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THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

President's Notes



If all goes well, I will be back for the March meeting.

I was in Michigan two weeks ago and got a sample of the weather you have been having. The pilot said after shutting down the engines to put on your coat if you have one, the walkway is below -0- and wind was 35mph. "Only six more weeks of winter"

Thanks to Paul Fisher for volunteering to do a project review. Please plan on attending for an interesting look at an RV in progress.

The Ford Tri-motor is scheduled for arrival on June 4th and flying June 5, 6, & 7. Mark your calendar for the event. Those who worked with the last event had a great time. This is a not-to-be-missed event, even if you can volunteer only a few hours. Please, don't miss out.

Before we know it, it will be fly-in weather, Summer airport events and Oshkosh, all just around the corner.

See you Saturday, Jim

February's Meeting

We had a rather nasty cold snap as the meeting date rolled around, but that didn't keep twenty hardy souls from attending the meeting.

Project review highlights included George Bedeian was priming some assemblies and was preping for the next phase of riveting, Randy Stisser's RV-6 will soon be sporting a new paint job, Dwight Bender is exploring the Pietenpol as a possible project, and Ken Conrad has worked through the paperwork maze on his Pietenpol.

The evening's program was provided by Ron Franck, who presented the video "**Flights of Courage - The Early Airmail Years**" The video, available through the Bettendorf Public Library, told the story of the U.S. Airmail from its inception through the development of commercial aviation. In this day and age of e-mail, instant text messaging and portable PDAs it's easy to lose sight of the importance of getting mail across the country in the quickest available fashion. The sacrifices made by those daring young pilots are all too easily lost in the sands of time.

March Meeting and Program

We again meet at the Deere Wiman Carriage House. Director's meeting at 6:00 pm, Business meeting at 7:00 pm with a program by Steve Beert detailing the newest additions to the chapter's tool library.

Sadly, I must report that Krispy Kreme donuts are no longer available with the closing of their Davenport store. I know they will be missed during social hour.

Next Meeting • Mar. 8th, 7:00 pm • *Tool Time*

EAA CHAPTER 75 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 9th, 2008
Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.

General Information: The meeting was called to order by chapter Vice-president Mike Nass at 7:10 P.M. at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, Illinois.

Treasures report: The treasurer's report was read by Ed Leahy and was approved by the membership. It was noted that we have nine 2008 EAA Calendars for sale, see Ed Leahy for your copy.

Tech Counselor report: Terry Crouch had nothing to report this month

Flight advisor: Nothing to report this month.

Repair Barn : Nothing to report this month.

Tool Library: Steve Beert purchased several new tools for the chapter's tool library.

Young Eagles: Nothing to report in our chapter. Chapter 111 in Muscatine is planning a Young Eagles rally in March at the Muscatine airport.

New Business: EAA wants to bring the Ford Tri Motor back to the Quad cities June 5th through the 8th this summer. If we decide to host the Tri Motor we will need volunteers. This will be discussed by the board, and at the next membership meeting.

Evening Program: Ron Franck gave a presentation on the beginnings of our airmail system from 1918 through 1927. He showed a 52 minute video that included footage of old Jenney's and other bi planes. Their were lots of danger and plenty of mishaps in this historical documentary. Also, some lighter moments were included. Thanks to Ron for a good program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

*These minutes respectively submitted by
Vahan G. Bedeian Secretary EAA Chapter 75*

EAA CHAPTER 75 DIRECTOR'S MEETING

February 9th, 2008
Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.

Call to Order: The board of directors meeting was called to order by Chapter Vice-president Mike Nass at 6:10 P.M. The following board members were present, Mike Nass, Ed Leahy, George Bedeian and Dave Jacobsen. Also present was Dwight Bender. Absent were Jim Smith, Steve Beert and Chris Nitz.

Treasures report: The treasurer's report for December was read by Ed Leahy. Dave Jacobsen made a motion to accept the report, seconded by George Bedeian.

January Meeting Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the Jauary Board meeting was made by Dave Jacobsen and seconded by Mike Nass. Minutes approved by the board.

Old Business: The board discussed and will look into moving chapter funds into a higher yielding CD.

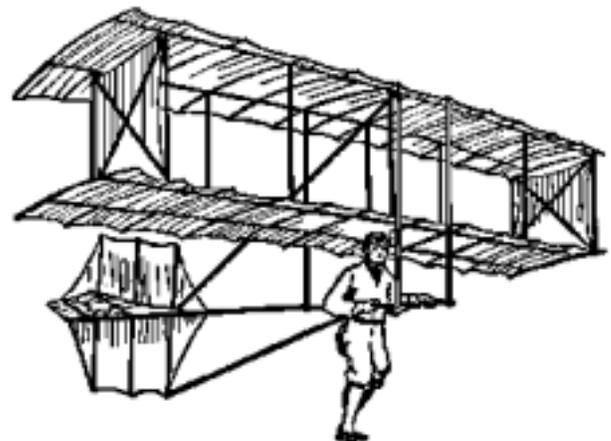
New Business: EAA wants to bring the Ford Tri-Motor to the Quad Cities again this year. We will discuss it at the membership meeting tonight.

The board also discussed and is looking for a better way to get chapter members to volunteer for the monthly meeting presentations. We need input from chapter members so as not to discourage participation and to promote the programs.

Steve Beert bought some new tools for the chapter.

Dave Jacobsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ed Leahy seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

*These minutes respectfully submitted by
Vahan G. Bedeian, Secretary EAA Chapter 75*





Chapter 75 had several members attend the 2007 Sun-n-Fun gathering. They were: Ron Ehrecke, Jim White, Craig Olson, Nick

Anagnos, Paul Kirik, Keith Williams, Ken Conrad and Wayne Sapp. We missed a great opportunity during the May 2007 meeting by not having those attending Sun-n-Fun report back to the general membership their impressions of that event.

If you plan on attending this year's Sun-n-Fun event take a few extra pictures and make a few mental notes. We may be calling upon you in May!



Monthly Program Schedule

- Apr. - Primary: Paul Kirik
Alternate: Randy Stisser
- May- Primary: Steve Jackovich
Alternate: Dick Morrow
- Sep.- Primary: Roger Nightingale
Alternate: Bernie Nitz
- Oct - Primary: Jim Snyder
Alternate: Bob Thomas
- Nov - Primary: Nate Bush
Alternate: Don Grundstrom

Please contact the newsletter editor with details of your upcoming program at least 30 days prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend please contact the alternate with enough advance notice that he or she can prepare a presentation in your absence.

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Here are a couple of interesting web sites you may wish to explore:

It's hot in Australia during January, and the effects on performance of an aircraft can be stunning as Igor Korchinsky and his crew found out. This video, taken from the tower shows a loaded Russian Cargo Liner using every inch of the 8000 or so foot runway. Turn up the sound.....

<http://www.alexisparkinn.com/photogallery/Videos/2008-2-9-II76-in-Australia.wmv>

Submitted by Galen Johnson: The AOPA website has an e-book copy of their first issue. Fun to look at the state of the art of private aviation at the time, and just amazing to look at the clasified ads and see what was for sale— and the prices.

<http://www.aopa.org/epilot/redir.cfm?adid=14539>

Up Coming Events

Paul and Roy Fisher will be hosting a project review at the Fisher homestead in Taylor Ridge. They have a Van's RV-9 under construction. Their address is:

8428 114th Ave. West
Taylor Ridge, IL 61284

Additional information will be available at the meeting. I'll message everyone when details are available. For a map to Paul's enter the above address in Google Maps.

Ford Tri-Motor

Coming to an airport near you, June 4th through the 7th are the tentative dates. Jim Smith will have more details at Saturday's meeting.

Pilot's Funny Page

An airline pilot is a confused soul who talks about women when he is flying, and about flying when he is with a woman.

Asking what a pilot thinks about the FAA is like asking a fireplug what it thinks about dogs.

The only thing worse than a captain who never flew as a co-pilot, is a co-pilot who once was a captain.

Hand flying an ILS in a gusty crosswind is easier than adjusting the shower controls in a layover hotel.

Most crew meals taste like warmed-over chicken because that's what it is.

Everything is accomplished through teamwork until something goes wrong....then one pilot gets the blame.

A good simulator ride is like successful surgery on a cadaver

Standard checklist practice requires pilots to read to each other procedures used every trip and recite from memory those needed once every five years.

A crew scheduler is the type who wakes his wife at midnight to carry out the trash, then sends her back out to let in the cat.

An FAA investigation is conducted by non-flying types who take six months to itemize the mistakes made by a crew that had six seconds to do something.

ATC: "Cessna 152, What are your intentions?"
Cessna: "To get my Commercial Pilots Licence and Instrument Rating."

ATC: "I meant in the next five minutes not years."

"Halifax Terminal, Nova 851 with you out of 13,000 for 10,000, requesting runway 15."

Halifax Terminal (female): "Nova 851 Halifax, the last time I gave a pilot what he wanted I was on penicillin for three weeks. Expect runway 06."

Lost student pilot: "Unknown airport with Cessna 150 circling overhead, identify yourself."

Tower: "Have you got enough fuel or not?"
Pilot: "Yes"
Tower: "Yes what??"
Pilot: "Yes, SIR!"

Controller: "AF123, say call sign of your wingman."
Pilot: "Uh... approach, we're a single ship."
Controller: "Oh oh! You have traffic!"

Cessna 152: "Flight Level Three Thousand, Seven Hundred"
Controller: "Roger, contact Houston Space Center"

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