



SPEED'S NEWS



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The August meeting was brought to order at 7:30 P.M. by President George Mathiesen.

Pres George stated at the meeting that he has a PA 22-20 TRI PACER project for sale. Clean air frame. \$10,500 George may be reached at 455-9271.

John Renwick is waiting for repairs on his J3. John is also looking for a CESSNA 170 to purchase. John may be reached at 888-7233.

David Urban is rebuilding a PA 17. He is havg technical problems and any-
oe with any concrete advice for him may reach Dave at 437-1631.

Al Kupferschmidt is still waiting for his CITABRIA (that is airbatic spelled backwards). They say his airplane is 99% completed.

Gene Frank stated his RV 6 is 75% finished. He put the wings and tail in place and - - - they fit!!!

If you have an update on YOUR project, please call Art Edlund at 439-5912 or Rosemary Frank at 451-8187.

George than gave an excellent summation of the Confederate Air Force Show at Holman Field on August 7, 8, and 9. A mishap or two occurred but all in all it was a very good air show and very well received by the public.

George also talked of an exciting air show coming up in September - - - we were all anxious to attend until we found out it was being held in STANLEY, NOVA SCOTIA!!!

Plans for the picnic were finalized. We will have a grill, charcoal, and pop. All we need now is hungry people.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14 7:30 PM

A Mid-Month has been planned for September 29 at the BALLISTIC RECOVERY SYSTEM at Fleming Field in South St. Paul. September 29 is a Tuesday and the time is 7 P.M. Just let George know at the meeting if you plan to attend. Can't make the meeting? Call George! 455-9271

A Motion was made, seconded, and carried that the chapter buy a VCR player. John Thomas and George Mathiesen will look into this.

Al Kupferschmidt donated a television set to the chapter.

Dave Fiebiger volunteered to build a shelf for both the VCR and the television set.

A Motion was made, seconded, and carried that these minutes be included in our monthly newsletter. Any additions, deletions, or corrections may be made at the meeting or by calling Rosemary at 451-8187.

We then had a short quiz.

After the quiz, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Frank

PICNIC

The Annual Chapter 54 picnic was held on Sunday, August 16th with about 50 men, women, and children (from 4 weeks to what--ever!) attending. The tables were laden with food . . . The grill was kept hot . . . three cases of pop were consumed . . . and a VERY good time was had by all!!

Gene Frank gave continuous rides on the Breezy. The Chapter has reimbursed him \$15.00 for fuel.

Rosemary Frank took continuous pictures of all the fun and activities but . . . forgot to put film in her camera!!! So . . . if anyone has a picture or two they wish to donate for the Chapter Photo Book, please give them to Rosemary. Thanks!

Families and lots of children recommended that we have another picnic next year. Maybe we could even have a REAL Batman!!



This item (edited for brevity) comes from the Maple Lake Flyer of Chapter 878. Jeff Brunkam chapter president in his "From The Left Seat" column writes:

"Recently our chapter had a unique opportunity to visit with John Ysker, an AI and gifted mechanical innovator. The focus of our visit was John's unique and ambitious Air-Car project. Those that have seen it have been impressed by both the concept and its execution. But most impressive is how John has been able to find the time, information and financing for this demanding project while running a successful one-man aircraft shop. John enjoys a reputation as an honest and capable mechanic. In a tough and competitive business John has a lot going for him."

"And soon he'll be out of business."

"In their infinite wisdom, the Metropolitan Airports Commission has determined that, "...in the interest of safety..." they will require all commercial operators on MAC controlled airports to meet minimum standards for physical facility size. Specifications have been established for minimum square feet of hangar space, minimum square feet of ramp space, minimum square feet of auto parking and so on, and so on ... Operators who fail to meet these requirements by the expiration of their current lease will not have their lease renewed. To put these requirements in perspective; John told me that of the 7 or 8 current operators on Anoka Co., only 2 will meet the specifications.

"In a phone conversation with Tim Anderson, MAC Director of Airports, I learned that the basis for developing the hangar space requirement for "full-service operators" was based upon using the Beechcraft Duchess as a "standard Aircraft". It was presumed that such an operator should have space for simultaneous work upon 4 such aircraft in a maintenance hangar - resulting in a minimum standard of 10000 sq. ft. In John's case, the requirement is a minimum of

5000 sq. ft. of hangar space - more than twice the size of his current hangar which holds 2 - 3 aircraft. Remember that John runs a 1-man operation."

"I asked Mr. Anderson to provide examples of past incidents which would indicate that physical specifications for commercial operators are required to maintain safe airport operations. He provided none, but assured me that, "...there must have been some..." When I pressed him further, he replied that, as a pilot I should already be aware that, "...hangar rash is always a problem..."

"I urge each of you to make an individual effort to stop this unreasonable process. Contact your state legislators and use your democratic right to oppose these unelected commissioners. Call Tim Anderson directly at 726-5555 and ask him to explain the need for this arbitrary and unreasonable policy. Politely, but firmly tell him what you think."

"This is not the last you will hear of the MAC. In our conversation, Mr. Anderson informed me that MAC will soon be vigorously pursuing existing statutes which prevent you from using the A&P of YOUR choice, in YOUR hangar to work on YOUR airplane. I was also told that MAC intends to, "...look at all these flying clubs..." in the Metro area. MAC feels that maintenance and flight instruction may be performed by people not employed by operators located on the field. This is perceived to take business away from the operators causing them to - and this is a direct quote - "...start cutting corners..." Therefore - its a safety issue."

"Please consider the implications of this policy. Take matters into your own hands and act now!"

What do you think? Ed.



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EAA CHAPTER 54 MEETING - MONDAY - AUGUST 10, 1992

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING -
GET THE SCOOP ON OSHKOSH BEFORE -
THE ANNUAL PICNIC WHICH IS BEING HELD ON
SUNDAY - AUGUST 16th - ABOUT 1:30

AIRPLANE RIDES -
gather up those friends and relatives who have been begging
for a ride -
on the BREEZY!
in a BEEHCRAFT!
or - in a TAYLORCRAFT!

We'll have the fire going -
bring those dogs or brats! pop on the house!
Have a food specialty to share?
We will have plenty of connoisseurs on hand -
that is - those who know enough about good food to eat it!
AND, OF COURSE,
we will have more OSHKOSH stories and pictures -
also pictures of Air Adventure Days - 1992.

ENOUGH
about the picnic - but - we hope to see whole families there!!!

(PRIVATE message to pilots giving rides - be sure to turn in any expenses
incurred to Rosemary)

HOMEBUILDERS ACTIVITIES AT OSHKOSH -
HOMEBUILDERS PICNIC

will be held at the EAA NATURE CENTER on Saturday night, August 1,
from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Builders can register for the picnic at
the Homebuilders Headquarters Building on the Convention site.
Please register by noon on Friday, July 31. Along with the
usual picnic goodies, Wisconsin bratwurst will be served!

HOMEBUILDERS DOUGHNUT DAY

doughnuts, coffee and juice will be available at the Homebuilders
Headquarters Building on Monday, August 3 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.