

President's Notes



Weather was great Friday the 6th. Just had to go to the airport. Plane flew fine, pilot flew it fine.

If you missed Matry Stanics RV12 project review, he is progressing as fast as the boxes of parts arrive. Pictures in this newsletter thanks to Cy Galley.

Thanks to Amy Vahrenwald for presenting a very interesting program on Air Medical Transport. She went in for another back operation this week. Our thoughts are with you Amy.

I met twice with the committee from the Putnam Museum - they are looking for an aluminum airplane project to be on display and construction taking place during the presentation of the Legends of Flight 3D movie from mid October 2009 through mid February 2010. It will be set up as an active workshop. Inside heated space with access to work on project during hours when museum is open. If interested give me, John Vahrenwald, or Bob Thomas a call.

Jonetta Beresford and family Huntley IL have set up a scholarship in memory of her late husband Eldon, an annual Air Academy for all age groups of candidates in the amount of \$500.00 with any chapter recommendation in IA, IL or WI. I have application forms.

Happy flying
Jim Smith

Project Review

Jerry Coussens will have his Lancair 4 project on review Sunday, March 15, 2009 from 1-4 P.M. This is the Sunday after our next meeting. His shop is at 4621 Cheyenne Avenue Davenport Iowa Go North on Division St. to Cheyenne Ave. turn West on Cheyenne about 4 or 5 blocks. If lost call 563-529-3706.

Email Problems

I have been having problems with some of my emails not getting through. My guess is that they are getting labeled as spam. Make sure qcpiilot@gmail.com is added to you allowed senders list is you want to ensure you keep receiving my emails (unless you don't want me emails, then feel free to add my adress to your junk mail..) Tell your friends also in case they don't get this newsletter. Thanks!

March Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 P.M. in the Deere-Wiman Carriage House. This month's program will be given by member Jerry Cousenns. He will be giving a presentation about his trip to the Grand Canyon. An earlier newsletter ran the story of his trip. Make sure you make the next meeting to hear all about the trip!

February Meeting

February's meeting was a huge success as usual. John Vahrenwald's daughter Amy gave a very interesting talk on Air Medical Transport. Look for pictures elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks Amy!



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date here
Deere-Wiman Carriage House, Moline, IL.

General Information: The meeting was called to order by Chapter president Jim Smith at 7:15 P.M.

Treasures report: Ed Leahy read the treasurers report to the membership. Cy Galley made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Jim Smith and was approved by the members.

Visitors: Andrew Love, son of chapter member Jim Love. And Kyle Voltz from Geneseo, he is a member of the National Guard in Decatur, IL.

Tech Counselor report: Jim Smith paid a visit to Bill Swains RV-7 project and reported everything looked in order, and he's doing a fine job.

Cy Galley mentioned that on February 1st the new 406 ELT system that uses satellites went into effect. 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 : Nothing to report this month

Tool Library: Steve Beert said the 2009 Oshkosh tool list needs to be gone over and finalized for this years AirVenture.

Young Eagles: We will have at least three Young Eagles rallies this year. One with this years Wannabee program, one in the spring at Clinton with the Clinton's Aero club open house. And a Boy Scout merit badge qualification/Young Eagles rally.

Old business: Keith Williams reported that there were no new prospects on the Glassair project; we will be lowering the selling price by \$10,000. We will keep it on Barnstormers.

Long time chapter member Larry Dorgan passed away. The chapter will donate \$100.00 in his name to help send someone to Air Academy, during AirVenture this summer.

New Business: We are still working on the new roster and still have some members that need to pay their 2009 membership dues. The form you need to fill out is in the Newsletter.

There will be a project open house at Marty Santics house on February 22nd from 2:00 PM To 4:00 PM. He's building an RV- 12.

And on March 15th Jerry Cousins will host an open house from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. He is building a Lancair Four.

Evening Program: Tonight's program was presented by Amy Vahrenwald, Daughter of John & Heidi Vahrenwald. The program was on Helicopter Air Medical transport. She described the work environment, the equipment and showed Pictures of Med Forces helicopters and their hanger at Coal Valley. Besides being a flight nurse at Med Force, Amy also works at Trinity Medical center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

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

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DIRECTOR'S MEETING

February 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, Steve Beert and George Bedeian. Those not in attendance was Chris Nitz.

Treasures report: The treasurer's report for January was read by Ed Leahy. A motion was made by Steve Beert to accept the report as read and was seconded by Dave Jacobson and approved by the board.

Old Business: We have no offers on the Glass Air yet and the board discussed lowering the price.

We will have a meeting with the Putnam Museum on February 19th, 2009 concerning our participation in their aviation exhibit.

We will have a project open house at Marty Santics house later this month. His project is an RV-12.

The chapter will send one more Kid to Air academy this summer. We are looking for candidates to fill this opening. The chapter will check with the Quad City Airman's association for a candidate.

New Business: A motion was made for the chapter to donate \$100.00 in Larry Dorgans name to help send someone to Air Academy this summer. The motion was approved by the board.

A motion was made by Jim Smith for Ed Leahy to look for a better CD rates when the chapter CDs comes to maturity.

The board decided to pay the hanger rent for the Glass Air monthly.

We will have three Young eagles rally's this year. One during the wannbee program, another at Clinton and one at Davenport.

We may assist the Boy Scout troop in Bellview, Iowa with their Aviation merit badge program, and also have a Young Eagle rally at the same time. This is tentative for now.

A motion was made by Dave Jacobsen to certify our scales. The board will look at the FAA regulations as to what needs to be done to be in compliance, if need be.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M

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

Wet Monkey Theory

Here is a funny story sent to me by Tom Henry. Thanks Tom!

Start with a cage containing five monkeys. Inside the cage, hang a banana on a string and place a set of stairs under it. Before long, a monkey will go to the stairs and start to climb towards the banana.

As soon as he touches the stairs, spray all the other monkeys with cold water. After a while another monkey makes the attempt with same result, all the other monkeys are sprayed with cold water.

Pretty soon when another monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will try to prevent it. Now, put the cold water away. Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new one. The new monkey sees the banana and wants to climb the stairs.

To his surprise and horror, all of the other monkeys attack him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs he will be assaulted.

Next, remove another of the original five monkeys and replace it with a new one. the newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment with enthusiasm.

Paul's RV Status

I remembered to put this in the newsletter this month, and sadly, I have to report progress. Paul recently got the canopy painted. The fuselage, wings and tail surfaces are already painted. The next step is to put on the stripe (although I'm guessing that one is going to be more of Tama's job so Paul doesn't mess it up). I'll keep you posted (unless I forget to put this section in the newsletter like I usually do).

Likewise, replace a third original monkey with a new one, then a fourth, then the fifth. Every time the newest monkey takes to the stairs he is attacked. Most of the monkeys that are beating him have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs or why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey.

After replacing all of the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys have ever been sprayed with cold water. Nevertheless, no monkey ever again approaches the stairs to try for the banana. Why not? Because as far as they know that is the way it has always been done around here.

And that, my fellow monkey, is how Marine Corps policy begins.....

The Future of Avgas

Mike Nightingale forwarded me an interesting article from AVweb talking about a proposed replacement for 100LL called Swift Fuel. The FAA's initial testing indicates that the fuel has a slightly higher octane than 100LL but is also around a pound heavier per gallon. The fuel is made of biomass such as switch grass and agricultural waste. The company claims that it will be manufactured at a price of under two dollars a gallon. You can read the full article by going to the following address:

http://www.avweb.com/avwebbiz/news/FAAEvaluates100LLAlternative_199892-1.html

For those of you who are interested in this topic, there is also an interesting article in February's *Sport Aviation*. The article runs on page 39 and is titled "Fuels for the Future: What will power your aircraft?"

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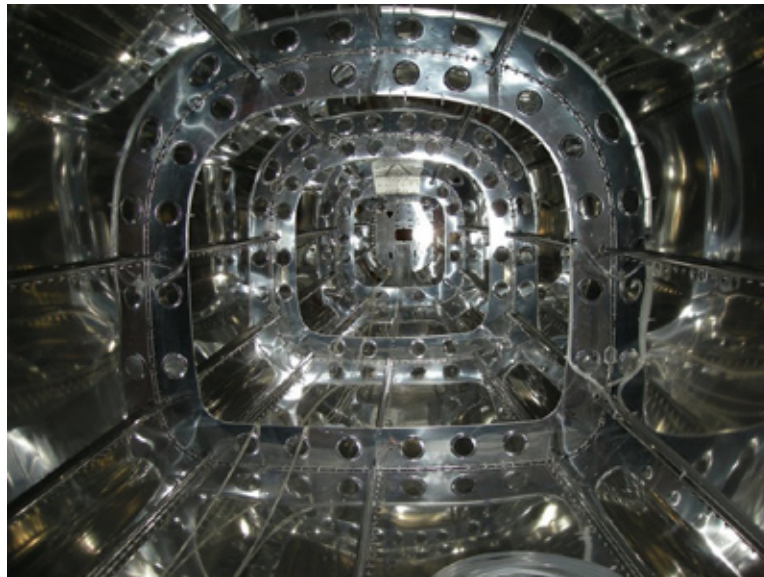
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Santic Open House

A few pictures from Marty Santic's open house. Looks like a great project. Keep up the good work Marty! Pictures courtesy of Cy Galley and Paul Fisher.



Dave Wilson's Next Project

Below are a couple pictures from Dave Wilson's RV project. This is the first engine runup. He plans to paint the plane the beginning of April and final assembly should be in early June. Congratulations Dave!



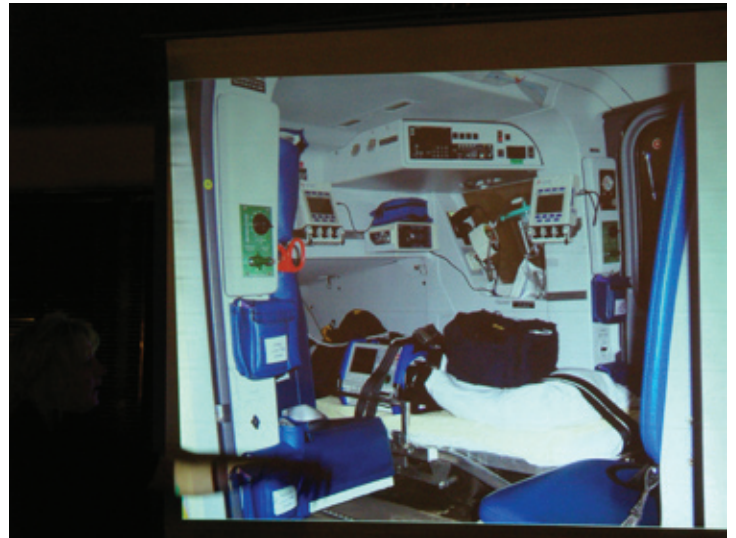
Hudson River Cleanup

Here are some amazing pictures of the Airbus being taken out of the Hudson River. The pictures were taken by the crane operator pulling the plane out. Thanks to Cy Galley for sending these to me!



Amy Vahrenwald

Here are a few pictures from last month's program given by Amy Vahrenwald. The presentation was about Air Medical Transport. Amy earned her bachelor's of science degree in nursing at Trinity College here in the Quad Cities and her masters of science degree from North Illinois University. She is a nurse practitioner at Trinity Hospitals. And flies with Medforce in addition to her full time job at Trinity. Pictures courtesy of John Vahrenwald and Cy Galley.



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