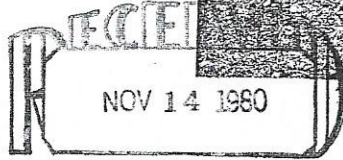


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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I. THE OCTOBER MEETING is postponed from the second to the third Thursday. It will be at the Telephone Company Civic Room, 13th St. & 13th Ave., on Oct 16th at 7:30 PM. Approach from the parking lot. First, we will complete the election of principal officers for 1981. Secondly, a sharing of talk and slides about Tullahoma '80 from all those who attended that heart-warming but cold-weather event. Thirdly, chapter business, including a recounting of what we have done in our first year and consideration of possible changes to our By-Laws which we may want to vote on, either then or at a later date after further development.

* Fourth, Documentary movie film of air war in the South Pacific. Bob Grier is getting this film from USAF Film Library at Maxwell Field. It has been previewed for you by Grier, Hodges and Storey on July 21st. If we are running overtime at this point, the movie will be shown anyhow for those who wish to see it and are able to stay.

II. FLY-INS. The EAA North Florida Chapter will have their annual Fly-In at Thomasville, Georgia on Oct. 11th & 12th. Posters will be available at our chapter meeting concerning Gainesville Fly-In of Oct 18-19 and Warner Robins on 25th (rain date 26th).

PERSONALITIES:

Frank Massa is shoving off to Washington for the AUSA Convention, will return on 16th in time to attend our meeting, hopefully.....Charles Hanna will be in training at Piper's Lakeland, Fla. plant beyond that date.....Due to much travel and activity of the builders, the aircraft project front has been quiet lately. The exception is Harold Buck who perseveres like a beaver despite problems and obstacles placed in his way by suppliers. Another complication is his decision to modify to the new option of low wing instead of mid-wing. Harold wisely maintains good liaison with other Sonerai II builders to learn all he can from the experience of others.....Accolade to our member, James H. (Jim)

Cannington, who distinguished himself on his recent visit to England. Jim retired in time for Oshkosh '80 but went to England for a month instead. He was invited over by friends, acquired some years ago when he went over to fire in the U.S.-English Palmer Match, the qualification for which was attained only by shooting in the top few at the Camp Perry National Matches. This time Jim spent two weeks firing in matches at Bisley and the other two weeks traveling the length and breadth of England and Scotland, enjoying the warm hospitality and "postcard" scenery of that land. The medals were awarded by England's Minister of Sports, and Jim won three of them. One was for winning the Wimbledon Match, iron sights at 600 yards, in which he fired a "possible" of 15 out of 15 in the 10 ring, only to find himself then firing a tie-breaker of 5 shots against 5 other shooters. Jim placed all of those in the 10 ring too, to win. He overheard one Britisher grumbling about "The bloody Yanks coming over here and beating us at our own game." He also placed top ten in the Conan Doyle Match at 900 yards. One of Jim's medals was for winning in the Overseas Team Match with three other Americans against teams from 5 or 6 other countries. After this happened, Prince Charles shook hands with the American Team and sat down and talked a bit about shooting with Jim. Later Jim's hosts said, "Jim, when you get back to the States and want the attention of your friends, just say: 'Now, as I was saying to my friend, the Prince of Wales.....'". (The above information was given on the phone by Jim to his friend of 25 years, none other than your reporter, and Jim didn't know it was for publication. He calls himself "a country boy from Stewart County". Would there were more of them.)

* Harold & Bob flew there against the Japs. In Philippines Jim got Jap grenade almost in pocket.