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## *The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310*



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### CHAPTER MEETINGS

**The next meeting will be Wednesday August 8th from 7:00-9:00 PM**

We will have a short business meeting to discuss and vote on the proposed changes to the chapter bylaws in order to apply for classification under IRS 501c.3 rules as an educational organization.

Also, we will have a discussion on the events at AirVenture Oshkosh with some photos.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday August 11th-Corn Roast & Cookout 11:30 AM-1:30PM**

We get the freshest corn available. Picked the morning of the event. Hamburgers and hotdogs with our famous fried onions will also be available.

**Saturday August 25th-Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11:00 AM**

Start the day right with all you can eat pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs, along with coffee and orange juice. All for only \$5.

### Welding Workshop

We are arranging a full weekend welding workshop. This will be hands-on training, and will be held at East Windsor Welding. We need to know how many people are interested. The cost is estimated to be under \$200. To sign up, or for more information, contact

[Gary Altenhein](mailto:Gary.Alden@att.net)

**If you have knowledge of any upcoming events, please forward them to Susie Williams at the e-mail address or mailing address at the end of the newsletter.**

**For a more complete and current listing of local aviation events please go to our chapter web site [www.eaa1310.org](http://www.eaa1310.org)**

### Prez Speak

July was an active month for Chapter events, which included our first Young Eagles Rally, acknowledged by every one I spoke to, as a resounding success. The weather was perfect and we introduced 24 new Young Eagles to the fold, and gave many of them ( including some parents ) additional flights in different aircraft types. Where else could a youngster get to fly in a Tiger Moth, a Piper J-5, a Champ, a Mooney, a Bonanza or a Sundowner? To the dismay of some of the older participants the Extra 300 remained on the ground. Once again I would like to thank all the pilots for their contributions to this event, and also all the " ground staff " who did sterling service in making the event run smoothly. Last, but not least, thanks also to our long serving chefs who fed the hungry masses in their usual efficient and friendly manner. ( I still haven't had the courage to check with our Treasurer on how much this free-bee cost the Chapter ).

Later in the month, eight or so of the members made the pilgrimage to Oshkosh. ( I just can't force myself

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to use that awkward, contrived word " AirVenture " ). I won't give any details on the trip in this column, but come to the meeting on August 8th and we will give you details including lots of pictures and, sadly, a video clip of the P-51 mishap.

Also, at the meeting we need to vote on the by-law revisions so that we can pursue our 501c-3 application, which I feel is very important for our future growth as a Chapter. Since we need an 80% member participation to effect a revision to the by-laws, it is imperative that every member attend the meeting, or if that is impossible, then send in your proxy in a timely manner.

That's all for now, see you at the meeting !

#### **Chapter Secretary's Meeting Minutes**

##### **Minutes of the July 2007 meeting**

17 members attended the meeting. We welcomed guest, Ken Maher to the meeting. Ken is currently a student pilot

The minutes of the June meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report stated we had \$5,001 in the account

There was no old business

New business pertained to the Young Eagles event on July 14. Pete's Cessna 150 will be brought over to the ramp area to give a ground demonstration on the parts of an airplane. People working that day should arrive about 8:00. We will see if Bob Martin's hangar can be opened to show a workshop and construction project. Keep cars from parking around the operations area.

After some general discussions we adjourned the meeting and several of us travelled to Linc Turcotte's home to see his progress on his RV-6 (No 'A' he keeps telling me.) project.

Linc's great craftsmanship is apparent in the work, especially around the difficult canopy installation. The

wings are in the cellar, and the fuselage is in one side of his garage where most of the current work is being performed. Pictures of the project can be seen in the Member Projects section of the chapter web site photo gallery.

#### **EAA NEWS**

##### **Numbers, intangibles tell another EAA AirVenture success story**

The most common way to measure the success of an event is through statistics, and for the recently concluded EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007, the numbers describe yet another terrific week. But there are other ways to measure success, as EAA President Tom Poberezny noted at the conclusion of the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration. "I believe we can use the term 'the best ever' in describing this year's event," he said. "The number of aviation innovations and introductions we saw at Oshkosh were unprecedented, and there was a very positive feeling among pilots and aviation enthusiasts. In addition, exhibitors throughout the grounds noted strong interest and, in some cases, record sales."

"The upbeat attitude, the future developments on display here, new airframe announcements, innovations-everything shows a bright future for aviation, and it was all on display at Oshkosh this year," Poberezny added.

As for the numbers...more than 10,000 airplanes descended on Wittman Regional and overflow East Central Wisconsin airports, including 2,647 showplanes, 985 homebuilts, 1,014 vintage aircraft, 365 warbirds, 136 ultralights, 117 seaplanes, and 30 rotorcraft. There were nearly 800 exhibitors, 900 media representatives, and overall attendance was estimated at 560,000, up about 3.2 percent over 2006, including close to 40,000 campers.

Maintaining its global popularity, approximately 1,700 international visitors registered from 60 nations. (As this number represents non-U.S. visitors who register at the International Visitors Tent, the actual international contingent is undoubtedly larger.) Poberezny observed that EAA AirVenture is now mentioned in the same breath as the large European

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air shows at Farnborough and Paris. "Not that Oshkosh is bigger, but that it is as important to aviation."

Plans are already under way for next year, Poberezny said, and longer-range, a comprehensive site plan is in the works.

"EAA is developing an overall site plan to better serve EAA members, other visitors, exhibitors and others," he said. "We expect to have further details over the next year and begin this multi-year evolution following AirVenture 2008."

### **'BULLSEYE' SQUARELY ON USER FEES AT AIRVENTURE**

EAA successfully heightened awareness of the crucial user fee issue at AirVenture last week. Nearly 50,000 "EAAers Say No to User Fees" buttons were seen on hats and shirts everywhere, including at EAA Member Village, where more than 3,000 individuals had their photos taken and posted to the board. More than 3,600 signatures were also collected on an anti-user fee petition, which will be sent to key lawmakers in the House, Senate, and ultimately, the conference committee where final legislation will be negotiated. Several GA leaders appeared before an SRO forum at the [AirVenture User Fee panel discussion](#) Tuesday, urging support of HR 2881, while several advocates of that very legislation - [House Aviation Subcommittee members](#) - appeared on a panel Saturday to listen to members of the GA community.

### **BLAKEY'S FINAL VISIT TO OSHKOSH . . . AS FAA ADMINISTRATOR**

This year marked Marion Blakey's fifth and final visit to Oshkosh as FAA Administrator, but she was adamant it would not be her last trip to Oshkosh. Blakey steps down on September 13, but said she plans to volunteer here someday. Blakey's annual Meet the Administrator forum included a pair of newsworthy announcements: the significant shrinking of the Washington, D.C. ADIZ effective August 30, and operational ADS-B by 2010 (fully implemented by

2020). "During Marion Blakey's tenure as FAA chief," remarked EAA President Tom Poberezny earlier in the week, "EAA has enjoyed the best and most collaborative relationship with the FAA in our 55-year history."

### **ZENITH PLANS OPEN HANGAR DAY SEPTEMBER 29**

Zenith Aircraft Company's 16th annual Open Hangar Day and Fly In will be held Saturday, September 29, at the Zenith factory located at Mexico Memorial Airport (MYJ) in Mexico, Missouri. (Note: Original date was August 18.) Aviation enthusiasts, especially builders and owners of Zenith Aircraft kit planes, are invited to drive or fly in for the day, tour the company's kit production facilities, and meet other builders. For more information, contact Zenith at 573-581-9000.

### **CLASSIFIEDS- FOR SALE / WANTED**

Do you have aviation related items to sell, or are you looking for something.

Any EAA member in the Northern Connecticut or Western Massachusetts area is welcome to list merchandise for sale or wanted on this page. Send an eMail to [EAA1310.org](mailto:EAA1310.org) or to Susie Williams @ [susiewilliams531@comcast.net](mailto:susiewilliams531@comcast.net)

### **WEB SITE OF THE MONTH**

This month's website was contributed by Paul D. It is a free, privately run flight planning site. [www.flightcentral.net](http://www.flightcentral.net)

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### **WANTED**

Articles, pictures, etc. for the news letter. You can Email them to me at [susiewilliams531@comcast.net](mailto:susiewilliams531@comcast.net) or mail them to me at: Susie Williams, 121 Union Street, Apt. 3., Rockville, CT 06066