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Spring Cleanup



Many thanks to (from left) Ron Oehler, Ron Symanitz, Ron Hoyt, Bruce Anthony, Dale Johnson, Bob Foster, Paul Brown, Bert Sister, Jim Ladwig, Pat Hoyt, Craig Nelson and (behind the camera) Jon Cumpston for doing such a fine job in cleaning up the hangar this past Saturday!

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March Young Eagles

After two months of mist and low ceilings, we finally got a great Saturday to fly Young Eagles in March. It was beautiful late winter flying, not too cold but smooth air and great visibility. We had three pilots and ten kids—the perfect combination for some leisurely quality flights.

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Cleared for Takeoff *by Jon Cumpton*



Poberezny's visit as part of our 50th anniversary celebration. Believe me, an airplane hangar can get dirty in two years!

Besides being part of good housekeeping, and lending to a good impression for visitors, you might wonder why fussing over this building is so important. Of course, one good reason is because it has become our home, thanks to a core group of chapter leaders. In 2001, they recognized that there was an opportunity to acquire this building, and then found a group of members who were willing to loan money to the chapter to complete the purchase. Then our members invested their time and talents to improve the hangar – heating and insulating it, building a loft, adding a sound system and video projection equipment.

The hangar has also become a place for members to complete aircraft projects, to restore and refurbish airplanes, and display historical artifacts. In short, it's a place we all should be proud of -- and this quarter, all our loans will be paid off. With these efforts behind us, we are planning more improvements in coming years to make the place even better.

We've also decided that our hangar will become our permanent monthly meeting place. I know that this decision will reinforce our connection with the building.

Of course, there will be times we will still go on the road, so to speak. Our April meeting is going to be held a short ways down the road at SteinAir in Farmington. Stein Bruch and his crew will show us around, and Sharon Sandberg from Speed Props and Pylons will stop by to show us their latest embroidered products. Please join us at 6:30 on April 16th.

-Jon



A nice sized group of members gave up last Saturday morning to come over to the chapter hangar to clean up the place. The last time we did a serious cleaning was in March of 2006, when we were preparing for Paul and Audrey

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This Month: Wed April 16th—SteinAir—6:30 pm

Program: Stein Bruch of Stein Air, our newest newsletter sponsor, will give us a guided tour of his facility. Instructions from Airlake on the right. See welcome ad on page 6. Sharon Sandberg from Speed Props and Pylons will also stop by to talk about her embroidery products – she did our hats and Pat’s jacket.

Sat Apr 19th—Young Eagles at Airlake 9am

Contact John Koser or Bill Brown if you can volunteer.

Sat Jun 21st—Chapter picnic, hangar dedication and fundraising kick-off, Chapter Hangar

Sun Oct 5th– Annual Awards Banquet, Eagan Community Center

Directions to SteinAir from Airlake: Head north .6 mi on Hamburg Ave to Co. Rd. 70 (215th St W). Turn right at 215th St W for .5 mi. Turn left at Cedar Ave for .4 mi. Turn right at Lakeville Blvd W for 2.4 mi. Turn left at Eaton Ave for 348 ft. See map below

EAA Chapter 25 Meeting Minutes March 19, 2008

Presiding Officer: Jon Cumpton
Location: Ch. Hangar at Airlake

Business meeting discussions

The following guests was introduced:

Sam Deering Lee Gregory

A Ch. 25 nametag can be ordered from Jon Cumpton for \$5.

Nametag winners this month:
Pat Hoyt and Craig Nelson.

The Chapter 25 Yahoo Discussion Group is being resurrected. Jeff Coffey will be sending an invitation email to members that have an email on file.

Please visit EAA25.org for up to date chapter information. If you have any project updates or announcements, please send them to Jon Cumpton.

Switch to email for the newsletter! It is in color and saves us about \$1 each month. Send a note to Pete Gavin asking to go email!

A Treasurer’s report was circulated. At meeting time, our cash balance stands at \$7,448.

John Koser reported that 9 Young Eagles were flown last Saturday. We continue to look for organized groups of kids (Scouts, etc.) to fly. Please contact John if you have a lead on such a group.

John Schmidt reported that we have 4 students showing interest in our scholarship program. The chapter will provide up to \$2000



in scholarship funding to successful candidates. We also have a candidate for the EAA Air Academy.

Our winter chapter meetings will no longer be held at Washburn H.S. We will now meet at the chapter hangar at Airlake for the summer season and try it for the winter season as well. Our April meeting will be held at chapter sponsor SteinAir.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, April 5th will be spring cleanup day at the chapter hangar.

Saturday, June 21st - The chapter annual picnic, chapter hangar dedication, and monthly YE event.

The FAA Re-authorization bill is still on hold in the Senate. Check out the EAA or AOPA web sites for status updates.

Many thanks to the following individuals who stepped forward and volunteered for the following activities:

Membership Committee: Dan Carroll will maintain the membership roster.

Kris Olson will focus on “meet and greet” activities.

Refreshments Committee: Bruce Anthony and Terry Carmine will stock food and related supplies at the hangar for chapter events.

Sport Pilot Ambassadors: Jim Ladwig, Dan Carroll, Bill Brown, and John Koser will stay current on Sport Pilot knowledge and promote activities.

Lou Martin indicated that the Commemorative Airforce is in need of new members. See Lou if you would like an application to become an associate member.

Program

Pat Hoyt gave a presentation on his Zenith Zodiac 601 XL project.

Submitted by Craig Nelson





Young Eagles

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John Koser, Bill Brown, Jon Cumpton, Jeff Coffey, Paul Pankratz, Ron Oehler, Kris Olson, Paul Brown, Mike Dolan and Pete Gavin provided the volunteer support. The crew also took some time out to fold and stuff the March newsletters (photo at right)!



Spring Cleaning

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Clean Hangar!!!

A SAFETY REMINDER

from Mike Dolan

We all have read about static electricity problems when fueling our aircraft and we all take precautions regarding this. I bring up this subject because of what happened to me this past week when the thermometer was really too low to go flying. I was preparing to fuel the Pacer in preparation of a warmer day and had for the first time worn my snowmobile suit. I was placing a steel funnel and filter into the fuel neck of the gasoline tank as I have done many times in the past. I did not have the airplane grounded as yet, but I was not ready to pour gasoline yet either. **BIG MISTAKE!** As I neared the neck of the fuel tank with the steel funnel I saw a strong blue arc, which was about 1/4" in length, jump between the funnel and the fuel tank inlet. I was shocked that it did not ignite the fumes but I was also grateful that it did not. I contemplated what had just happened and concluded that the snowmobile suit was the origin of the static buildup. The snowmobile suit is made up almost entirely of polyester where-as I normally attired in cotton. The lesson here is 1., do not get complacent, just because it has not happened the last thousand times does not mean it will not happen the next time; 2., (and most important) ground the aircraft before you do anything with the fuel system even if it is just removing the gas cap!



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BASIC AIRCRAFT WIRING & ELECTRONICS: This DVD will cover VERY basic wiring principles, including wire handling, stripping, terminal crimping, soldering, routing. Additionally, it will cover basic switching, circuit protection, etc.. This is NOT an advanced DVD, and will cater to those who have little or no experience with electrical wiring or avionics.

ADVANCED AIRCRAFT WIRING & ELECTRONICS: In this DVD, we will basically wire up an aircraft intercom and radio as an example for advanced wiring. This will give the student practice with crimping, stripping, soldering, shield termination, radio and other more "advanced" types of wiring.

OTHER SUBJECTS: We will be expanding our training classes as we see a need. Currently planned are installation DVD's for a variety of popular Avionics and instruments such as EFIS's, Audio Panel, Autopilots, etc..

Rotec Powered Motorcycle



There's just something about airplanes and motorcycles. Don Sektnan passed on this photo of a Rotec powered motorcycle. Rotec confirms that there are at least 4 motorcycles being built around their engines. See <http://thekeenslider.com/archives/2006/05/10/radial-engine-powered-motorcycle/>

Stuff for Sale/Wanted

For Sale: One case of Aeroshell 15-50 and also wings and tail feathers for a 1968 Cessna Cardinal.

Leaving for TX after New Years, contact Phil & Betty Funk at funkpb@gmail.com

For Rent: Heated hangar space at KMIC. Space has good lighting and use of microwave, refrigerator, bathroom, lounge, and hot/cold running water. Rent dependent on type of A/C or use. Space comes with resident AP, IA, EAA technical counselor, and A/C welder. Call 763-494-6993 evenings.

Wanted: I am working almost daily on my Fisher project. Down the road I will need some instruments. This will be a VFR setup. Engine will be a Subaru. Let me know if you have something I might be able to use. Contact philschaffer@usfamily.net

For Sale: Full Lotus Floats model FL 1220 brand new never inflated. 2 extra air bladders, front & rear. Ops Manuals. Digital pics to e-mail if interested. Asking \$2500. Paul Brown paul.brown@fontiernet.net or 952-457-6940.

For Sale: RV-6/6A project in Burnsville—pre-punched empennage and wing kits are complete. Right wing is jigged with the skeleton and main skins clecoed in place. All parts primed. Includes elec trim, wing Indg lts and AOA kit. \$5000 for all, but am on furlough from Mesaba and willing to negotiate. Chad Tarara ctarara@comcast.net 952-956-4614

For Sale: 1989 Kolb Twin Star, open cockpit side by side 2 place, 503 Rotax, Warp Drive Prop, \$10.5K, 612-978-6099.

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Chapter Events and Fly-Ins

Apr 16th Chapter Mtg at SteinAir
6:30 pm (Directions on page 3)

Apr 19th 9am Young Eagles (LVN)
Contact John Koser or Bill Brown for
current info.

June 21st Annual Chapter Picnic
Chapter Hangar Airlake

Future meetings 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17,
10/15, 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15

Apr 8-14 Lakeland Fl Sun'N Fun

Apr 19 Blaine Mn (ANE) 8a-noon
EAA Ch 237 Young Eagle Rally
<http://www.eaachapter237.org/>

Apr 20 Grantsburg Wi (GTG)
EAA Ch 875 Young Eagle Rally
William Didlo 715-653-2619

Apr 23-25 Bloomington Mn
MCOA Airports Symposium
Ramada Inn MOA 651/234-7232

Apr 26 Hibbing Mn (HIB) 11-3p
Chili & Hot Dog Feed

May 2-4 Brainerd Mn
Mn Seaplane Pilot's Safety Sem.
Cragun's Resort mnseaplanes.org

May 3 Bloomington Mn 5pm
MN Aviation Hall of Fame annual
Induction Banquet 612/866-4148

May 10 Blaine Mn (ANE) 8a-noon
EAA Ch 237 Young Eagle Rally
<http://www.eaachapter237.org/>

May 14 Duluth Mn afternoon
Canadian Snowbirds perform over
Lake Superior 45 minute show

May 17 Mora Mn (JMR) 8a-noon
Fly-in pancakes (320) 225-4806

May 17 Alexandria Mn (AXN)
8-12:30p Waffle feed, aviation &
Military displays 320/762-1333

May 17-18 Blaine Mn (ANE)

Aviation wkend, pancake bkfst
2 museums open 7-4p both days
651/653-2063

May 18 Brodhead Wi 7a-noon
Fly-in pancakes www.eaa431.org

Jun 1 Reedsburg Wi (C35) 7-noon
Fly-in bkfst 608/524-6888

Jun 7 Clear Lk Mn (8Y6) 10-2p
Bean/brat fly-in 320/229-8563

Jun 8 Albert Lea ((AEL) 7-12:30p
Fly-in bkfst

Jun 14-15 Hancock Mn (pvt)
Brown's fly-in. Pork roast Sat 4pm.
Call for permission to land
320/392-5869

Jun 15 Canby Mn (CNB) 7am
Waffles, noon airshow
507/829-9608

Jun 15 Hutchinson Mn (HCD)
8am pancakes, 4-7pm pork chops
320/587-3802

Jun 15 Princeton Mn (PNM) 7-1p
Fly-in bkfst 763/389-2062

Jun 29 Wells Mn (68Y) 7a-noon
Pancakes/eggs 507/553-3100

Jun 29 St Cloud Mn (STC) 8-1p
Pancake bkfst

Jun 29 Caledonia Mn (CHU)
730-Noon Fly-in bkfst

Jul 4-6 Starbuck Mn 7a-noon

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