



# SPEED'S NEWS



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 CHAPTER 54 MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1986 7:30 p.m. SANBORN AVIATION  
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Dear Chapter 54 Members and Friends:

I don't expect you will all get this news before the chapter meeting night, but I attended a MSAA meeting on Wednesday night and obtained lots of good information you should hear. So here it is:

MSAA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Aeronautics, and EAA will sponsor a one-day seminar followed by an evening banquet. Date set for this is October 18, 1986. More details will be given later, but please put this date on your calendar for a full day of learning and fellowship. Then tell all your friends and suggest they do the same.

The annual Pig Roast will be held at Bensons Int'l Airport, White Bear Lake, on June 21, 1986. Starting time is 6:00 p.m. Holman and Lindbergh awards will be presented to the new winners. And of course, the dancing will continue into the next day. This is a happy occasion each year; if you haven't experienced it before, you owe yourself. The members of Chapter 745 work very hard to make this happen; it would be wonderful to see Chapter 54 support them. Cost is \$15.00/person for food, drink, and music.

Chapter 272 in Duluth is having a breakfast flight on July 19, 1986. Next year they have arranged to have the Concorde in Duluth from July 24-27, 1986. They are also attempting to arrange a visit from the Snowbirds for the occasion. Keep your eyes open for more developments.

The next page contains excerpts from information letters I've received from headquarters on varied projects they have going. These are the ones of most interest to our particular chapter. Gene Frank will discuss other information they've sent at the meeting on the 9th. Hope to see you there!

*Eleanor*

CERTIFICATION OF STUDENT RECREATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PILOTS This NPRM has been out for a long time and the public comment period ended on September 24, 1985. The DOT report says that final action will come in November of 1986.

LIABILITY LEGISLATION At the request of the Reagan Administration, three bills will be favored in the Senate that will deal with the liability problem. One bill, S.1814, has already been introduced by Senator Bob Kasten, (R of Wisconsin). This bill deals with product liability. A second bill will be introduced by Senator Strom Thurmond (R of South Carolina) and this one will deal with tort reform and insurance liability. No number has yet been assigned to this bill. The third bill, also unnumbered, is sponsored by Senator Mitch McConnell (R of Kentucky) and this one is described as a package product liability bill. Two of these bills have not been printed yet for public distribution but it is expected that in about two weeks copies will be available.

TRANSPONDER REQUIREMENT Last year the Air Transport Association petitioned the FAA to adopt a rule that would require transponders on all aircraft. EAA filed comments opposing this petition. Upon the continued urging of the ATA, the FAA will publish in June of this year a Notice of Proposed Rule Making that will provide for transponders for all aircraft. When the NPRM appears in general aviation groups will then have an opportunity to file additional comments on this proposal.

CONVENTION  
'86 UPDATE

In addition to the programs and activities already announced, we have a number of recent additions to the "eight days of EAA Oshkosh '86." The Italian National Military Flight Team, "Frecce Tricolori," will perform -- for the first time in history in the United States -- on August 2nd and 3rd (Saturday and Sunday) in Oshkosh. The Aeromacchi MB-339 jets (nine of them) flown by the team use red, white and green smoke (Italy's national colors) during their performances. \* The popular Goodyear Blimp will participate in the entire EAA Convention and will fly several times each day and each evening. \* Two special EAA Warbirds of America performances have been scheduled for August 3rd and 5th. \* The Marine Corps vertical-take-off Harrier will participate in the entire Convention and will be involved in several aerial demonstrations. \* The Antique/Classic "Pageant of Flight" will take place on August 5th. \* In addition to these and the schedule of nearly 500 seminars, forums and workshops, our Convention afternoon activities will also include daily aerial exhibitions by the finest pilots in the world. It is important to note that Wittman Airfield will be closed during each of these exhibitions which are scheduled for the following times:

Friday	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Tuesday	4:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday	4:00-6:30 p.m.	Wednesday	3:00-6:30 p.m.
Sunday	3:00-5:30 p.m.	Thursday	4:00-6:30 p.m.
Monday	4:00-6:30 p.m.	Friday	3:00-5:30 p.m.



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## CHAPTER EQUIPMENT

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Cutter - Forsemayr Frank 451-8187  
Hydraulic Press - in hanger

Use of a metal lathe - Ron Voelker -777-5913

Sand blasting - Jim Olson 484-9459  
Case splitting tool - Jim Olson  
for Lycoming engine

Humidity tester for wood - Dave Fiebiger 738-0921  
Cold cylinder check - Dave Fiebiger  
Mag boxes - Dave Fiebiger  
Angle drill - Dave Fiebiger  
Electronic photo tack - Dave Fiebiger

Band Saw - John Joyce 426-4600  
Right angle close quarter drill - John Joyce  
Magneto timing light - John Joyce  
BVRLY sheer - John Joyce  
Sheet metal sheet - John Joyce

Anyone wishing to add to or delete from this listing, please  
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## VOYAGER PROGRESS REPORT

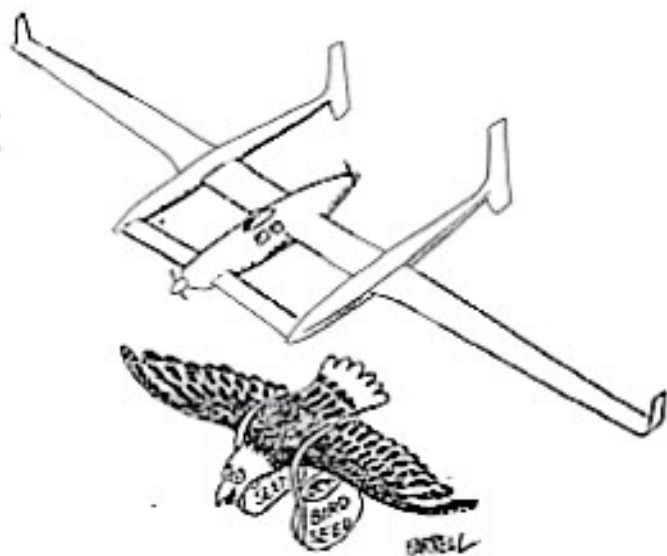
Preparation of the Voyager for its non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world continues, with crew member Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager splitting their time between engine and autopilot installation and fund raising. As it has been from the start of this grassroots effort, funding is still a day-to-day, week by week, we-made-it-by-the-skin-of our teeth crunch. In an effort to squeak through one more phase of the project, Dick and Jeana have been working with several individuals and groups to develop some high quality Voyager memorabilia, the sale of which will pump badly needed funds into the work.

1. First is a professionally produced 52 minute video tape entitled "The Final Challenge." The price is \$50.00.
2. A highly accurate, hand laid-up fiberglass model of the Voyager. It has a 20 inch span and is mounted on a desk stand. The price is \$200.00 per model.
3. An incredibly sharp laser scan color poster of the Voyager in flight. Measuring 16"X20", it is definitely a "keeper", an image of history you will frame and treasure just like an earlier generation did with its Spirit of St. Louis artifacts. The price is \$11.75, which includes postage and handling.

All the items are available from: The Voyager, Hanger 77, Airport, Mojave, CA 93501.

To date, most of the day-to-day operational funding of the project has come from the generous donations of EAAers. We've been "taking care of our own" thus far . . . and if each of us purchased, say, just one of the laser posters, Dick and Jeana would finally be over the hump and ready for the world flight this year. The atmospheric circumnavigation of the earth is truly the last great challenge for the airplane. . . let's make it OUR challenge to insure it's done in a homebuilt.

Sport Aviation, June 1985



"Non-stop . . . unrefueled . . . around the world! . . . Here we go!"

I WILL TAKE ORDERS AT THE MEETING MONDAY AND WE CAN SEND THEM IN ONE ENVELOPE.

*Rosemary*

