



# SPEED'S NEWS



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CHAPTER 54 MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1983, 7:30, SANBORN AVIATION  
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Dear Chapter 54 Members and Friends:

I've gotten travelling and partying out of my system (until the next time). It was great to get back home and see the snow that made the news in Michigan!

NOTES ON DEC. MEETING: By now, you have probably found the brochure containing the information on the chapter banquet on Feb. 19. The room capacity at the Sky Chef (Flanagan's) is limited to 75, and the prices are reasonable, so collect your friends and let's have some fun! Any entertainment ideas can be shared with the committee: Ray Wyland and Jerry Laundry.

Rosemary Frank still has calendars for you to buy. The chapter voted to donate \$100.00 per year for 5 years to the EAA Foundation based on the projected sale of all calendars. Won't you please help out?

Now that the holidays are over, we can work on scheduling some mid-month "helping parties". Get your name on the schedule to take advantage of all that labor out there just itching to go to work for you.

Al Amsden, chapter designee, has a project for each member to participate in. Here's your chance to feel like a useful and important part of EAA. The FAA has a proposed Advisory Circular out which would consolidate and supersede information from AC/20-27B "Certification and Operation of Amateur-Built Aircraft" and AC/20-28A, "Nationally Advertised Construction Kits, Amateur-Built Aircraft". Additionally, it advises of a simplification in the FAA procedures dealing with the certification of amateur-built aircraft. The inspections during construction and prior to flight in an assigned test area will be reduced to one inspection and an examination of documents and data pertaining to the aircraft. This proposal would ease the burden on amateur builders who frequently must delay completion of projects while awaiting the FAA inspections. The proposal is in keeping with the current need to reduce the cost of government and reduce the burden of regulations on U.S. citizens whenever possible.

These improvements have been gained as a result of FAA cooperation and acceptance of EAA input. Paul urges each member to write FAA in support of this proposal, giving any progressive practical recommendations you might have that would not bring greater restrictions or rules. EAA feels that additional savings and convenience could be achieved, without any reduction of safety, if the program were administered by both manufacturing and maintenance inspectors located in FAA MIDO, GADO, and FSDO offices rather than just manufacturing inspectors as proposed. Using both kinds of inspectors would cut down travel time and spread the workload over additional qualified FAA personnel.

Here's the way to write your letter:

Mail to: Aircraft Manufacturing Division (AWS-200)  
800 Independence AVE. S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20591

Identification: Response to revision of Advisory Circular  
AC/20-27C

General Comments: We ask you suggest the inspection procedure outlined in #4 "FAA inspection Criteria" be amended to include administration of the program by both FAA manufacturing and maintenance inspectors in all FAA MIDO, GADO, and FSDO Offices rather than just manufacturing inspectors as proposed. Any other pertinent comments should also be included in this part of the letter.

Closing: Each writer should provide his full name and address in the closing of his letter.

Please bring your letter to the JAN. meeting. If you are shy or nervous about doing this on your own, Al will show you how, and collect all letters to forward as a group to Chuck Larsen, EAA Chapter Director. You can call me if you are still confused and need more information. Please help us out.

FREEBIE: One pinball machine, in pieces, needs machining, electrical O.K. WILL DELIVER. If no call, machine will be pitched. Pat Driscoll knows about parts needed. Call Jim Micko, 429-1215.

GALLIVAN's Downtown Bar & Restaurant, 354 Wabasha, STP will hold an Irish Tenor singing contest again this year during the winter carnival. Our own president Pat Driscoll, was the lucky winner last year. Do you plan to defend the title this year, sir?

Hope to see you on the 10th! We've got lots to do, and need you there.

*Eleanor*

P.S. I've changed my mind about sending out the table of comparative characteristics and applications of wrought alloy products...if you specifically need a copy, please call me and I'll put one in the mail to you.

Chapter 237 is planning a fly-in on May 22. Preparations are under way, and they'd like to have a big return on their effort. Headquarters will be at Cirrus Beechcraft for the event.

The "Spruce Goose" on display in 1983, spring tour planned: The Minnesota Flyer, Gregg Nelson Travel and Republic Airlines are planning a special tour of the famous Hughes Flying Boat at Long Beach, Ca. The exact date is yet to be determined, but it will probably be during a weekend in late March or early April.

The plans include a visit to, and overnight on, the Queen Mary, and the inspection of the 8-engine flying boat located adjacent to the big ship, plus a bus tour to San Diego to visit the aircraft museum. (Seven antique aircraft in the museum were rebuilt in Minnesota, and came from Johan Larsen's aircraft museum.)

A brochure will be printed and mailed to those interested. To get your name on the list, write to Gregg Nelson Travel, 300 Prairie Center Drive, Eden Prairie, MN. 55344. You may call in your name and address at (612) 941-5900.

Rosemary Frank has contributed the following item:

About 25 years ago, a seasoned pilot named Dr. H. Strughold injected his posterior with sizable amounts of novocain, then took off with another experienced man at the controls. They did aerobatic maneuvers. Dr. Strughold promptly became ill, scared, confused, disoriented, and generally all shook up. He was getting no nerve impulses from where he usually got them when in flight.

Thus did he prove, scientifically, that pilots really do fly by the seat of their pants.

Don't miss the book review enclosed. It sounds like a good book, and is easy to get.

See you on the 14th! Bring your valentine.

*Elmer*

P.S. There are still calendars available if you need more to sell.