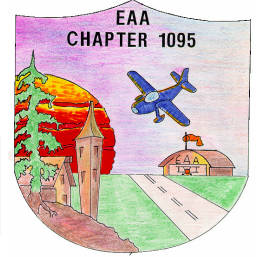




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Gaylord, MI

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May 2007

President's Corner

by Vic Briley

Hello fellow flyers:

For those of you that have been following Mike McKnight's job search progress, he has just been hired to fly a Cessna Caravan hauling Fed Ex cargo. The company he will be working for is based in the Upper Peninsula. He begins type training for the Caravan in Tennessee on the 15th of this month. If Mike is your CFI and you need training this month, you better do it soon.

We have negotiated a deal with Bonnie Straight on the RV-4 kit and hope to have it moved to the Gaylord Airport by the time you receive this newsletter. Wally McCoy is heading the project and we are looking for investors to co-own the plane. We can keep the initial cost down below \$2,000 for each co-owner if we have 5 or more interested people. More money would be needed at a later date for the finishing kit and avionics. If



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Next Meeting May 9, 2007

In the Airport Terminal Board at 6:30pm Chapter at 7:00pm

Air Fair Notes

by Phil Curtiss

At the May meeting we will have an update on the Air Fair and our plans for concession service.

On May 9, just before our regular meeting, there will be a meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee at the Airport at 1:00pm. Please feel free to attend this meeting. I will be making a presentation to the Committee on how we plan to serve the food. Copies of the presentation will be available at the meeting.

The success of this venture could be very important to our future. If we want to do this in coming years we must be extra diligent to provide outstanding service. We must demonstrate to the community that we are solid element capable of doing

worthwhile things to help the community and our causes..

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Coming Events

- May 9** **Board Meeting at 6:30pm at the Airport. Regular meeting follows.**
- Jun. 13** **Board Meeting at 6:30pm at the Airport. Regular meeting follows.**
- Jun 23** **Air Fair at the Airport**
- Jun 24** **EAA Breakfast and Young Eagles**
- Jul 11** **Board Meeting at 6:30pm at the Airport. Regular meeting follows.**



Tuskegee Airmen Myth

The legend that says the escorts flown by the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II never lost a bomber to enemy aircraft fire is just that -- a legend, according to a report by an historian at the Air Force Historical Research Agency.

The preliminary findings of the research became known last year, but the final report was coincidentally released last week, just as the Airmen were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal.

Historian Daniel Haulman's research was based on reports filed by the bomber units and fighter groups, as well as aircrew records and reports from eyewitnesses. He documented 25 aircraft that



were lost on five days. The legend seems to have grown from an unsubstantiated newspaper story that was published in 1945, Haulman said. "All of these records have been here all along," he said. "It was just a matter of putting them together."

William Holton, national historian for the Tuskegee Airmen, did not dispute the findings, saying the discovery of lost bombers in no way tarnishes the Airmen's record. "Our

outreach is always to younger people," he told the Montgomery Advertiser. "If we're going to get them in to support the legacy that was built up during the war, that legacy should be perpetuated by truthful methods, rather than by believing in myths."

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you are interested in co-owning this project, call Wally McCoy at (989) 858-1575. This is a great opportunity for someone to co-own a project at low cost.

The Gaylord Air Fair is only a little over one month away (June 23-24) and requires much more preparation. Phil Curtiss has been working hard on plans for the concessions. He will brief us at the meeting. We will probably need a few more volunteers (remember we have concessions all day Saturday and the pancake breakfast on Sunday when we fly Young Eagles.

Weekend Work Parties for Oshkosh are May 19-20, June 2-3, June 23-24, July 7-8, and July 14-15. You do not have to be a member of EAA to participate and minors (as young as 14 years of age) can go too. EAA Oshkosh provides meals and lodging. Participants will split the transportation costs. We had a good time last year and look

forward to another adventure if we can find enough people to split the travel cost.

Cardinal N666MM is in the air again with a fresh overhaul on the engine. One of the Nav/Comm radios went bad during the break-in period and we are looking for a good deal on a used 14 volt digital flip-flop radio. If anyone has one for sale, please let me know.

This month's meeting will consist of planning and organizing for the Air Fair and some clean-up of our new hangar if we have time. Jon Study has taken charge of the hangar repair project. We are still looking for professional advice on the best materials to use for that type of roof. Perhaps Jon will have an answer for us by meeting night. If you know a professional roofer that will give us some free advice, please let me know.

Keep the blue side up!

Vic Briley

EAA's Greatest Movie

And The Winner Is... 'Top Gun'!

The votes are in! Thousands of aviation enthusiasts have made their choices in EAA's "Greatest Aviation Movie of All Time" poll, and the winning film combines adventure, romance and lots of high-performance flying.

The champion is "Top Gun," the 1986 blockbuster that starred Tom Cruise (an EAA member), Kelly McGillis, Tom Skerritt, Val Kilmer, Anthony Edwards and several other stars in a drama based at the U.S. Navy's "Top Gun" fighter training school. The movie, which was the biggest grossing film in the U.S. that year, will be shown during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007 at the event's Fly-In Theater, presented by Ford Motor Company and Eclipse Aviation.

The viewing date of "Top Gun" at the Fly-In Theater during EAA AirVenture 2007 will be announced when it is finalized

in the coming weeks. This film will join the previously announced "Apollo 13" on the schedule, a movie that will be shown on Friday, July 27 and introduced by actual Apollo 13 commander Jim Lovell. Additional films and presenters will be announced as they are confirmed, but all promise to be movies of special interest for aviation enthusiasts.

A Neat Project Idea

by Phil Curtiss

Have you ever been traveling and were unexpectedly grounded due to weather, mechanical problems or adjusted travel plans? Wouldn't it have been helpful to know the local recommendations for where to pass some time? Or simply something enjoyable to look at as you passed those extra hours? EAA Chapter 897 in Juneau, Wisconsin had a great idea that they noted in their newsletter. Their Chapter has a Travel Book that is located in the lobby of their local airport. It is put together by contributions of Chapter members and includes such things as recommended local restaurants, hotels, and things to do while waiting for that weather to clear. It includes directions on how to get there, a map if needed, maybe favorite meal selections at the restaurants,...

... be creative, it's up to you! It also has a section about some of the most memorable flights of their members. The balance of the book contains photos of projects, activities and trips. What a great idea!

A travel book is a terrific way to welcome guests to the area, give them a few pointers about local favorites and also introduce them to your Chapter. So don't forget to include a page about when and where your Chapter meets, a contact person and a calendar of your upcoming events. Sounds like a great project and maybe you could get those scrap bookers involved too!

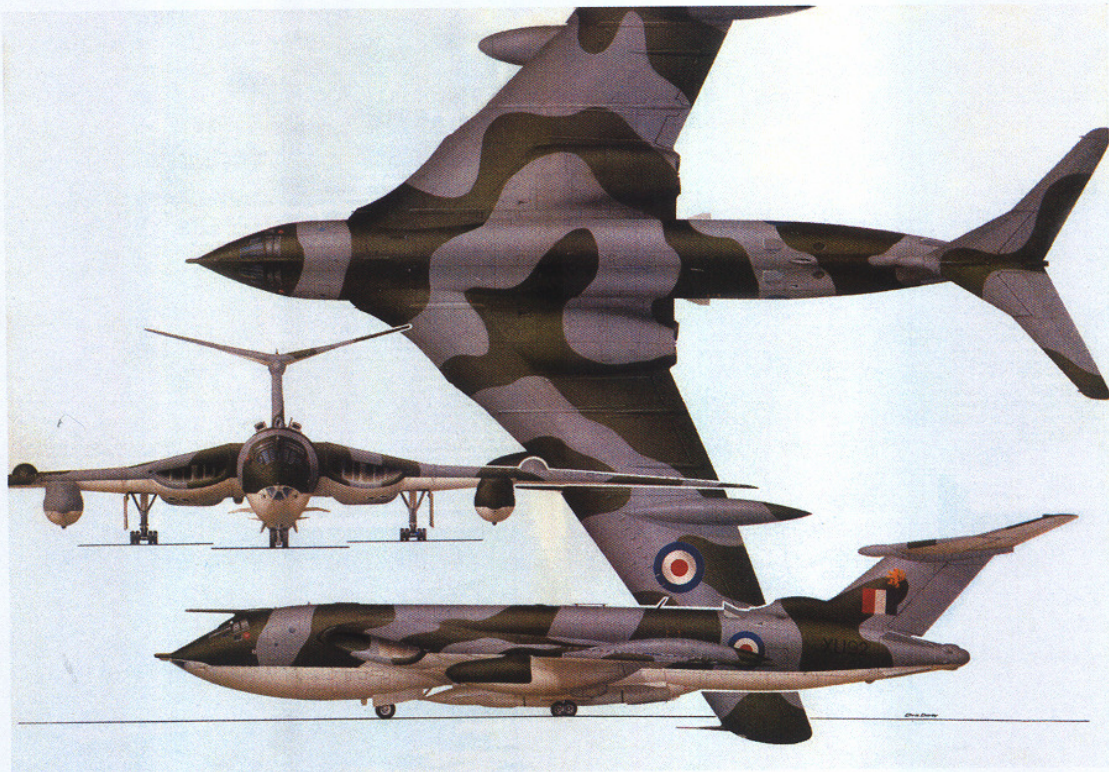
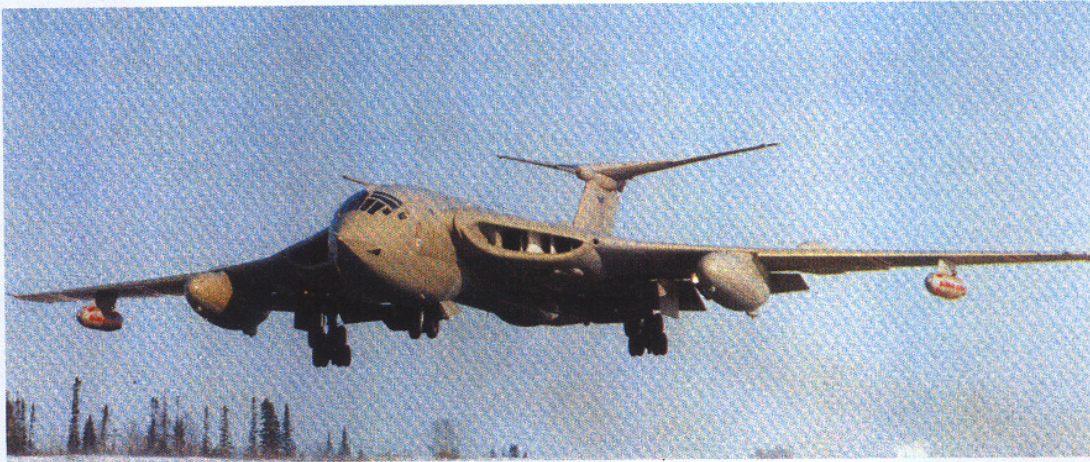


George Getting a Yankee Air Force Award last Summer

Out of the Archives #18

Last month we featured the German Junkers G38ce with a span of 144ft. and a payload of 16,000 lb. It required a crew of seven for 34 passengers, seating arrangement was two in the nose, six in the wing leading edge and 26 in the fuselage. They served Lufthansa through out Europe.

This month we have an aircraft originally designed as an atomic bomb carrier, it served out it's carrier very effectively as an in-flight tanker capable of refueling three fighters at a time. It has four jet engines buried deep within the wing roots.



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