

THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

President's Notes



Greetings, another month has passed, not a real good one for much flying. Things are looking better though. I did get to join about a dozen of our members one Saturday morning for breakfast in Muscatine. That is a fun thing to do if you are free and looking for somewhere to fly on Saturday AM early.

The weather bureau is on our agenda for the May meeting. They were unable to schedule it last month. A big thanks to Keith Williams for stepping in at the last minute and giving us a very interesting program. What a wonderful way to get to know our members when they share their past experiences with us.

The North Central Fly-in final disbursements of funds has been received. Another great fly-in that is no longer. A lot of effort went into that fly-in by many of our chapter members, and a good time was always had.

Be sure to mark your calendar for May 16th for our Young Eagles event at Davenport Airport. Flights start at 9:00 A.M. We need ground helpers and pilots. Keith Vasey is our chapter's Young Eagle co-ordinator. Please give him your support. After the Young Eagle flights we could fly to Muscatine for lunch for anyone interested in doing that.

Also, elsewhere in this newsletter is information on an Aircraft Electrical System seminar in Mason

City on June 27-28, 2009. It sounds like a good seminar.

To those who helped in any way in getting Larry Dorgan's project off to the St. Louis area, Jan sent a note of thanks to all who helped.

See you on May 9th.

Happy flying - Jim

May Meeting

Another month has gone by which means there will be yet another fun and exciting Chapter 75 meeting to attend. As always, it will be held at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House at 7:00 P.M. This month the program will be Dan Ferry, a senior forecaster at the National Weather Service. Here is a short biography written by Dan...

I am in my 30th year with the National Weather Service. My NWS career began as a surface, upper air and radar observer. After 13 years as an observer I noticed a trend toward automation and went back to school, earning a BA in Computer Science and also accumulating enough meteorology credits to convert to a forecaster.

I have been in the Quad Cities office since 1998. Prior to the Quad Cities, I have also worked in NWS offices in Little Rock AR, Jackson MS, Des Moines and St Louis. Before I joined the National Weather Service, I served 2 years in the Army at Yuma AZ as a weather observer.

Upcoming Events

May 16, 2009 - Young Eagles rally at the Davenport Airport. Flights will start at 9:00 A.M.

June 20-21, 2009 - Quad City Air Show. For more information, visit www.quadcityairshow.com.

June 27-28, 2009 - Aircraft Electrical Systems Seminar. More information on page 3 of this newsletter.

Next Meeting • May 9, 7 P.M. • National Weather Service

EAA CHAPTER 75 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 11, 2009
Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.

General Information: The meeting was called to order by Chapter president Jim Smith at 7:06 P.M.

Treasure's report: Ed Leahy read the treasurers report to the membership, and it was approved.

A motion was made to approve the last month's membership meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Cy Galley seconded, and it was approved by the membership.

Visitors: Gary Martin, a friend of Bernie Nitz, will join our chapter. He flies a Cessna 152 in the same club as Bernie.

Our other visitor was Mike York from Chapter 111 in Muscatine.

Tech Counselor Report: Cy Galley briefed us on how the new 406 ELT works. It is digital and can locate a position within a minute if you have GPS input, or otherwise it will take an hour or two. Also you must register it or get a \$10,000 fine. The old 121.5 ELTs will still work, but may take longer for getting locations and finding downed aircraft.

Flight advisor: Nothing to report this month.

Repair Barn : Cy Gally told us that Ford Motor Co. is pulling out its support for this year's AirVenture. EAA will rent a 4 wheel drive crew cab for the repair barn.

Tool Library: We will have a meeting to see what tools we will need for 2009 Oshkosh. All the tools that we use at the repair barn that are loaned out should be returned it time for AirVenture.

Young Eagles: The Young Eagles rally on May 16th in Clinton has been canceled due to a conflict with the Clinton Aero Club's open house. We will have a Young Eagle rally on May 16th 2009 at Davenport (tentative).

Old business: Keith Williams gave brief history and details of the sale of the Glass Air from the start, till its sale last month. Keith has just a few items left, such as some mags, headsets and other related items.

Larry McFarland helped in the sale of Larry Dorgan's Zenith 701 project. He also helped in the packing & shipping with Cy Galley.

New Business: This year's air academy is full; this means we are only sending one person.

Announcements: Clinton Aero Club's Friday night hamburger cook outs will begin June 1st and run till October 16th this fall.

This summers Clinton Balloon Fest has been canceled.

Evening Program: Keith Williams gave a fine presentation on his experience in the U.S. Air Force. In his 7 ½ years, he spent a good part of that time in the Air Defense System. Keith gave a good overview along with pictures and graphs, and a question and answer period. Thank you Keith.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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

EAA CHAPTER 75 DIRECTOR'S MEETING

April 11, 2009
Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.

Call to Order: The board meeting was called to order by chapter president Jim Smith at 6:10.PM. The following board members were present, Jim Smith, Dave Jacobsen, Ed Leahy, & George Bedeian. Others present, Bob Olds. Those not in attendance were Chris Nitz & Steve Beert and Mike Nass.

Treasure's report: The treasurer's report for March 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: We are still talking with representatives 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.

The Young Eagles rally on May 16th in Clinton has been canceled due to a conflict with the Clinton Aero Club.

We will be sending only one person to this year's Air Academy and one will have one on standby. All of the openings have been filled.

New Business: Dave Jacobsen made a motion to have Ed Leahy to look into making the chapter a non Profit organization but not a 501c. This was seconded by George Bedeian and approved by the board.

Marty Santic said the EAA Headquarters will soon have available DVDs for chapter programs. They will try for two a year.

We will discuss dates for Young Eagles rally's at the membership meeting tonight.

EAA still looking for chapter items for their founder's wing at Oshkosh.

Dave Jacobsen made a motion to accept last months board meeting minutes as published in the news letter, seconded by Ed Leahy.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Jacobsen and seconded by Ed Leahy.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M

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

LSA Course

Marty Santic sent me this regarding the LSA Inspection Rating Course. I'll let him explain...

Friday, Saturday and today (Sunday) I attended the 16 hour EAA/Sportair LSA Inspection rating course at the EAA museum in Oshkosh. John Bender, a fellow RV-12 builder, also attended. The 16 hour course is required if you (the owner) wish to perform the condition inspection (annual) on your RV-12. WE BOTH PASSED! The course concluded with a 50 question exam w/ a required grade of 80%. If you DO NOT attend this 16 hour class, you MUST have an A&P perform the annual.

Our 1st condition inspection will not be required for a while, but, the information we were exposed to will be very beneficial during the remainder of the build process.

I rated the course as EXCELLENT. The instructor, Byron Greenlaw, was very well versed with respect to the subject matter. He made the course extremely interesting. His many years experience as an A&P/IA showed as he related many of his experiences through-out the years and integrated this experience with the subject matter.

Once the Certificate of Aircraft Registration and the Airworthiness certificate is received for our RV-12s, both of us have satisfied ALL of the requirements and can apply for the repairman certificate.

Electric Seminar!

EAA Chapter 94 in Mason City, Iowa is hosting an Aircraft Electrical Systems seminar on June 27-28, 2009 at the Mason City Airport. The presenter will be Bob Nuckolls. Mr. Nuckolls is known to many of you already, but for those that don't know, he is the author of AeroElectric Connection and is an expert in aircraft electrical systems. For more info, contact Tom Barter (kesleyelectric@chooseblue.coop) and read attached pdf file.

B-52 on a Carrier?

I don't know if this story is true or not, but it sure makes for a good story! Thanks to Ron Frank for forwarding this to me.

True story...bet the bad guy's satellites went berserk looking at this one...! (and it wasn't the Navy paying off a bet against AF!) While this may look like a gag shot, it is actually a "transport of a transport" necessity. The B-52 was in Beirut, Lebanon undergoing routine fuel tank cleaning. Workmen accidentally damaged the bladder system and had to install the bladders from smaller C-130s temporarily. The plane was flown to nearby McCollough air base where it was lifted upon a barge bound for Tyre on the Mediterranean. Once there it was off-loaded onto the carrier deck for transport to Crete where the appropriate tank bladders were installed. It was then flown back to Beirut! Military cooperation in action. Great photo! How are they going to push that overboard during general quarters?



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Cool Pictures over Kennedy Space Center

Below are some very neat pictures taken by Lt. Col. Ed Hamill flying the Air Force Reserve biplane over the Kennedy Space Center. He is flying over the Space Shuttle Endeavor on launch pad A.



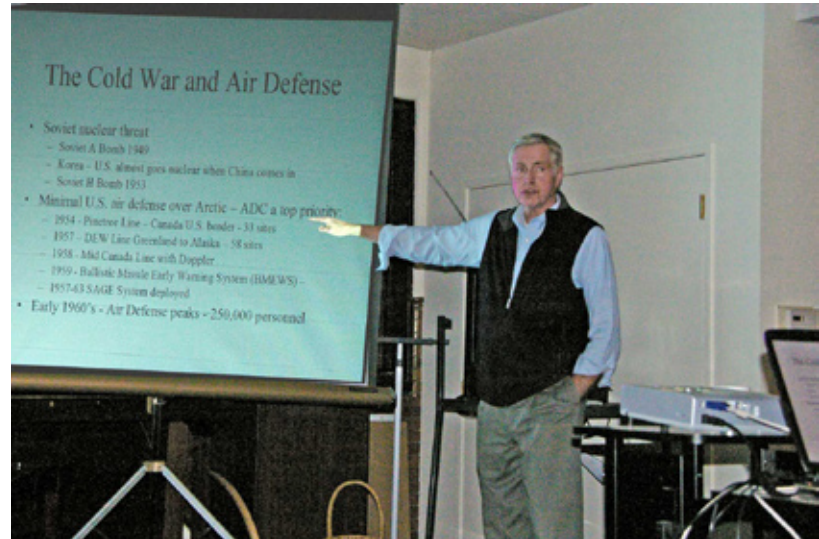
Moving an RV

Paul's RV-7a is finally at DVN. On a chilly Friday morning, a group of Chapter 75 members loaded the fuselage on a trailer and made a caravan from Taylor Ridge to Davenport. As it turns out, the width of the main gear is greater than the width of the trailer, so it took a little engineering to get the aircraft up there. Check out the pictures! Special thanks to Mike Nightengale, Jim Smith, Bernie and Chris Nitz for all their help!



Keith's Presentation

As always, I have attached pictures of last month's program in the newsletter. Below are pictures from Keith Williams' talk on Air Defense during the Cold War. Thankfully, we never had to use it! Thanks to Cy Galley for taking pictures.



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