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## July Meeting Photos



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## **August Program**

Should be a good one, "THE LIFE OF A REPO PILOT; AKA, HOW TO STEAL AN AIRPLANE (semi) LEGALLY." Troy Anderson will talk about his experiences repossessing airplanes. Remember "Repo Man" the movie that became a cult classic? We may have the start of another one after this presentation. We'll also have Ted Keryluk debrief us on his B-29 flight and get reports from members in attendance who attended AirVenture at Oshkosh.

## **A Message from the President**

The Jay Leno show on late night TV featured a segment called "Jay Walking" in which he asked ordinary common sense questions to people on the street. The absurdity of some of the answers given by the 20 to 30 year-old group was embarrassing and an indication of the failings of our current education system. These same people run for office and get elected, get jobs in government service, rise through the ranks to become professional bureaucrats and formulate policy that affects us all. What "wunderkind" came up with the FAA's sleep apnea idea? Another problem that appears too often is the person who agitates for a prohibition but doesn't offer an alternative. "Stop using pesticides, ban fracking, drive less, are all good ideas only if a better alternative or replacement option is given. There's no substitute for education and it doesn't have to come in a classroom. Everyone can become a teacher and help change things for the better. It's easy, all you have to do is: ***Challenge what you hear see, and read, teach what you know, set an example by what you do.***" The results can be impressive and a force for good.

Dick Socash

President, EAA Chapter 648

## **Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2014**

None reported.

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## NEWSLETTER QUIZ

Each month, we will ask a "question" in the newsletter. Answers can only be given if you attend the meeting referenced in the newsletter. At the end of the year, there will be a prize to the person who has the most correct answers. Some will be easy and some difficult.

### July Question:

You are flying along and suddenly you spot a large bird immediately ahead. What maneuver do you perform, and why is it the best choice most of the time?

### July Answer:

In most instances, when a bird perceives a problem while in flight, it will immediately dive or fold its wings and drop. Statistically, your chances of avoiding the bird are greatest when you pull up. Just remember, however, there are no guarantees that a particular bird will behave as expected.

### August Question:

You change engine speed from 2450 rpm to 2150 rpm. What percentage increase in "burn time" occurs? Assume burn time is equal to power stroke time.

## AIRPLANE PICTURE OF THE MONTH (#14) — Dan Berry's Cub and RV-6:



Legend Cub's Texas Sport Cub PA-11 Replica



Experimental Cub

Her name is Thumper in memory of the day I thumped an alligator while flying a J-3 on floats in Florida. This was quite the talk at the seaplane base for a guy from Colorado.

Build time was 4 years with the first flight March 2001, powered with a Continental O-200 100HP, cruising at 85mph indicated. Longest trip has been to OSH and back, 25 hours of low slow flying. Crazy to see the interstate traffic passing me on several occasions. I spent a few days on the grass strips of Poplar Grove Illinois, a wonderful sport aviation airport. The most rewarding event was winning a Bronze Lindy at OSH 2012 during the Cub anniversary celebration. Since then she was awarded the Jeffco Airport Associations fly-in Grand Champion Kit.

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RV-6

First flight June 1998 at LMO Misty is her name, since I was rarely home, my wife accused her as my aluminum mistress. I started with an O-320 and later installed an ECI IO-360 with a constant speed prop. It flies right on the Van's numbers. Best summer was coast to coast from LMO to Sun-N-Fun and then to Oregon and the Pacific Coast.

My wife Kim bucked many of the rivets and even survived me drilling a hole in her finger, at least the cleco stopped the bleeding. Construction time was 5 years with Doug Sykes in his RV-6 as my first flight chase plane. Misty has won second place workmanship trophies at the Rocky Mountain Regional and Copperstate fly-ins.

## Send in Your Newsletter Items:

**DON'T FORGET!!!** We need to get submissions from the members to include in future newsletters. I'm starting to run out of *ideas and lies*!! Let's hear from you!! Need "Plane of the Month", trip reports, technical tips, hangar tales, "beautiful planes" and aviation slanted "fish stories."

## Other Items of Interest...

### A Birthday Present for Ted

On Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>, friends and chapter 648 members chipped in for an 88<sup>th</sup> birthday gift for Ted Keryluk who in



1945 was a B-29 Flight Engineer. It was appropriate to get him back into the air again, and of course, in a B-29. FiFi, the last flying B-29 in the world made a tour stop of a few days in Ft Collins. Special thanks to Dave Copp for arranging the event and getting Ted there.



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Above we have Dave, Ted, and a special friend, Bob Murphy who flew up with me from Boulder for the event. Bob was helpful to Connie and me during the building of our plane and also is the only person I ever met who “collects Masters Degrees.” Bob has five from a number of impressive schools around the country. Another shot to prove that I was there.



Above: Part of the group that flew that day.



At left, Ted with daughter Mary Kay, her husband Kip and two granddaughters Taylor and Jordan.

## **September Picnic:**

Talked with Earl and we’ve tentatively set the September Picnic date as Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the first Saturday in the month and fits Earl’s schedule best. He has three events in August and the tents will be left up for our event. The earlier in the month we have it works best for not having to leave the tents up too long. This is our September “meeting.” There will be no meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## Another “Beautiful Plane” - Ryan YPT-16



This is what a military airplane should look like. Imagine being an Army Air Corps pilot during the 1930's and being able to fly this plane.

**July Meeting:** Heiko Eichler showed a video presentation on GA communication procedures presented by AOPA. A few things have changed in recent years and this promises to be an interesting refresher course for all of us who talk to “Longmont Traffic”, “Metro Tower”, “Denver Approach”, “Denver Radio” or “Center”.

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