amateur built aircraft. Headquarters is opposed to this bill on the grounds that homebuilts, antiques, and the warbirds make little use of the facilities and major airports where the funds will be used. A letter has been sent to Senator Long, Chairman of the Finance Committee, in behalf of chapter 54 voicing opposition to the bill. For those who wish to write to Senator Mondale and Senator McCarthy, refer to Senate Bill No. 9106 in discussing this subject.

More information on the EAA European Air Tour is available from your president, as is hotel/motel accommodations data in the Oshkosh area.

Editors Note

Must apologize for last month's hand written news letter, but just couldn't get to a typewriter in time to meet the deadline. Within the next two months, I plan to expand the newsletter to two pages, and to include an occasional picture.