

THE LANDINGS Newsletter of Chapter 75 Quad-Cities of Illinois and Iowa, USA Month and Year

THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

President's Notes



Greetings to all - as September 1st and the fall season arrives, it is warmer than it has been all summer.

All went well at Oshkosh this year. Lots of great help and not too many big projects to work on. We'll have a report of donations at the September meeting. Thanks to all again who took vacations, time away from home, whatever to spend their week at the repair barn. It is always the event of the year many of us look forward to.

In visiting with our Air Academy candidates and their parents, it sounds like they all had a really good time. We'll be hearing from each of them as time goes on.

We have also received a check from the Tri-motor visit and will report on that Saturday evening as well. We didn't make a lot of money this year due to the unpredictable weather, but did more than cover our expenses and a great time was had by all who took part. Again, this is a great chapter, thanks to all who participated.

The August meeting held at Steve & Cinda Beert's was well attended by chapter members and their aircraft. I was out of town and unable to attend, however was informed all went very well with good food and conversation. Thank you Steve & Cinda for all the work involved in this event.

High-Flight Education Fund is finally in possession of Jack Hull's project (Glasair). It was moved to a hangar at Davenport along with anything that looks like aircraft items on August 27th and 30th. Those involved in the moving project were John Vahrenwald, Bob Olds, Paul Fisher, Mike Nightengale, Roger Nightengale, Steve Rahlf, Keith Williams,

Ed Leahy and myself. I have appointed Paul Fisher, Mike Nightengale, and Keith Williams as Chapter 75 representatives on a committee to work with Quad City Aviators Assn. Representatives in marketing the items we have in inventory.

Dave Wilson, an RV builder from Galesburg has invited us for an open house to view his project. The project review will be Sunday afternoon, October 5th. Time and directions to his project will follow in a later e-mail. This is the week before our October meeting.

It has always been a pleasure to visit projects in progress, and Dave is an excellent builder and has many hints on production techniques. Put this one on your calendar.

Most of the fly-ins are over for summer, however there should still be lots of good flying weather left.

We will be back at Deere-Wimen at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 13th. Board of Directors meeting at 6:00P.M. See you there. Again, we have some new members, so be sure to visit with them and make them feel welcome.

Happy Flying - Jim

September Meeting

The September meeting will be back at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House on Saturday, September 13. The meeting will begin at 7:00p.m. The program for this month's meeting will be an FAA supplied Safety Video provided by Bernie Nitz. Hope to see you all at the meeting!

Member Project

A message was sent to me about a member project so I'm passing it on to all of you. Marty Santic of Davenport is building an RV-12. The wing kit has just arrived. If any of you want to check on his progress, you can do so at his blog:

<http://www.martysrv12.blogspot.com/>

If any of you are interested in his project, he welcomes you to either go to his blog or visit the project in person. His contact information is:

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Next Meeting • Sept. 13, 7p.m. • *FAA Safety Video*

Beert's Picnic



Men grilling. Need I say more?



It's amazing how many members show up when there's food involved.



Hey! It flies! What are you waiting for, Paul?



Aww :)



Before...



...After

Young Eagle Successes

For any of who you think that the Young Eagles rides we give are useless...

Recently, I was reading an article in a publication called Flight Journal. It told of a group of pilots, led by a medical doctor from Jackson Hole, WY, who spend a week flying into and out of remote air strips in Idaho. I had a niece who is a dietitian with a medical group in Jackson. She had mentioned that some of the doctors in the group were pilots. I asked if she knew this doctor, and (small world) he is a member of the group. He also delivered her two sons several years ago. When the oldest was twelve, the doctor took him for a ride in his T-28 as part of the Young Eagle Program. Harrison Ford also is in with this group and they fly out of a small airport near Jackson. When the oldest son decided to pursue aviation as a career, he enrolled at the University of North Dakota. The summer before he left for UND, he was awarded a local EAA scholarship for flight training, and he earned his private pilot rating. He had the choice of several careers. He was a good athlete, he showed several award winning cattle at the Wyoming State Fair (no small feat in that state of cattlemen) and his family was involved in a river rafting and hunting guide business over the years. But, he choose aviation and graduated from UND in May of 2007. He worked as a CFI at UND until November when he joined Mesaba Airlines as a first officer. As in the case of Chapter 75's success story of Amanda Smith, you never know where the first Young Eagle ride will lead. Richard Lowe, Davenport

Monthly Program Schedule

- Sep.- Primary: Roger Nightingale
Alternate: Bernie Nitz
- Oct - Primary: Jim Snyder
Alternate: Bob Thomas
- Nov - Richard Morrow

Please notify your alternate if you are unable to fulfill the responsibility of presenting a program so that he or she can prepare a program in your absence.

Random Aviation Things

Here are a few aviation related links and other things sent to me by your previous newsletter editor, Ron Franck. As always, please send me any cool aviation links you come across.

Electric Oyster- Move your mouse left and right across the screen to give the impression that you're flying over the mountains. <http://www.electricoyster.com/electric3d/index.html>

A New York lawmaker called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?"

I said, "No, why do you ask?"

She replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude!"

After putting her on hold for a minute, while I looked into it. (I was laughing).

I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, CA is (FAT - Fresno Air Terminal), and the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage.

A lady Senator called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-Cola, Florida."

Do I have to get on one of those little computer planes?"

I asked if she meant fly to Pensacola, FL on a commuter plane.

She said, "Yeah, whatever, smarty!"

Anthem to General Aviation
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-wUPixCw2c>

Paul's RV Status

So every month I'm going to start putting in the current status of the RV-7a being build by my dad. So if it seems like this isn't changing from month to month, make fun of him for not getting anything done so he works faster.

As of right now Paul's working on fitting the wheelpans. The summer was spent mainly on painting and there are only about three pieces that need to be painted: the fuselage and both wings.

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Random Pictures



RVs



Terry did his part to help out at the Repair Barn.
Photo courtesy of Greg Klema.



The Prez. Photo courtesy of Jim Smith.



Plane



Another Plane

Oshkosh 2008

As always, Oshkosh was another great success. Thanks to all who put their time and expertise into the Repair Barn. There are many pilots out there who owe you one. If anyone has any pictures from Oshkosh that they would like to share, please send them to me. Here are some pictures I took (Unless you think they're horrible pictures, then my dad took them). More will come in future issues (I'll build suspense so you keep paying your dues and getting the newsletter).



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