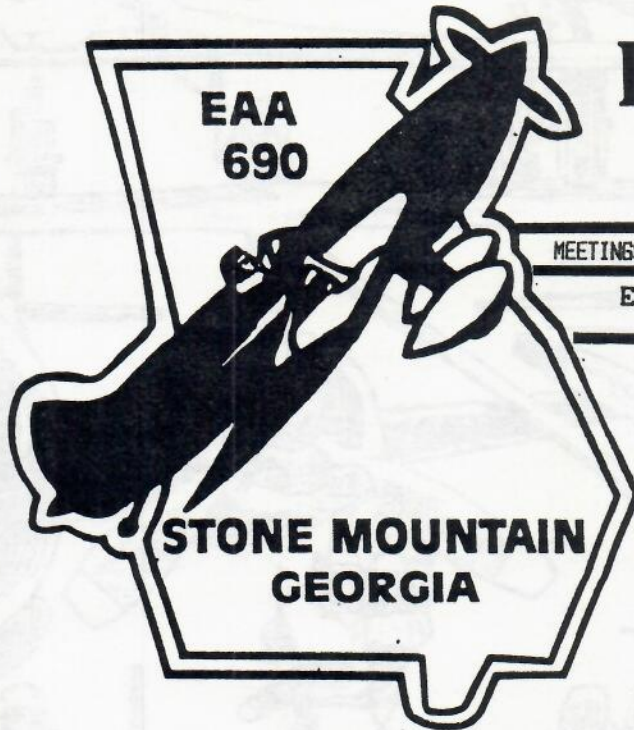


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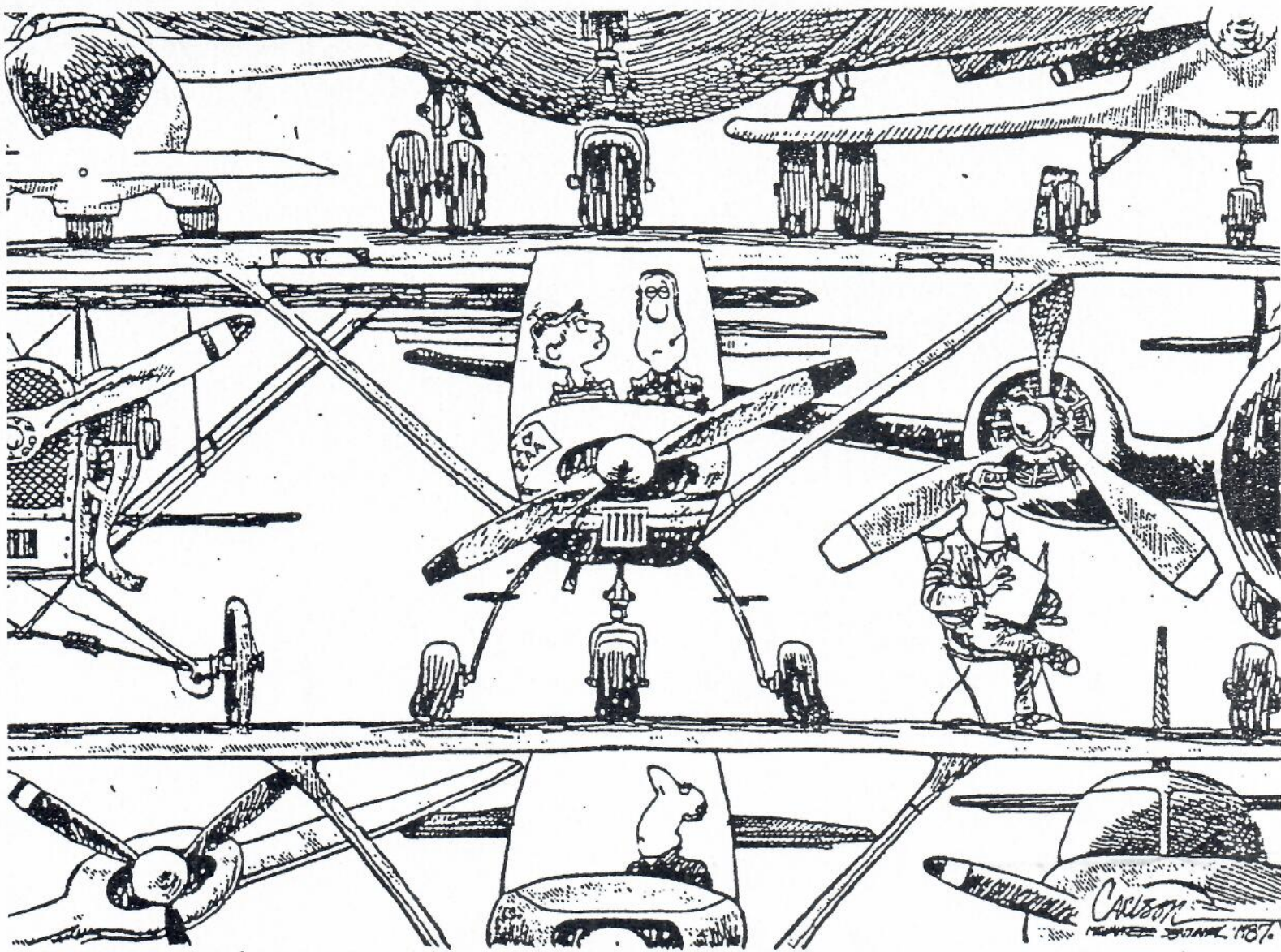
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TO:



"DAD, I KNOW YOU SAID WE'D BE STACKED UP OVER OSHKOSH, BUT THIS...."

VOLUNTEERS

a book of heroes



Reinhart Kuntz

by Art Morgan and Bob Brauer

If you observe a really happy man you will find him building a boat (airplane), writing a symphony, educating his son, growing double dahlias in his garden or looking for dinosaur eggs in the Gobi desert. He will not be searching for happiness as if it were a collar button that has rolled under the radiator. He will not be striving for it as a goal in itself. He will have become aware that he is happy in the course of living life twenty-four crowded hours of the day. . . . W. Beran Wolfe

When first given the pleasure of writing this column, both of us sat down and wrote out several ideas for subject material. Of course, we have used some, and more will be used. But it's amazing how many times a new thought enters our minds. As an example, we have written about volunteers at Oshkosh, but there are other volunteers out there who have to be talked about — the guys and gals and young people at the local grass roots fly-ins, the people who help with a chapter meeting, the person who is always there when you need them, whether it's

flippin' a flapjack or rebuilding an engine, that person is always there.

Now, folks, we all know them. And because they are always there, we sometimes tend to overlook them. But, they don't care. They do it because they enjoy it and that's what makes "sport aviation" what it is today. Take a look. Take a close look around you. Take a good look at yourself, and you'll see what I mean.

A friend of mine and his wife were at the airport the other day. It was unseasonably warm for the 8th of March, in the high 60's, low 70's. Friends of theirs were out flying in their Travel Air 4000. My friend knew it. He and his wife also knew that a cold front was coming through. So they sat and waited.

Sure enough, here comes the cold front, out of the northeast. Clear sky, strong winds, gusty. It would be a bumpy ride at best in a 747 let alone an old biplane. This man and wife had things to do, places to go, people to see . . . but, yeah, their friends were still out there in their Travel Air 4000. So they sat and waited. Sure enough. Here comes the old "elephant ear," bucking a wind that was gusting to over 40 mph.

The pilot and his lady were bright-

eyed and a bit concerned as they landed. But when they looked out on their wing tips they saw a runny-nosed guy and a very rosy-cheeked gal out there holding on for dear life, ready to walk wing back to the hangar.

Was that at a major fly-in? No. Is that an exception? No. These were just ordinary people, helping ordinary people. Ain't flying great!

If you know of someone (maybe yourself) let us know about them, so that we can tell their story. After all, the "Book of Heroes" is a tale of ordinary people.

This month's "Tip of the Oshkosh Kepe" goes to a young man who spent his first Convention with us in 1986. Reinhart Kuntz (EAA 175007, A/C 10513), 4113 Stonemont Drive, Lilburn, Georgia 30247, came to Oshkosh wondering what in the world he was going to do with all his time.

Now here is a fellow who's been flyin' for a while, built scale models for about 15 years, sailed with the German Merchant Marine and reached the rank of Chief Engineer. He is as nice a person as you will ever meet, and he's wonderin' what he's gonna do at our big "do". Ho, ho, ho!

Reinhart spotted the Antique/Classic volunteer booth and decided to sign up for a "couple of hours" just to be able to say, "I helped." And did he ever.

Now, here is a guy who has been building a Der Krickel biplane for the past 4-1/2 years. It's almost done. His wife, acting as contractor, is building their new home. "Found the lot by aerial survey flown by Mr. R. Kuntz, by the way. She loves it." He sells marine engines of a German manufacturer to the yachting industry and crowd, and his territory includes Canada, Mexico and the U.S.A. Not just part of each, but all of each. Oh my achin' American Express card. He says he found everyone at Oshkosh friendly. "Had a ball working."

Nuts, we couldn't pull him off the durn bike. "Come on Reinhart, take a break."

"No, no, I'm okay."

"But you gotta go see some airplanes and some of the show. For gosh sakes, go eat and sleep."

"No, no, I'll park a few more airplanes, and then I'll go."

He never did.

"The people are friendly here and I like that," he told me. So he stayed 'til the last dog was hung. The man has class, as do all EAA volunteers.

"Stand tall, ya'll."

Next month — Oshkosh humor, featuring the "DC-3 and the Kid" story. All true and sometimes too true. But wait and see.

By the way, "Join us and you have it all." ●

PROGRAM PRESENTATION

SEPTEMBER: STEVE ASHBY-- Who put on the legal Forum at Oshkosh this year. Steve is responsible for the formation of the Association of Sport Aviation Lawyers, whose purpose is to assist EAA in its efforts to resolve the product liability Insurance/Litigation Dilemma. Steve lives in Stone Mountain and is building a Volksplane.

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EVENTS // FLY-INS

SEPT. 3 - 7 Ole South Fly-in, Richard B. Russell Field, Rome, Georgia.

SEPT. 12, FLYOUT To Tullahoma, Tn., Staggerwing Museum. Details later from Bob Barton

SEPT. 19, "The GA PILOT" Fly-in Perry/Ft. Valley Airport. Displays, Warbirds, Prizes, Free Pancake Breakfast--7:30-9:30am.

SEPT. 22-23, Fulton County Airport. Static display of last flying B-24 & B-29, Sponsored by the Confederate Airforce-Dixie Wing.

OCTOBER 3, Gwinnett County Airshow, Gwinnett County

OCTOBER 10 & 11, Georgia Air Fair, Macon Municipal Airport Gates open 10:00 am. \$7.00 adults \$3.00 Children.

October 10, FLYOUT To Dahlonega Ga. Smith House.

December 19, Annual Christmas party. To be held at the Raddisson Inn on Chamblee Dunwoody.

CHAPTER TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

All tools and VHS tapes listed below are for use (FREE) by chapter members and are available from Frank Wilcox.

- (1) Nicopress/cable cutter
- (2) Tensiometer 1/8 & 3/32" cable.
- (3) Magneto timing light
- (4) Cylinder base wrenches
- (5) Tubing flaring tool
- (6) Tubing bending tool
- (7) Spring type tube bender
- (8) Compression tester
- (9) Ring compression set
- (10) Spark plug cleaner set
- (11) High tension cable tester

EAA Educational Tapes (VHS)

- (1) Welding
- (2) Woodworking
- (3) Composite construction
- (4) Prescott Pusher Demo
- (5) Prescott Pusher Elevator & Trim construction
- (6) Flying over water, Wake turbulence, Winter flying, T.O. & Landing, Basic radio procedure; and Start Up.
- (7) Sport aviation index of articles.

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A NOTE FROM JOEL LEVINE !

The Southern Fried Fly-In for 1/4 Scale R.C. Models will be held October 3 - 4, in Duluth, Ga.

FOR SALE

(1) Wheel Fairings for Gruman American -- Never used-- \$200.00, Contact Dave Nemnich 299-3638.

(2) Leather Flight Jackets, U.S.A.A.F. A-2 Pilots Jackets and G - 1 Navy Flight Jackets contact, Lou McKinney 979-2775 for more info and prices.