



# SPEED'S NEWS



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CHAPTER 54 MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 11, 1987 7:30 p.m. SANBORN AVIATION

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Dear Chapter 54 Members and Friends:

I am a bit sad writing to you this month. After a long time struggling with my decision, I am resigning from the position of newsletter editor. My greatest demand on my time is my job, and going off in a corner to compose a newsletter has become nearly impossible. I will be happy to assist the next person by collecting news items from various magazines and papers that cross my desk. I've enjoyed chatting with each of you through this monthly letter. For your contributions, I thank you.

GOOD TIME AHEAD!! On May 15, our chapter members are leaving for a work weekend in Oshkosh. Some will be driving; others will fly on Saturday morning, the 16th. For more details, and to arrange transportation, please call Bill Schanks at home, 645-2420. There is much to accomplish before the convention, and all hands will be welcome.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST at Benson Int'l Airport, White Bear Lake, by Chapter 745 will be held on June 27. Food, drink, dancing, awards, and good company await you on this occasion, so plan to attend. As far as I know, the same low cost of \$15./person will get you all of the above amenities, plus you can be near airplanes of various types. Hope to see you there.

GEORGE MATHIESON: I owe you an apology for not getting your news item in the newsletter. I wrote the information down, and have hunted all over my house, including a move, and not had any luck finding it. Would you please give the information to Rosemary so it can get published next month?

GREAT CHAPTER IDEA: Many Chapters are purchasing copies of SPORT AVIATION for their local school libraries. HQ encourages this as it is an excellent tool to introduce general aviation to younger people and the general public. Each subscription is \$15. per year and will be sent directly to the specified library. Should our Chapter be interested in this project, contact EAA's Membership Dept.

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- NUMBER OF  
ARSAS  
CONTINUE TO  
GROW
- David Scott reports from Washington that in spite of the continuing objections of many general aviation groups, the FAA is continuing with its program of commissioning new Airport Radar Service Areas. Effective May 7th, the following airports will have ARSAs replacing the Terminal Radar Control Areas: Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana; Boise Air Terminal, Idaho; Flint Bishop Airport, Michigan; Fort Wayne Municipal Airport, Indiana; Lansing Capital City Airport, Michigan; Madison Dane County Regional Airport-Truax Field, Wisconsin; and Shreveport Regional Airport, Louisiana.
- AVIATION  
GROUPS WRITE  
CONGRESS
- All major aviation organizations, including the Experimental Aircraft Association, signed a letter which was sent to all 435 U.S. House members on April 16th. The letter deplored a "freeze in aviation spending levels for fiscal year 1988 at a time when the air transportation system's needs are at their greatest and there is a huge Aviation Trust Fund uncommitted surplus." The letter went on to say, "at a time when many in Congress are critical of an overburdened and under-manned airport and airway system, it seems unconscionable for Congress to fail to take the opportunity to improve the system by providing readily available user-fee money for vital projects...the users of the system are paying their fair share and are demanding that system improvements be funded and implemented promptly. Congress holds the purse strings and will ultimately determine whether our air transportation system is forced to sit and wait at the gate or be improved as the nation requires."
- Speaking about the Reagan administration's abuse of the Aviation Trust Fund, Senate Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Wendell Ford (D-KY) said the public's awareness of the amount of taxes now being paid into the trust fund would have to be raised before political pressure to move the trust fund off budget is generated. "I am just not getting bags of mail from Kentucky about the trust fund, complaining how taxes are collected and not spent," he said. Let that be a lesson to us all. If EAA's members and Chapters are not willing to write to their elected representatives about the challenges facing us all, you may be sure that we will continue to have our rights infringed upon and our privileges restricted.
- AIRPORT  
SAVED IN  
FLORIDA
- EAA member Bob Malle reports from the Sarasota area that local EAA members have managed to save the Bucken Airport. In fact, not only has the airport been saved, all five county commissioners have pledged to seek state and federal funds to improve the airfield. Bob says that letters from EAA President Paul Poberezny to the county commissioners helped immensely in turning this near-defeat into a victory. Bob was tremendously successful in organizing local EAA members and in attending county board meetings.

**SPIRIT OF  
ST. LOUIS**

We are proud to announce that EAA is taking the replica Spirit of St. Louis out of retirement to accomplish one last historic flight. The Charles A. Lindbergh Fund has asked EAA to participate in the reenactment of Lindbergh's arrival in Paris. The 60th anniversary celebration will take place at LeBourget Field. Also, while in Paris, the Spirit will be featured at the Paris Air Show (June 11-21) along with the Voyager at the Teledyne pavilion.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Now that the warm weather is upon us, your Headquarters staff is beginning to prepare the grounds for the annual EAA Convention. We would truly appreciate any volunteer assistance you could provide as a Chapter group or individual. A letter has been sent to all Chapter Presidents in the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan providing further details. If you can help, please call Ray Walsh at 414/426-4800.

**1987 EAA  
CHAPTER  
DIRECTORY**

The 1987 EAA International Chapter Directories are now available! We will be providing every current Chapter with a copy in the near future.

**CHAPTER  
FORUMS**

With the convention only a few months away, much planning is being done regarding the Chapters and their participation. Please mark your calendar and make sure you attend the following Chapter forums:

CHAPTER FORUM:

Monday, August 3rd, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Tent No. 3

STATE ASSOCIATION FORUM:

Monday, August 3rd, 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM, Tent No. 8

NEWSLETTER EDITOR FORUM:

Tuesday, August 4th, 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM, Tent No. 5

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**FIRST  
FINANCIAL**

As you can see, we have enclosed a recent letter from Val Glytas at the First Financial Savings Association to Tom Poberezny. Tom asked us to share this letter with you. It is about the MasterCard Chapter incentive program. Since this program makes it possible to generate additional funds for your Chapter's treasury, we hope that you will publish the letter, or excerpts from it, in your Chapter newsletter.

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