

## President's Notes



Flying weather is finally here (most of the time). I did get out twice this month. I rode as cargo to Modesto, CA for a week this month. In driving around the airport there I didn't see any activity through the locked gates.

I want to thank Larry McFarland for all his help in marketing Larry Dorgan's Zenith 707 project. It is scheduled to go to the St. Louis area on April 18th.

Also, a big thanks to Keith Williams for all the work, the many phone calls and trips to the airport in marketing the Glasair. At this time a purchaser is on his way from California to pick it up. It is now on its way to California.

This month's program is by the Weather Service, arranged by George Bedeian. This should be an interesting presentation, and maybe we can learn why I have shoveled ten inches of partly cloudy off my sidewalks in the past.

Jerry Coussen's project review of his Lancair four-place was well attended on a beautiful flying day. The wing is in the fixture and every where there is space it is gas tank-110 gallon total. The carbon fiber construction and strength obtained was demonstrated by Jerry on one of the components. Pictures can be found elsewhere in the newsletter taken by Cy Galley and others. Thanks Jerry.

Next month Keith Williams will have the program. He is going to talk about the Air Force and his experiences during the years he served in the military.

See you Saturday.

Happy Flying - Jim

## March Meeting

As always, last month's meeting was a success. As usual, you can find the minutes on the next page of this newsletter. Jerry Coussen gave the program on trip to the Grand Canyon in his Lancair. It was a very interesting presentation and it looked like a beautiful trip to make. Thanks Jerry!

## April Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 7:00 P.M. in the Deere-Wiman Carriage House. A few interesting things will be happening at this meeting.

First, the Glacair project you've been hearing about was sold. A few members went out to the airport today to help load the plane in a trailer so the new owner can drive it to California. Look for pictures in the rest of the newsletter.

Second, the program this month will be by the Weather Service. Thanks to George Bedeian for setting it all up. For those of you that were looking forward to Keith William's presentation about his experiences in the Air Force, it has been moved to next month.

Interesting thing number three is that I should actually be at the meeting again since I'm on Spring Break. :)



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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 14, 2009  
Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.

**General information:** The meeting was called to order by Chapter president Jim Smith at 7:20 P.M.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Leahy read the treasurers report to the meeting, and was approved by the membership as read.

**Visitors:** No new members or visitors tonight.

**Tech Counsellor's Report:** Jim Smith paid a visit to Jim Love's RV-9A project and reported everything looked in order, and he's doing a fine job, also it's almost ready for paint.

Jim also paid a visit to Marty Santic's RV-12 project. He was impressed by the speed and quality of Marty's work, as he moves along with the construction of his plane.

**Flight Advisor:** Nothing to report.

**Repair Barn:** Nothing to report. But Cy did talk about the new TSA proposed rules that would require Background checks, fingerprinting and special badges, all at our expense. And this is just get to our planes on the south side of the Moline airport. Cy also mentioned the other TSA proposed rule on LASP for planes over 12,000 pounds.

**Tool Library:** Nothing to report.

**Young Eagles:** We have scheduled a Young Eagles Rally on May 16th at Clinton; this will be held along with the Clinton Aero clubs open house. Keith Vasey will coordinate the event.

**Old Business:** Jim Smith & Bob Thomas talked to a representative from the Putnam Museum. They want an active project to be on display at the museum from mid October of 2009 through mid March of 2010. The plan is to have someone working on the project while the public observes. We will seek volunteers' from our chapter.

**New Business:** Mike Nightingale and Bernie Nitz both have one youngster lined up for Air Academy during this years AirVenture. The chapter would like to send at least three this summer if possible.

**Announcements:** The Geneseo Theater will be showing aviation movies on Thursday March 19th 2009 in Geneseo, IL. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the movie starts at 7:10 PM. A donation would be appreciated. The Movie will be Those Magnificent Men And Their Flying Machines. The Movie is sponsored by members of the Gen Air airport.

**The Evening Program:** Tonight's program was pre-

sented by Jerry Coussens. Jerry gave a very nice Power Point presentation on his trip to the Grand Canyon in his Lancair 320. There were a lot of good photos and narration of his adventure.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

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

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### DIRECTOR'S MEETING

March 14, 2009  
Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.

**Call to Order:** The board meeting was called to order by chapter president Jim Smith at 6:06 P.M. The following board members were present, Jim Smith, Dave Jacobsen, Mike Nass, Ed Leahy, & George Bedeian.

Those not in attendance were Chris Nitz & Steve Beert.

**Treasures report:** The treasurer's report for February was read by Ed Leahy. A motion was made by Dave Jacobsen to accept the report as read, this was seconded by George Bedeian and approved by the board.

**Old Business:** Jim Smith talked to a representative from the Putnam Museum. They want an active project to be on display at the museum from mid October of 2009 through mid March of 2010. The plan is to have someone working on the project while the public observes.

Ed Leahy checked four different banks for the best CD rates. Our bank still has the best, and we will let the CDs roll over and remain there. Ed also mentioned we have 31 members that haven't paid their 2009 chapter dues.

We have scheduled a Young Eagles Rally on May 16th at Clinton, this will be held along with the Clinton Aero clubs open house.

We will remind the Chapter of the open house at Jerry Cousins this Sunday March 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

The chapter has two openings for this summers Air Academy for Kids 16 to 18 years of age.

The GlassAir had four people interested in looking at the project since we lowered the price by \$10,000.

**New Business:** Jim Smith told the board that we need funds for two more kids for Air Academy. If the Quad City Aviators are not able to help out in this, we may only be able to send three kids this year.

Dave Jacobsen made a motion to limit the number of kids we send to air academy to three, if we don't get help from other organizations. Mike Nass seconded the motion and was approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

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

## Funny Fly-In Story

Here is an interesting fly-in story sent to me by member Dave Wilson. Thanks Dave and keep up the good work with your RVs!

In 1975 Nancy and I bought our first plane, a '46 Cessna 120. We were so excited after we both had a thorough checkout and decided to attend our first fly-in breakfast. So we agree to fly about eighty miles to Dixon, IL [President Reagan's hometown]. I was to be pilot in command inbound, Nancy would fly us home.

It was an ideal summer morning and the original antique hanger was packed with attendees all gazing out over the tarmac while chewing, just like a large herd of cattle.

So we taxied up in full view of this audience, I dismounted from the airplane in the usual fashion. The usual fashion for a right side above the knee amputee like me is to place my left foot on the gear leg step, pivot about clockwise, and let my prosthetic side come out the door and down to the ground. So I did this. Except this time, in front of the whole chewing mob, my foot broke clean off the

bottom of my prosthesis and the rest of me came down in a heap. Picture this pilot who gets out of his plane and winds up on the ground with his foot laying three feet away still in a shoe!

So now you have all these people chewing faster and choking. Their eyes all look like new golfballs. Then there's the mad rush to help. Then I have to explain that I'm OK. My foot just fell off, that's all. And then I'm given a free breakfast and we leave for home as planned. Nancy flies the airplane home!

## House for Sale

Member Shad Meyers is looking to sell his house on the Bluegrass Airstrip and would like it to go to someone interested in aviation rather than someone that wants a big garage. Below is the description written by Shad. If you know of anyone interested in aviation that would like a house on an airstrip, give him a call.

The house is located on the airstrip at Village Oaks in Blue Grass and is a three bedroom 2 bath upstairs, open floor plan with upstairs laundry, 1699 sq ft. It is a new house built in 2005. It has a two car garage in front and a 42 x 32ft hanger in the rear. The hanger is insulated and can be used as a hanger or a garage. (drive thru, doors on both sides) It is located on 1.49 acre lot. It has a full basement that has nine foot ceilings and is plumbed for another bathroom in the basement. If someone wants to see it they can give me a call (563)370-1975 \$257,000.

## Paul's RV Status

Well, the RV-7a is finally painted. (white with red and blue stripes). I helped him put the canopy on yesterday (he claims for good) and later this week, we will be moving it to the airport. By the time the chapter meets again, the plane should be at DVN, so if it's not, please make fun of him. This concludes my make fun of my dad article for the month, check back in May.

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# Jerry Coussen's Presentation and Open House

Below are pictures from Jerry's presentation at last month's meeting as well as his open house. Thanks Jerry for your very interesting presentation and for showing off your new plane! Photos courtesy of Cy Galley and Paul Fisher.



# The Glasair Has Been Sold!!!

The Glasair you have been hearing all about has finally been sold. Below are a write up by Keith Williams and various pictures of the aircraft being prepared for its trip to California.

On Saturday the Glasair project left Iowa for its new home in San Jose, California. Howard and his friend Tom arrived Saturday morning with a pickup truck and 25 foot enclosed trailer. The loading turned out to be just a bit complicated as we had a Glasair with a permanently attached 105" wide tail to fit into a 90" wide trailer. No amount of angling will make that work. After considering the merits of sawing off the tail, to be reattached later in California (a tempting option to some of us), we decided to settle for getting "most" of the project into the trailer. The tail (minus rudder and elevators) are going to ride to California out in the fresh air. Jim Smith led the loading operation with a Chapter 75 crew including Paul and Roy Fisher, Bob Olds and Richard Lowe plus Bill Swaim from the Quad City Aviation Association. I tried to stay out of the way and do as little harm as I could. Bottom line, Chapter 75 and the Quad City Aviation Association have a healthy boost to our High Flight Education Fund and young people in our area will benefit from the donation of the project by Jack Hull. Special thanks to Bob Olds, Richard Lowe and John Vahrenwald who went back out to the airport Sunday morning to help the new owners with some rearranging of the load before the big trip.



# More Glasair Pictures



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