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President's Corner

by Vic Briley

Hello fellow flyers:

Wally McCoy and I made it to Oshkosh last month for the leadership academy. I was fortunate to have an experienced instrument pilot with me, as it was IMC all the way to the runway both ways. Thanks Wally, for getting us there and back safely. The Leadership Academy lasted from Friday at 5PM to Sunday noon. They kept us busy the entire time and we even got a personal, after-hours, guided tour of the Airventure museum. What a treat! Our guide was Adam Smith, a historian from Great Britain who is now part of EAA's full time staff.

We met chapter leaders from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, California, New Mexico, and Missouri. Michigan was well represented at the Leadership academy by three chapters (Gaylord, Smith's Creek, and Brighton). We met many of EAA's staff members and were briefed in their areas of expertise. We exchanged ideas in breakout groups and shared what we learned with the whole academy. We identified some of our strengths and weaknesses and learned of new changes in progress at EAA national. The Airventure show area is being expanded toward Camp Scholler and should be completed by next July. They are working on a new recruiting program that would give potential recruits a temporary national membership

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In This Issue

by Phil Curtiss

This issue contains two outside stories; one by Paul Poberezny and another on Pilot Courtesy.

George McCutcheon help with the deck by using his laser level to insure that the posts were all even. Thanks George!

Two sets of minutes are here as I missed the August set. The August minutes were approved at the September meeting. I have included them here so all will have a printed copy.

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**At the Airport
Board at 6:30pm
Chapter at 7:00pm**

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Coming Events

- Oct. 8** **Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
at the Airport.
- Nov. 12** **Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
at the Airport.
- Dec. ?** **Christmas Party**
No meeting
- Jan. 14** **Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm
at the Airport.



NOTE TO EAA CHAPTERS

*By: Paul H. Poberezny
September 22, 2008*

In reading EAA Chapter newsletters for many years, I've seen chapter leaders pass through even (rarely) It has been quite an education – the EAA college of education – all 55 years of it! Every day has been a wonderful experience and we have learned more about people than the many aspects of aviation and the airplane. I would not trade the many friendships formed and shared for any amount of money.

this same education process...the people they serve, the joys and the challenges of holding their groups together. And sometimes the disappointments: the failure of chapter support or

its leadership, either of which is not uncommon with any such social groups.

Having attended hundreds of chapter events over these past 55 years, there are many stories to tell...for example, Salt Lake City EAA Chapter 23 where I was asked to speak. My transportation was a Wisconsin Air Guard Lockheed T-33 jet aircraft, which provided a fast flight. The event was well attended and some of the early day airplane homebuilders were there: Ron Conrad, Earl Player and others, as well as a number of FAA supporters of EAA's efforts. At that meeting, the local FAA folks had a present for me. It was noticed that I had been jumping around the country quite a bit on behalf of our EAA movement and they thought a pogo stick would be the correct, improved way, rather than a T-33 jet.

The pogo stick, complete with a full instrument panel, was presented to the amusement of the audience and the honor

bestowed upon me. The next morning, with the pogo stick secured in the back seat of the T-33, it was the longest and fastest hop it ever made! We still have it and it will be on display in the EAA Founders Library along with many other items and artifacts of your organization that we've saved over the past 55 years.

I am proud of the great accomplishments of the EAA Chapter Program. From the very first – Chapter 1 in Riverside, California, back in late 1953, and the leadership Ray Stits provided then and even to this day. Also, the financial support that he and others have recently provided to the EAA Founders Gallery, which is scheduled to be unveiled during the 2009 EAA AirVenture Fly-In Convention here in Oshkosh.

What a wonderful family! It has been a privilege to know you all.

Paul



August, Officer Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Vic @ 6:50 PM

No minutes available due to Hangar project

Treasury Report: Balance in Checkbook: \$2470.13

Old Business: Community Meal Project: Cost \$160. For the food, need 5 members to volunteer. Date to be determined.

New Business: Deck Project. Dick Deska getting plans @ Home Depot for a 12 x 20 deck.

Web editor assistant requested by Phil. Wally McCoy volunteered

Airport Advisory Committee requested EAA put on next years Air Fair, as does the Chapter in Alpena. Wally McCoy, Bob Johnson, Vic Briley going Aug. 23rd to Alpena show to review.

7:27 Wally Loney motioned to close meeting. Supported by Joe Siebold.

Member Meeting Minutes

7:35 PM meeting called to order by President Vic

Old Business: Wally McCoy is working on the tax exempt 501c3 with the help of Jeff Radcliffe. Food Service at the church still in the works. Ken S. is spearheading the project.

New Business: Newsletter Printing and Mailing help requested by Phil Curtis. George Volunteered for this job as did Wally McCoy for help with the web editing.

Progress on RV-4 is moving along. The left wing is Finished and starting the right wing. Everyone is invited on Wed. night to help build the plane from 7:00 to 10:30 PM at Wally McCoy's hangar. Tom's aircraft will be getting his engine on in the spring.

Plaque for flagpole tabled. Suggestions were made to sell Jack Kinney Sonerai kit, which was donated to the chapter, via the internet or Sun and Fun

Joe Siebold proudly showed pictures of his new Sport Cruiser and was open to questions and discussion.

Vic won the 50-50, which was \$22.00. He so graciously donated \$17.00 back to the Chapter.

Motion to close the meeting made by Wally McCoy and was supported by Bob Johnson.

8:55 PM, Meeting closed.

Navy N2S and Beech Staggerwing Photos by Bob Burns



Sept. Officer Meeting Minutes

*Meeting called to order by President Vic @
6:45 AM*

August minutes read and accepted by Vic.

Treasury report: \$2004.30 in the account at present. Steady income due to EAA hangar being rented to Pat McNamara for \$300.00 per month.

Old Business

Seminars to be set up in Jan. or Feb. Wally McCoy.

Cost for the flagpole plaque is \$220.00. Wally McCoy motioned to purchase at this cost. Ken supported.

Help with the Newsletter was discussed

Wally McCoy updated on the 501C3 and the following is his status report;

501C3 Status report

The attorney has spoken with the IRS and found out that we can qualify for the exempt status because we have not ever had more than \$5000.00 in our yearly budget. We have not obtained an Employer Identification number, and we have never filed a tax return. Some amendments must be made to our chapter description and to the disbursement clauses in our by-laws. We will then qualify as a 501C3. No tax return will be necessary as long as we stay below \$5000.00 annual income. In the future, if we take in more than \$5000.00 annual income, we can then just begin filing a form 1023 with the IRS. Counsel will have the amendment for the board approval at the Oct. meeting. Then when the amendment to the corporation is filed, we can obtain a Tax ID No. and apply for 501C3 status with the IRS. Bill Shedd will be doing all this paperwork for us PRO BONO (free) so we will be eternally in his debt and a letter of appreciation from our chapter should be the VERY least we should do.

Wally McCoy

Report was given on the Alpena Air show and the involvement the EAA provides.

New Business

B-17 & Tri-motors visit discussed. Will ask them to visit.

7:20, Wally McCoy moved to close the Officers meeting and was supported by Ken.

Members' Meeting

7:20 PM regular meeting opened.

Welcomed guest was Dick Heating.

PowerPoint presentation was given regarding the Gaylord Airfare by the following Airport Advisory Committee: Jeff Radcliff; Dan Wager; Mike Deerfield. Their goal is to have our Chapter be involved as a Co-Sponsor with them for the next Airfare. More discussion is necessary.

Wally McCoy offered to set up golf outing at the Loon.

Christmas party to be at the Eagles sometime in Dec.

Vic and Wally M. are going to Oshkosh for a leadership conference this weekend, Sept 13 & 14.

Meeting was Never closed.....still in Session till next month.!!

Dick Deska / Acting secretary

President's Corner—continued

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for free or reduced cost (the final details need to be worked out yet).

Due to some very successful fundraising at Airventure 2008, you can expect to see Young Eagles credits to be increased (details will be released at a later date). If you know any youngsters age 12-18 that are interested in aviation as a career, let us know. This is a good time to send someone from our area to the annual EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh. You can learn more about the Air Academy at www.airacademy.org.

One of the areas that we are weak in is follow-up when a visitor comes to one of our chapter meetings. I have a lot of recruiting/retention ideas provided by the Leadership Academy. They are not difficult. They just need to be standardized and organized with a responsible person appointed to make sure it gets done. Please let me know if you are willing to serve on a membership committee.

Introductory, one year, student memberships are available for \$10 for ages 17 and under. I have yet to see a youngster at one of our meetings. Are they not interested or are we keeping them away? I would like your input on what you would like to see EAA Chapter 1095 become. Give me your vision and we will try to make it a reality.

Don McCoy and Wally McCoy installed the steps on the new deck and Ken Schlemmer did some landscape preparation around the deck. It's looking good guys! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

This month Marian Schlemmer and friend Joe will attend our meeting and brief us on the Community Meal project. After her presentation, we will watch a video provided by Wally McCoy. I'm sure it will be a special treat. I hope to see all of you there!

Keep the blue side up!

Vic Briley

MAAC Photo by Doug



Royal Gorge Photo by Bob Burns



Pilot Courtesy

By Kay Morgan

EAA Chapter 512, Placerville, California

What does it mean to be a “courteous” pilot? It is more than just yielding right of way in the air and not swearing on the radio. It starts when you arrive at the airport and continues until you leave the airport. It’s your attitude and how you behave towards others. Are you a courteous pilot? Do you recognize discourteous pilots?

Have you ever seen any of these things happen? Driving a car on the taxi way and stop or turn in front of a moving aircraft. Parking near enough to a taxiway an aircraft wing doesn’t clear the vehicle. An airplane pulled out of the hangar to pre-flight on the taxiway because the light is better than in the “dark” hangar. An airplane left at the fuel pumps after refilling and pilot heads elsewhere. Starting the engine without looking to see who or what will be blasted by an initial 1500 rpm.

These are just a few of the discourteous actions I have seen during the 21 years I have been flying. And I’m sure each of you has something to add to this list of offenses. What made them discourteous?

Most likely the pilot was just not thinking of how his actions would impact other pilots.

As an EAAer, be the one setting the example of courtesy, demonstrating how it’s easy to be courteous.

When we have a gathering at our chapter hangar, please be careful of where you park your airplane (or car). When getting ready to leave, please be sure to pull your airplane clear of ANY hangar or other aircraft to avoid blowing dust during engine start. To avoid blocking the taxiway for an extended period of time, have your bags and cargo loaded and be ready to go **BEFORE** pulling out for start up.

It’s flying season. When you arrive at another airport, please ensure you are parked in an appropriate transient parking so that a based aircraft is not booted out of their tie down.

We want everyone at our local airports to be glad to know the EAAers and those at other airports welcome us.

Boeing 40 and Curtiss JN4 Photos by Doug



A Pair of Fairchild's



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