



MAY 1992

### **B25 ROLLOUT GROUNDS CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

George Mathiesen gave one final push on the left tire of the newly rebuilt CAF B-25, and with his squadron mates managed to get it out over the hangar door tracks at Flemming Field. The effort also produced sudden, severe and unexpected pains in George's chest. The ensuing examination revealed a defective heart artery. Surgery was not required. George is up and around now, but taking it easy. The chapter sent a nice plant to express our sympathy and hopes for an early recovery. (The B-25 faired much better making its maiden flight later that week.)

### **OSHKOSH WORKPARTY A SUCCESS**

Chapter 54 sent a crew of ten motivated volunteers to Oshkosh on May 1, 2, and 3 to help with the mammoth annual task of preparing for the biggest convention in the world. Dave Fiebiger, Dick Wickland, Al and Ralrane Kupferschmidt, Dale Rupp, Warren and Betty Issacs and friend, John Thomas, and Gene Frank contributed muscles, wit, and weekend toward making the annual August event the best yet. Our Holman helpers worked on a variety of tasks: Ralrane Kupferschmidt helped in the kitchen, Betty Issacs and friend piloted lawn mowers, John Thomas and Gene Frank put together a new building for the auto parking volunteers, and others worked on jobs assigned by EAA staff.

Our Chapter is usually the first of many lending a hand. The reception by the EAA staff is extraordinary. Comfy lodging in the "Bunkhouse" and delicious food served in the "mess hall" are only part of the cordiality. Saturday evening, the museum is closed and our volunteers are turned loose inside with one or two staffers to answer questions. The good humor and cheer provided by the staffers helps offset such things as abnormalities in the weather.

## **APRIL MEETING MINUTES:**

The April meeting was brought to order by VP John Thomas with a full house in attendance plus 2 guests. The guests were Eric Johnson and Norman Weston who talked about rigid lighter than air ships.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$945.02.

The work party for May 2 & 3 was discussed. Everyone interested should meet at Holman Field on Friday evening so we can car pool. At this time we have approx. 16 people going.

The major achievement award nominations were discussed. Art Edlund nominated Jim Montague for this award.

Air Adventure Day is all set for June 6th.

A motion was made and passed that we all wear name tags.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING IS ON MAY 11**

Rosemary will be celebrating her (CENSORED)th birthday. and will provide coffee and cookies.