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MEETINGS 2ND FRIDAY EACH MONTH AT STONE MOUNTAIN AIRPORT - 8:00PM

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TO:

EAA NATIONAL HEADQUARTER REPORT

The following are excerpts from our national newsletter.

PIPER BLASTS AUTO FUEL

In a contradictory and misleading service bulletin issued on January 14, 1987, the Piper Aircraft Corporation states that, "The use of automotive fuels is prohibited in Piper airplanes." Paul Proberzny has challenged the validity of the service bulletin in a letter to Piper President Frank G. Manning. In his letter, Paul describes the lengthy, detailed and highly successful auto fuel test program conducted by the EAA Aviation Foundation. He notes that current "aviation" gasoline (100 LL) has never been tested to the extent to which EAA tested mogas and that, to our knowledge, FAA has never defined any fuel specifications for 100 LL. The Federal Aviation Administration has approved the use of mogas as an aviation grade gasoline for over 350 different airframe and engine combinations.

When mogas is used in conjunction with an FAA approved STC, it is for all intents and purposes, aviation grade gasoline. Any other conclusion is illogical! You will certainly be reading more about this issue in SPORT AVIATION in the future. Several of your Headquarters staff members suspect that the lawyers for Piper's parent company, Lear Sigler, may be preparing themselves a future "product liability defense" by issuing the service bulletin. However, as Paul said in his letter to Mr. Manning, "In spite of careful record-keeping and EAA's own independent investigations, we have absolutely no records of any incident or accident in which mogas of ASTM D-439 specifications, when used in conjunction with an FAA approved STC, has been shown to be a causal factor."

AIRPORT CLOSING

Headquarters was recently notified of a potential forced airport closing in Clearwater, Florida. This information was immediately turned over to Florida EAA State Association President Michael Chenoweth and EAA Board member Billy Henderson for their information and action. Unfortunately, we are seeing forced airport closings more than ever before.

Sketchy reports arriving at EAA HQ indicate that two bills have been filed with the Massachusetts legislature's 1987 session which propose to allow local communities the right to control and restrict aircraft landings and takeoffs within their boundaries. The EAA Chapters in Massachusetts are being asked to monitor the situation and let EAA HQ know whether any assistance is needed. This is just another indication of the troubled times facing general aviation today and of the need for a strong Chapter network and state aviation associations.

Secretary's Report of February 1987 Meeting

Friday Feb. 13, 1987, meeting was called to order by President, John Popp. The usual round of introductions were made. The Secretary's minutes for the January meeting were corrected. There are ~~Three~~ Technical Counselors in Chapter 690, not 2 as reported. They are Frank Wilcox (sorry, Frank), Tom Ferraro and Ed Booth. The requirements for a Tech. Counselor are; 1. be an accredited A&P mechanic or; 2. have restored a "Classic" aircraft or aeroplane or; 3. started and finished a homebuilt aircraft.

The Tech. Counselor has to maintain proficiency during the year by inspecting 3 aircraft under construction or by submitting 3 programs at Chapter meetings during the year.

Frank Wilcox, Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,506.80 as of Jan. 31, 1987. Editor Charles Sego reported a total of 40 paid members as of Feb. 13, 1987. No more NavComs will be sent to those past members who have not renewed their membership.

It was agreed to purchase the index to Sport Aviation covering 1953 through 1986. Frank Wilcox will maintain the index.

Harold Stalcup gave a report on the May AirFair progress. more info at the March meeting.

Bob Barton gave a report on the planned Fly-aways for the rest of the year. April; Callaway Gardens. June; Chilhowee Tenn. September; Tullahoma and November; Dahlenega.

Joel Levine has donated a video tape to the Chapter Tape Library.

The Voyager Crew will be at Southern Tech April 2, 1987. We assume to present a program on the Voyager. Good luck on getting tickets!

After a break we reconvened to a program by Joel Levine. He had video tapes and audio tapes of the Voyager Flight. All very interesting; an amazing flight achievement. If you haven't read the article in Sport Aviation, you should.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. There were 42 members and guests in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roy Stoutenburg, Secretary

IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW HASN,T SIGN UP FOR 1987 GIVE THEM THIS!!

Give this with your check payable to EAA Chapter 690 to:
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NAME: _____
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PROJECT OR CURRENT AIRCRAFT: _____

EAA MEMBER # _____ DATE _____

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PROGRAM PRESENTATION

MARCH: Forrest Wilson will give us a update on the Defiant project with slides.

APRIL: Tom Ferraro will speak on Covering and Painting an aircraft. Demonstrate different techniques and equipment.

MAY: AIRFAIR--Lawrenceville airport.

SWAP SHOP

Items for sale. send description of items you have for sale or trade for publication in next news letter.

FOR SALE

(1.) BORG Electric clock, brand new, Asking \$25.00
Contact Joel Levine 394-5466.

(2.) FP 303 - Fisher Ultralight 20hrs TT landing gear damaged- easy repair
Rotax 277 Gear reduc. \$2,900
Frank Flessel (761-8667)

(4.) GLASAIR TD, 28 TTAF&E, 150 HP, Loran, glideslope, 2 Navs, 2 Coms, transponder, full nite lights and IFR. Walnut burl instrument panel. \$40,000 or best offer, trade, owner will finance with \$10,000 down.
Call Gerald Collins (288-7090 or 921-2955)

EVENTS // FLY-INS

MARCH 15-21 Sun n' Fun Fly-in, Lakeland, Fla. For more info. call 813-644-2431.

MAY 9-- Chapter 690 Fly-in event at Lawrenceville Airport. 8 a.m.--4 p.m. for more info. call Harold Stalcup.

MAY 15--17 2nd Annual "May Fly-in" Florence S.C., Display Airshow, Overnite Camping, for more info. call 803-669-5001.

JUNE 6 Neighbor Day at PDK, Airshow, Displays.

SEPT. Labor day--Ole South Fly-in, Rome, Georgia

CHAPTER TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

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

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- (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
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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.

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WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE to ALL events. Order now for your spouse to wear at the airfair.

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Lets welcome Chapter 268, at McCollum Field back to the active list. We will be sending a newsletter to 268 each month. And invite them to join in on exchanging flying information.