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GMD Offers EAA Discount

Joel M. Levine

Our hats off to Duane Huff, BOD Chairman, and Terry Adams who worked out a nice fuel discount for EAA members buying fuel at GMD Aviation. To Bill Blackford of GMD a very special thanks for his understanding and generosity in helping reduce the cost of Sport Aviation. Through their efforts, as an EAA member, after registering with GMD, the price of 100LL Aviation Fuel is currently \$2.53/gallon complete with all sales taxes. Duane indicated that if the volume grows to a reasonable value, the discount could perhaps be even greater. If you figure the cost of flying to Winder or Jackson County for 15 gallons of self-service fuel, the costs are pretty close. The next time you need fuel, register with GMD and tell the line boy you would like the EAA Discount. Pretty simple but you must be registered to qualify. By all means, be sure to thank Bill for his support! →

Mezzanine Work Continues

By Duane Huff

We have a Certificate of Occupancy for our Mezzanine project. Work has begun on all phases of the completion of the project. The Over The Hill Gang has erected the steel stud walls along the outside rear and side of the room upstairs. Walter Deere, Greg Jannakos, Frank Settle, and another

gentleman (I'm having a senior moment and can't remember his name. Sorry) did this work.

Air conditioning men are scheduled to come in early April to complete the heating and air conditioning. Plans for additional electrical are being made for the kitchen area, air conditioning and mezzanine. Tile flooring for the tool room and kitchen is in the works. A new water is being installed by Bob Zahner. We will be calling for work crews to help complete these projects. We are anxious to complete this work so that other programs can become a priority. →

Scouts in Experimental Planes

Provided by Joel Levin - written by Kerry Bedsworth

As many of you may be aware, the Boy Scouts have a written policy prohibiting airplane rides for scouts in any plane except those with standard airworthiness certificates. This policy effectively prohibits the scouts from riding in experimentals, warbirds, ultralights, and many of the aircraft we fly, and complicates the planning of Young Eagles and other flight activities for kids.

I became aware of this policy in planning for the Camporee on April 18 in Rome, where there are supposedly going to be 250 or so scouts who we have been asked to fly. In investigating the origins of this policy, I found out that it was put into place in the early 90's after a long

total ban on flights by the scouts as a result of a fatality which occurred in 1985. Not surprisingly, it was the risk management team for the scouts that was the hard sell. The scouts, it turns out, provide a \$15 Million liability policy for their events, which is greatly in excess of the \$1 million that we get from EAA when we do Young Eagles. I've also learned that their fears are somewhat justified, as they just settled a case (out of court) for \$5 Million from the parents of a child who was injured playing touch football while on a Sea Scouts activity. So much for horror stories.....

I have been offered the opportunity to make a presentation to the Air Explorer's national committee, which will meet at the NBAA convention in New Orleans this September. If I can present a strong enough case that the risks associated with flying in an experimental aircraft are not significantly worse than those associated with flying in a factory-built plane, we have a good chance at getting this policy changed.

At this point in time, I'm faced with sorting through a lot of accident statistics, talking with insurance specialists in the aviation industry, and planning for the presentation. I'm expecting that there will need to be a minimum number of hours required to have been logged on the plane if the policy is changed, and need to determine what that number should be. I also need to get with some local scouting leaders who are familiar with the aviation explorer program and can fill me in on its goals and objectives. If any of you have any interest in supporting me by helping out in this project, or know of someone who might be willing to pitch in or who

could provide some background, I'd appreciate hearing from you.

Kerry Bedsworth, president
EAA Chapter 268, Inc. →

YOUNG EAGLES

By Duane Huff - Young Eagles Coordinator

Beautiful flying weather was the order of the day on both Young Eagles' days March 10th. and 17th.. Unusual as it was for Ch. 690 to have nice weather and Young Eagles events come together, all were grateful.

On the 10th., in combination with a Pine Wood Derby, thirty nine (39) Scouts were given their Y.E. flights. This works great and is the second time we have used this dual event to our advantage. It is also a excellent use of our hangar/meeting facility.

Dr. Debi Huffman scheduled her students for their Young Eagle experience on the 17th.. Mike Stewart also had some Y.E. that he brought, and the total flown was fifty two (52). Debi does a great job of organizing the assignments of students to pilots.

Please give Greg Jannakos a special THANK YOU ! for arranging for and organizing the pilots and ground crews. The pilots for both events were Graig Jimmez, Lee Craymer, Larry Bishop, Joel Levine, Chuck Huber, Mike Stewart, Steve Haslup, Jim Garner, Ed Kobs (Warbird Ch. 17), and I. Ground crew and loadmasters were Greg Jannakos, Walter Deere, Dave Ostergard, Lori Swerin, George Swerin, Dale Shoenmeyer, Charlie McCormick, Mike North, Jennifer North, Joel Levine, L'nor Levine, Ray Minton, and Gordon and Eric Washburn. Many thanks to these people who made these two Young Eagle events very successful.

Forest Wilson became the latest pilot to join our current crew of Young Eagle pilots on Saturday March 24th. Forest flew four Y.E. and one Older Eagle and Mike Stewart and I each

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flew one Y.E. Greg Jannakos and Larry Bishop were our ground crew. This makes a total of 97 Y.E. flown in March.

We have Young Eagles scheduled for April 7th., 14th., and 21st.. The 7th. and 21st. are small groups but the 14th. is a large group (40-50) from Fernbank of Debi's students. I realize this the last day of Sun and Fun, so those of us who don't go can have have our Fun in the Sun at LZU. flying Young Eagles. Pilots and ground crew plan on helping that day. Thanks! →

EAA Air Academy

By Duane Huff

The 690 Board of Directors has approved two scholarships to the Air Academy this summer. There are three camps: (1) EAA Primary Aviation Fun Camp for youth ages 12 & 13; (2)EAA Intermediate Aviation Experience Camp for ages 14 & 15; and EAA Advanced Aviation Leadership Camp for ages 16, 17 & 18. The scholarship will pay the cost of the camp. You will need to provide transportation. Contact Duane Huff at 770-921-4423 or e-mail at:

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for scholarship applications, camp dates, application forms and any other information needed. The camp application has to be sent to Oshkosh three weeks prior to the session selected. The sooner the better because sessions may fill up. Deadline for the scholarship application is May 1st.. →

Board of Trustees Report

By Frank Wilcox - Chairman

The Board of Trustees met March 7th to start the detailed planning for completion of the chapter building interior now that the Certificate for Occupancy has been obtained. The

three major areas of this effort are food service, tools / material storage and the mezzanine. Members of the Board assigned to each of these working areas are: food service - Bob Zahner and Joel Levine; tools and materials storage - David Posey and Frank Wilcox; mezzanine - Lee Craymer and Greg Jannakos. Overall responsibility of the entire building project remains with Tim Fulmer assisted by Duane Huff. These leaders from the Board then met in the three sessions with other members of the chapter who had been invited to attend the meeting because of their interest and responsibilities in these areas to begin the planning. Members who have questions, comments, suggestions or would like to become directly involved with any of these groups should contact any of these members. Joel will notify the membership through NOTAMS of scheduled work sessions. Please help as your time permits.

Matters of more immediate concern were also discussed. The timers located near each heater / air conditioner are now functioning. These must be set for up to 6 hours to permit the thermostats to operate. Another item of business was replacement of the water heater which is not functioning. Bob Zahner will look into replacement, probably with a storage tank type unit. →

Membership

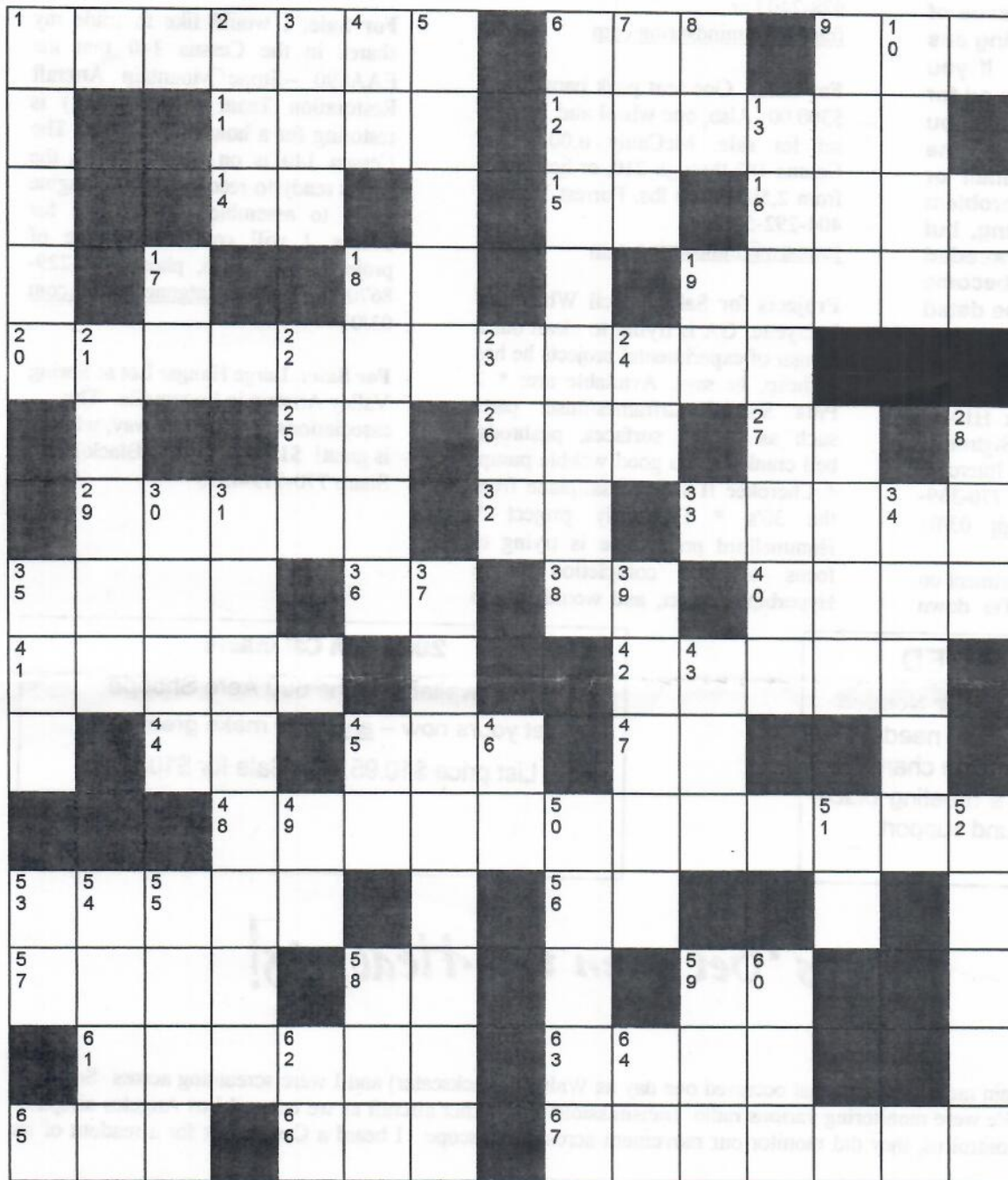
By Joel Levine

Apparently there are a lot of 8/18 year olds, mostly Scouts, waiting to become Y.E.'s. Duane wants to know how the pilots and ground crew feel about flying Y.E.'s this often and would appreciate any feedback offered so that we can accommodate as many as we can. As far as the next three Saturdays are concerned, please let me (Greg) or Duane know if you can fly or help on the ground." Contact Greg or Duane Saturday.

The Wings Weekend is one month away. They need to borrow a large projection screen for Friday night, May 4 and Saturday May 5 for the Pat

Aviation Crossword Puzzle

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Answers will be provided in next month's edition

Questions for Aviation Puzzle

Across

1. Control surface used to turn the airplane
6. Abbrev. for Public television
9. Omnibearing Selector
11. Prefix relating to aircraft
12. One of the 4 strokes of the operating cycle of a piston engine
14. Audiovisual abbreviation
15. Light for short
16. English good-bye
18. You show it to buy liquor
19. Faithful
20. Use it to relieve pressure on the control wheel (2 words)
25. Another cola
26. International Aerobatic Club
27. Exist
29. The elevator controls this
32. Directional Gyro
33. Folder for loose papers
35. A screen, or woven fabric
36. Abbrev. for 3 feet
38. Symbol for einsteinium
40. Show portraying war in Korea
41. The last thing you do before landing
42. To remove from consideration, indefinitely
44. Half of a child's string toy
45. Runway Surface Condition (abbrev.)
47. Abbrev. For Air Temperature
48. Most cessnas have this landing gear (2 words)
52. Fill with joy
56. Symbol for Aluminum
57. Abbrev. For Low Intensity Runway lights
58. Not out
59. Space filler in speech
61. Scraped the skin off a fruit or vegetable
63. Corporate emblem
65. International standard Atmosphere (abbrev.)
66. Calibrated airspeed
67. Another of the 4 strokes in a piston engine

Down

1. _____ of attack
2. Best org. for building & flying airplanes
3. A revolution of a motor for short
4. Either
5. Short for No Radio
6. Navigation by visual reference
7. Explosive
8. Abbrev. for Vermont
9. Informal approval
10. Second letter of the greek alphabet
13. Device with violent explosive power (2 words)
17. 45 degrees
18. Needs scratching
19. Symbol for Lithium
21. AOPA pin goes here
22. Flap operating range is the white _____
23. Get _____ of (throw away)
24. Red Cross abbrev.
28. Reference book for pilots
30. British expression of surprise (2 words)
31. Primary engine control
34. _____ rat (3 words, using eyes, not nose)
35. Abbrev. for Manufacturing
37. Pull the throttle back and the plane _____
39. Loss of lift
43. Consumed
45. Abbrev for smallest state
46. Abbrev for Calendar Year
49. Prefix for do again
50. A wire rope
51. Former spouse, informally
52. Humanlike machine
53. Elevated railroad, informally
54. Loose, they sink ships
55. Length x width
58. International Educator's Association for short
59. Expression of disgust
60. Military operations area
62. Abbrev. for landing craft
64. Beast of burden



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