

# THE LANDINGS

Newsletter of Chapter 75

Quad-Cities of Illinois and Iowa, USA

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THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

## President's Notes



The meeting this month will be very important to all members. We are scheduled to elect a new President and Vice President to lead the chapter for the next two years. If you want a say in who will

lead your chapter, you must be there. We also are going to select who will present our fine programs next year. You will not get out of this one by avoiding the meeting.

We transported 39 Young Eagles out of Davenport last month. Thanks to all who helped with the event. We got very good press from the Rock Island Argus the next day.

The board approved funds for the Christmas party scheduled for 1800 hours 8 Dec. We will have the usual pot luck with the chapter furnishing the meat. Note the one hour early start. Bring the kids or grand kids and a present to place under the tree for each of them. Our Santa is the best, so bring the camera.

The board for the North Central Fly In met in October and basically decided not to continue the event next year. More on the shut down plan will be forthcoming. Too much work and too few volunteers to do it. We will finish in the black.

Dues are due on 1 January, and it helps a lot if you pay by mid-December so we can make an accurate report to HQ with our renewal papers. Please use the renewal form so the officers can keep an accurate, up-to-date roster of our members. The 2008 Calendars are here and they are going fast. They will be available again at the November meeting. See you there.

*Richard Lowe, President.*

## November Program



Mike Mass is the Manager of the Clinton Airport. As some may know, Mike's father is a former member of the modern German Air Force. He was the guy in back (gib) in an F-4 Phantom. After he left the air force service, he and some of his friends make a trip from Germany to Northern Norway in a Dornier and a Piaggio. A TV program was made of the trip with lots of footage of the scenic area along the route. Mike will bring the tape to the chapter meeting and show it and discuss the details of the trip. It should be a real treat to see how flying is done in that part of the world. Don't miss it.

## Election Time for President and Vice-President

Please plan on attending the November meeting.

President Rich Lowe is unable to accept a third term. Chapter 75 has a long and proud history. We need your involvement to continue this heritage.



**Next Meeting • Sat, Nov. 10th, 7:00 pm • Mike Nass**

# EAA CHAPTER 75 MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2007

(Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.)

**General Information:** The meeting was called to order by chapter president Richard Lowe at 7:00 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 the new 2008 EAA Calendars for sale, just see Ed Lahey for your copy.

**Tech Counselor report:** Jim Smith traveled to Wilton Iowa to inspect an all wood Barracuda project. After his visit, Jim said the builder was doing a very nice job.

**Flight advisor:** Nothing to report.

**Repair Barn :** Nothing to report.

**Tool Library:** The tool committee will discuss what tools we want to acquire. Also we are looking for the chapter's tentionometer; it's out in the chapter somewhere. Our chapter has a system for tool checkout, and members need to be reminded that it must be strictly followed. We should not pass tools to another member without coordinating with the Tool Librarian.

**Young Eagles:** We had successful Young Eagles Rally at the Davenport airport. We flew a total of 39 Young Eagles. Kirk Foecking came down from Galena to print out the Young Eagle Certificates. Thanks to Kirk for his help.

**New Business:** This year's North Central fly in at Rock Falls was a success. Due to lack of volunteers we will review or limit our participation this next September.

This year's Christmas party is on track.. Deb Jacobson is in charge of the decorations this year. We will have our yearly visitor from up North again to greet the kids. Dinner will start at 6:00PM sharp, and Santa plans to arrive at 7:30PM.

Nominations will be held during November's meeting for the positions of President and Vice President. Richard Lowe announced that he is retiring as the chapters President after two terms.

Next months program will be presented by Mike Nass, manager of the Clinton Airport.

**The October Program:** Tonight's' program was presented by Mike Perkins from Havana, IL. Mike gave a very informative power point presentation on Fly-by-Wire control systems. Thanks Mike.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

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

# EAA CHAPTER 75 DIRECTOR'S MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2007

(Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.)

**Call to Order:** The board of directors meeting was called to order by chapter president Richard Lowe at 6:15 P.M. The following board members were present, Richard Lowe, Jim Smith, Dave Jacobsen, Ed Lahey, Chris Nitz and George Bedeian. The following were absent: Steve Beert and Ron Franck.

**Treasures report:** The treasurer's report for September was read by Ed Leahy. Dave Jacobson made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Chris Nitz and was approved by the board members.

**October Meeting Minutes:** Richard Lowe read the minutes of the last board meeting. A motion was made by Chris Nitz to accept the minutes as read, and was seconded by Dave Jacobsen, then approved by the board

**Old Business:** The subject of tools was discussed. Our chapter has a system for tool checkout, and members need to be reminded that it must be strictly followed. We should not pass tools to another member without coordinating with the Tool librarian.

This years North Central fly in at Rock Falls was a success. Due to lack of volunteers we will review or limit our participation this next September.

We will have chapter elections this November, the positions open are President and Vice President.

**New Business:** Our Christmas party will have a visitor from up north again. Last years Santa has agreed to come back again. Jim Smith made a motion to accept him, and Chris Nitz seconded the motion and was approved by the board. The Board also approved for Hy Vee to cater in the main course as last year. The party begins with dinner at 6:00 PM and Santa will arrive at 7:00 PM.

**Young Eagles:**The Young Eagles event was held at the Davenport airport, we flew 39 Young Eagles.

Dave Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

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



# Precision Airmotive LLC

## “Liability Premiums Now Exceed Total Sales Dollars”

November 1, 2007

Precision Airmotive LLC has discontinued sales of all float carburetors and component parts as of November 1, 2007. This unfortunate situation is a result of our inability to obtain product liability insurance for the product line. Precision Airmotive LLC and its 43 employees currently manufacture and support the float carburetors used in nearly all carbureted general aviation aircraft flying today. Precision has been the manufacturers of these carburetors since 1990. These FAA-approved carburetors were designed as early as the 1930s and continue to fly over a million flight hours a year. After decades of service, the reliability of these carburetors speaks for itself.

Nonetheless, Precision has seen its liability insurance premiums rise dramatically, to the point that the premium now exceeds the total sales dollars for this entire product line. In the past, we have absorbed that cost, with the hope that the aviation industry as a whole would be able to help address this issue faced by Precision Airmotive, as well as many other small aviation companies. Our efforts have been unsuccessful.

This year, despite the decades of reliable service and despite the design approval by the Federal Aviation Administration, Precision Airmotive has been unable to obtain product liability insurance for the carburetor product line. While we firmly believe that the product is safe, as does the FAA, and well-supported by dedicated people both at Precision and at our independent product support centers, unfortunately the litigation costs for defending the carburetor in court are unsustainable for a small business such as Precision.

Therefore, as of November 1, 2007, Precision Airmotive LLC has been left with no choice but to cease production and support of its float carburetor line.

We are working with the engine manufacturers and others in the industry in an attempt to minimize the impact on general aviation and to provide future support for this product line. There is a substantial quantity of parts and carburetors stocked at our distributors, which should be sufficient to support the industry for a short time.

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**Howard Hughes gave us the Spruce Goose. Now Airbus gives us the Aluminum Goose. Airbus thought the shape of the fuselage would enhance fuel economy, and so it did. Unfortunately, each Fall it would only fly South and, no matter what the test pilot attempted, it wouldn't fly North until Spring. Airbus reports it has abandoned the project.**



### ***39 YOUNG EAGLES YOUNG EAGLES TAKE TO THE AIR IN DAVENPORT***

George Bedeian, Mike Smith, John Vehrenwald, Jim Smith, Rich Lowe, Paul Fisher, Terry Crouch, and Keith Williams were just a few of the members involved with the YE program in October. This event flowed smoothly with everyone's help. Thanks for making it happen!



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## ***Internet Links You Might Find Interesting...***

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<http://f16c.com/punchingout.asp>

### **F-16 Battle Damage and Ejection**

Read the opening statement so you know who is who, then download the audio and listen.

This is why aircrews make a couple hundred bucks extra per month. This is the actual transmissions between a heavily damaged US fighter plane, the wingman and the Airborne Command and Control Aircraft. Just note the calm voice of the pilot in the stricken plane: Also note that even though they are over enemy territory, his wingman makes it clear he is staying with lead all the way.

This is a very intense and gripping account of an F-16 that received damage from ground fire and the pilot was trying to make it to the border. Wait for the audio to download, then read the dialogue while listening to the radio communications.

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<http://youtube.com/watch?v=ORDhCi6JQaY>

This is a animated video clip that I thought went right to the heart of aviation enthusiasts all over the world. The character is a flightless Kiwi bird who, through imagination and determination experiences the joys of flight. Cute!

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<http://www.airbornegrafix.com/HistoricAircraft/ThingsWings/Besler.htm>

This last link is a page right out of aviation history that describes a steam powered aeroplane from the Golden Days of flying.

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**It's Dues time again! Everyone did a great job of getting their renewal application in last year. It was a great help to our records keeping. Let's all bring in a \$10.00 bill to the November meeting and repeat last year's success. Forms will be available during the meeting from Ed Leahy. If you can't make the meeting, please drop your payment to Ed Leahy by printing out a copy of the 2008 form attached to this mailing. To our new members that joined our ranks after August, your 2008 dues were automatically paid when you joined in 2007. We're glad to have you with us!**

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