



SPEED'S NEWS



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CHAPTER 54 MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 13, 1985, 7:30 p.m. SANBORN AVIATION

Dear Chapter 54 Members and Friends:

What a time we had at the Oshkosh Work Party!!

Everyone met at Holman Field and the bus left promptly at 8:00 p.m. Somewhere near Eau Claire we had a flat tire and came to a fast halt. This is considered good news, because it gave all 37 of us a chance to meet each other and find out what our hobbies are outside of aviation. I took a picture of two guys standing by the woods looking for owls.

After a two hour delay we were back on the road again. We arrived at the bunk-house at 4:45 a.m., too late for a good night's sleep. This was still good news because no one was late for breakfast.

Everyone had a job assigned to them. Someone must have told them how I stripped my van of good parts after it was hit by a tornado because that's what I got to do: stripping 2 Volkswagons and Chuck Larsen's old '72 Pontiac. Gene Crank and his son Daniel polished propellers so hard they became transparent. Somebody said they saw Rosemary on the north forty during the first part of the day, reminiscing. Gerry Laundry had his old job, operating heavy equipment. He kept three dump truck drivers busy hauling topsoil. Two of the drivers said they put on fifty miles each the first day. The other one said he only put on thirty-five; he must have known a shortcut. Dave Fiébiger wired up Gus Limbach's Zero, while Roger Westerberg and Eleanor hung airplanes from the hangar ceiling. Dick Becker and little Billy Schanks got to clean the engine mounts on the B-17, while big Billy Schanks worked in the kitchen with three charming women.

Saturday night, Chuck L. took us to the museum and let us have it all to ourselves for a while. What a Thrill!! We could go inside the roped off areas and take a close look at the airplanes!

Sunday morning, after a big pancake breakfast, we went back to work. At noon we broke for lunch. We boarded the bus at 1:00 and Chuck lead us to the museum and left instructions at the desk to give our people a discount. I counted 5 new jackets.

By 2:00 we were back on the bus heading for home. The six hour ride back gave me plenty of time to think about my great weekend: how we were treated like royalty, how pleasant everyone was to us, how we went there to work and it was THEM who couldn't do enough for us, how whenever I was thirsty - Chuck Larsen was right there with the thirst wagon, how well-organized that place is. Ah, what a weekend!!

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Dave Fiebiger found a surplus store where they sell shielded wire for \$1.00/pound. M.P.C Surplus, located in back of the Clark station on Rice & Lafond in St. Paul.

Chuck Larsen is selling his Piper Colt PA-22-108 recover project. Wings and control surfaces are covered. Fuselage is ready for cover. Parts and material for finishing, Lycoming O-325-C1B/108 HP midtime with Sensenich prop M76A 74" X 48", Mark 12 with everything. Will sell all or in parts listed. Call evenings 414-235-8714 or write: Chuck Larsen, P.O. Box 2431, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

There's talk about driving to Broken Arrow near Monticello to check out the airplane boneyard there on Saturday, May 18th. Interested? Just bring it up at the meeting on the 13th.

See you there. Jim

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We received a Chapter letter from Jim & Sue & Jeremy Tome with lots of warm wishes...

"Greetings from Chapter 187 and Georgetown, Texas!

It's hard to believe that we've been here six months already. It's frustrating living only 1/4 mile from a very active general aviation airport and not having my airplane flying yet! There are 3 VariEzes, a Long Eze, an RV-3, Turner T-40, Great Lakes and an absolutely beautiful Dragonfly. Within a square mile of our house there's a few projects underway such as a Swearingen SX300, a Q-2 and soon a Defiant."

.....we'll share the meat of the letter at the next meeting.

My thanks to President Jim for writing such an excellent review of the trip to Oshkosh. I can hardly wait til next year to do it again!

See you on Monday!

Glenn