



SPEED'S NEWS



SPEED HOLMAN CHAPTER-54
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

April Meeting: Monday, April 10 - 7:30 P.M. Sanborn Aviation

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Well, friends, it looks like its newsletter time again. This issue may be somewhat brief for two reasons . . . 1) There is not a huge amount of news to report and 2) I have a bad case of spring fever and its 60 degrees outside. So we'll do what we can.

The March meeting yielded a good turnout of members. Items discussed included the MSAA Banquet, a potential sight for an ultra-light aircraft meet, and the Oshkosh work party weekend. Regarding the latter, word has it that the facilities for this year's gathering have been improved immensely. For instance, there are new separate bunking facilities for men and women (that's an improvement?). The chow is good, there's plenty of it and the price is right, FREE folks. I understand that people with carpentry talents are especially in need. But, of course, everyone is welcome. It sounds like an enjoyable way to spend a weekend and make a valuable contribution to the world's greatest aviation convention anywhere, anytime. Call GERRY LAUNDRY for more information.

If you think they have seeing UFO's east of St. Paul, wait until April 15. There will be a gathering of ultra-light, ultra-slow, lighter and heavier than air craft on Saturday, April 15, weather permitting, at Matt Wiederkehr's Hot Air Balloon launch sight near Afton. As a result of Scott Olson's efforts, this informal gathering will feature powered ultra-light aircraft, balloons (hot air variety), parachutists, and possibly a gyrocopter or two (Gene Frank will check out the field conditions). I do not have exact directions to the launch area although I am sure we will be able to find out the the April meeting. Should not be hard to find anyway, just watch for balloons popping up. This sounds like it will be alot of fun and a good chance to investigate a few of the more exotic realms of human flight. Scott also informs us that after the meet, there will be a gathering at his hanger at Lake Elmo Airport for anyone interested. Featured at this gathering will be a keg of 100 octane barley brew to fuel those who are adept at flying without the benefit of mechanical contrivances. Call SCOTT OLSON for more information.

SUMMER FLY-IN TIME: President Gerry Laundry would like to spread the word that the annual Detroit Lakes Fly-In will occur on the 24th and 25th of June at the (you guessed it) Detroit Lakes Airport. This fly-in features plenty of good food and a hanger dance on Saturday night. OK, sounds like fun so make your plans and contact the Detroit Lakes Chamber of Commerce for the details.

FAA INSPECTION DATES: If you are flying or building an experimental aircraft this should be of interest to you. FAA personnel will be inspecting aircraft and components for re-licensing or sign off at Flying Cloud Airport on May 6 - a Saturday. They will again be available at Air Lake Airport in Lakeville on May 20 - also a Saturday. This is a good opportunity to take care of the legal requirements and get some of that good old constructive criticism that we all love so much. So pack up the parts and head out.

MID-MONTH MEETING: Jim Tome has arranged another mid-month meeting that should prove interesting to pilots using or considering the use of auto gas in their flying machines. Jim says a fellow EM chemist who has been doing experiments involving 100 octane c.c. gas in aviation applications, has offered to share his findings with us. He will give a talk on the evening of May 15, Room 210, at Fairview Junior High School in Roseville. This is the usual meeting time and place of the Verieze Club, but they have generously invited all interested parties. We thank them all.

THE CONDOR FLIES: NOVA, PBS's excellent science documentary, featured a really fine film on the history of man-powered flight entitled "The Children of Icarus." The photography was excellent and traced efforts towards human-powered flight from the early beginnings to the Kremer prize winning Gossamer Condor. NOVA will no doubt repeat the film at some time in the future so watch the TV schedules. You know, it would be nice if the EAA could get copies for general circulation.

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See YOU at the meeting!

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