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Sunday Ride

by Pat Halligan

My Sunday morning airplane ride (Sept.21) in N664JF was everything I had hoped for and more. Jerry Farrell had invited me to fly with him to the Hector, MN fly-in breakfast in his newly completed RV-8.

Everyone who has looked at Jerry's airplane knows what a

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Annual Banquet

Sunday, October 5th we held our annual awards banquet, again this year at Eagan Community Center. Pat Halligan did a great job pulling together the silent auction and door prizes—Pat thanked all the volunteers, and especially Ed Hansen for rounding up so many items. We had over 70 people attend this year, and great food as usual.

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Cumpton and
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Cleared for Takeoff *by Jon Cumpton*



I've just come home from another great chapter banquet. Thanks again to Pat Halligan for putting it together. Our banquet combines all the aspects of why an EAA chapter exists – except the actual airplanes we love. But our love of aviation brings us together to socialize and listen to an interesting speaker like Bryan Moon of MIA Hunters. Since a chapter

operates only because its members volunteer their time and effort, our banquet is our opportunity to recognize those efforts. Elsewhere in this newsletter are all the details of our established awards.

Of course there are not plaques for everything – for example we didn't give an award to every person who came down to the hangar in April to clean it up – but I'm sure they didn't expect it. Nevertheless, I remember those that turned out to do that job. When we needed volunteers to take care of the food at our meetings, Bruce Anthony and Terry Carmine volunteered. And no one has to tell people to stack the chairs after our meetings and pick the place up. But we get it done. To all of you (and I mean all of you) thanks for what you do.



Banquet photos—more on pages 5 and 6



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This Month: Wed Oct 15th —Chapter Hangar—6 pm

Grill on at 6, Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Bring something to grill and something to share.

Program: Officer elections at October meeting. Program to be announced.

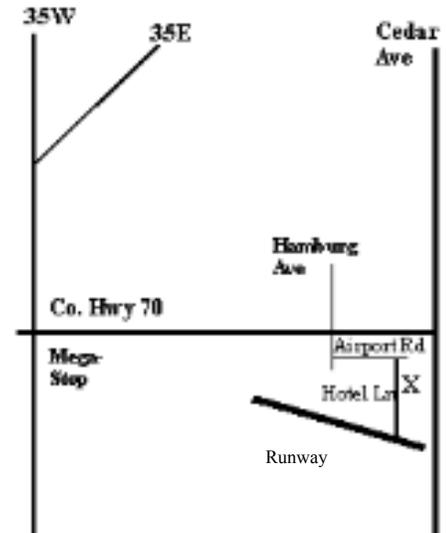
Sat Oct 18th—Young Eagles at Airlake 9am

Sat Oct 25th—Young Eagles at New Richmond 9am

Contact Jon Cumpton, John Koser or Bill Brown for more info.

Sun Dec 14th—Christmas Party at Dan Carroll's hangar at Anoka

Directions to Chapter Hangar at Airlake: South on I-35 to Hwy 70 (Megastop), then East to Hamburg Ave (3rd stop sign.) Right turn and South to airport perimeter road. Left on airport perimeter road then right on Hotel or India Lane. Please park on grass between hangars.



Lou Martin recently renewed his Class II Medical and CFI, and states that he can perform BFRs in his or your aircraft at reasonable rates for Chapter 25 members.
Email Lou at PilotLou@aol.com

EAA Chapter 25 Meeting Minutes September 17, 2008

Presiding Officer: Jon Cumpton

Location: Chapter Hangar at Airlake

Business meeting discussions

The following guests were introduced:

Matt Simpson Rich Marr

Officer elections are in October. Members are encouraged to consider running for an office. We are in particular need of candidates for President and Treasurer.

Members are encouraged to wear nametags during chapter events. A permanent Chapter 25 nametag can be ordered from Jon Cumpton at a new price of \$7.50.

Chapter 25 hats are available for \$13. See a chapter officer if you would like to buy one.

We are always looking for interesting stories for our website (EAA25.org). If you have a project update or have a story to share, please send it to Jon Cumpton for posting.

The EAA Chapter 25 Yahoo Discussion group is a great way to communicate to our members at large. To join, visit our website and look for the link in the upper right corner.

Send a note to Pete Gavin if you would like to get on the distribution list to get our chapter newsletter via email. You get it in color and you save the chapter about \$1 per newsletter in publishing and mailing costs.

We have 25 kids signed up for next Saturday's Young Eagles rally. Advertising posters are available for hanging on local bulletin boards. Members are asked to help post them.

An email was read from Dan Jackson, this year's HS scholarship winner. He is attending UND at Grand Forks and doing well. Dan is currently in ground school and taking flying lessons.

A treasurer's report was circulated. At meeting time our cash balance is \$5890.

Homebuilder news:

Don Sektnan has an alternator and voltage regulator from a TriPacer that he is willing to give to anyone that can use it on their homebuilt project.

Dick Navratil had his Rotec Radial engine get stuck in customs after being overhauled in Australia.

Rich Marr indicated he has a client that is looking for temporary hangar space at Airlake for final assembly of a RV7A.

John Schmidt reports that Forest Lake Airport has a new development going in with about 5 lots available for new hangar construction.

A reminder that our annual fundraiser is underway. The grand prize is a LCD HD TV. Second prize is a ride in a Clay Adam's 1929 Travel Air. Please turn in your tickets to Andy Hutchinson. The drawing will take place during the annual banquet on October 5.

Our October meeting will be at the chapter hangar at Airlake. Chapter officer elections will take place.

We plan to meet throughout the winter at the chapter hangar.

Dan Carroll will host the Christmas Party this year at his hangar at Anoka Airport. The party will be on December 14. Stay tuned for more details.

Program

Richard Venberg gave a presentation on historical aircraft that he has modeled in 1/72 scale.

Submitted by Craig Nelson

Sunday Ride (Cont'd from page 1)

beautiful job he did building it and the recent paint job is the crowning jewel on a work of art.

I showed up at Jerry's hangar at 8:20 and Jerry had the airplane outside, preflighted, the hangar door closed and a weather briefing completed. Jerry climbed in the front seat and me in the back. We fastened our five point harnesses and then put on our headsets. Jerry ran a short checklist as I got accustomed to my new surroundings. When Jerry flipped on the master switch the instrument panel came to life and a few moments later so did the Lycoming IO-360 after a shout of "Clear".

As we taxied to runway 30 at Airlake Airport, Jerry cycled the prop a few times and then stopped short of the runway to do a run-up. Mark Kieper, a chapter member, was in front of us preparing to depart for the Hector fly-in also. With Mark airborne and final clear, Jerry taxied into position. When he pushed the throttle to the firewall that RV-8 accelerated like there was no tomorrow. A couple kicks of the rudder pedals to keep her tracking straight, a little forward pressure on the stick to get the tail in the air and then some back pressure and we were flying!

A few comments from me during the climb like "Holy cow" and "Wow, this is cool" was all it took for Jerry to ask me if I wanted to fly. He didn't have to ask me twice. We were level at 3500 feet (to stay below the TCA) when I took control.

The visibility from the backseat to the left and right is fantastic, but it was a little challenging to see around Jerry's head and look out front or to see the flight instruments that are only located in the front cockpit. The Dynon EFIS flight instrument has airspeed on the left, attitude and heading in the middle and the altimeter on the right. I could peek around Jerry's head to the left and see my airspeed and the magenta line on his Garmin 396 which was programmed to take us to Hector. We were indicating about 194mph and the Garmin said our true airspeed was 204mph. Then I would peek around the right side of Jerry's head and check my altimeter.

I was most worried about holding my altitude, because if I didn't, I would be reliving my flights with Jerry some 38 years ago. Back then, Jerry was giving me dual in his J-3 cub and every so often he would ask me if there was a reason why I was 100 feet high or 50 feet low.

The RV-8 is so stable and solid feeling and the responsiveness in roll is unbelievable. While I was playing "fighter pilot", Jerry dialed in the Hector unicom. From then on it was constant radio chatter from airplanes in the Hector pattern. As we got close to Hector, I gave the airplane back to Jerry, because I didn't think he wanted me to try a backseat landing and end up in the cornfield with his brand new airplane. We slid in on the downwind leg behind a Cessna and in front of Don Eide and

his beautifully restored Champ. I watched for airplanes and listened to unicom as Jerry turned base and final.

Jerry did a wheel landing and then let the tail wheel settle to the ground as we slowed. As the tail wheel touched the ground we did a little waggle to the left and right as Jerry worked the rudder pedals to keep the RV-8 tracking the runway centerline. Jerry said he was still trying to figure out the landing with someone in the rear seat as I was only his second passenger. We parked the airplane and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast.

Ed and Connie Newberg have one of the best attended fly-ins in the area. If the weather is nice they get a big airplane turnout (165 airplanes this year) and the drive-in crowd is phenomenal. The pancakes, french toast, eggs and sausage were delicious. The Lions Club did a great job serving 1300 breakfasts this year. The population of Hector is only 1100.

Some of the chapter members attending were Norm Tesmar, Don Eide, Mark Kieper, Lou Martin (who was selling some books) and Gary Rosch.

Around 11am we climbed back in the RV and headed back to Lakeville. Twenty-eight minutes after takeoff we were touching down on runway 12 at Airlake. Jerry did another wheel landing and then held the tail wheel off until we had slowed way down. When the tail wheel finally settled onto the ground, we tracked straight as an arrow. I could tell Jerry was happy with that landing by the tone of his voice.

We pushed 64JF into the hangar and cleaned the bugs off the windshield, the leading edge and the engine cowling. She's all ready for her next flight and so am I. Did someone say Phoenix this winter? You won't need to ask me twice.



Annual Banquet *(From page 1)*

We were very fortunate this year to have Bryan Moon as our guest speaker. Bryan heads up an organization called MIA Hunters, which has organized a number of search missions to locate downed aircraft in places such as the remote islands of New Guinea and Japan. MIA Hunters locates the downed aircraft but does not disturb the crash site, instead notifying military authorities of the crash site location for their follow-up.

The search team relies on local natives and their remarkable knowledge of both the location of the crash sites and often living memories of details surrounding the downing and discovery of the aircraft. Military records show that hundreds of aircraft were lost in these islands during the 2nd World War, with most still to be discovered by volunteers such as MIA Hunters.

Bryan related a number of fascinating stories finding these lost sites, with remarkable coincidences where living relatives of lost airmen have been identified.



At left, Brian displays dog-tags acquired from natives who recovered these from downed airmen. MIA Hunters does not disturb crash sites, but will collect artifacts from natives who have recovered these items in the past.

Below, Brian's team is pictured with natives who assisted in locating a crash site.



2008 Banquet Awards



Young Eagles

Young Eagle awards were presented to (from left) Pete Gavin, Ron Oehler, Andy Hutchinson, John Schmidt, Kris Olson, Craig Nelson, Bill Brown, John Koser and Bev Koser. Not pictured were Bob Foster, Mark Kolesar, Jon Cumpton, Paul Pankratz, Gary Rosch, Paul Brown, Jeff Coffey and Mike Dolan



Newsletter Awards

Newsletter awards were presented to (from left) Pete Gavin, Lou Martin, Craig Nelson, Bert Sisler, John Koser, Steve Adkins, Pat Hoyt, Jerry Farrell, and Jon Cumpton. Not pictured were David Maib, Noel Allard, and Mike Dolan.

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First Flights

Jerry Farrell accepts a first flight award for his recently completed RV-8. Not present for his first flight award was Eric Petersen for his RV-6A



John Schmidt accepts an award for Service to Youth, and Peter Denny accepts an award for Tech Counselor



Ron Oehler Chapter Service Award

Jon Cumpton presents the Ron Oehler Chapter Service Award for 2008 to Kris Olson



Chapter 25 Officers for 2008

(from left) Jon Cumpton (president) Pete Gavin (newsletter editor), Craig Nelson (secretary), Ron Oehler (treasurer & membership), Andy Hutchinson (vice-president), John Koser and Bill Brown (young eagle coordinators)

Other Awards

AirVenture Volunteers: Ron Oehler, Mike Dolan

Service to Youth: John Schmidt, Jim Ladwig

Chapter Fundraiser: Andy Hutchinson

Tech Counselor: Peter Denny and Bob Eckstein

Top Gun: Paul Pankratz

Ramp Champ: Paul Brown

Stuff for Sale/Wanted

For Sale: 1948 Beech Bonanza A35. T.T.A.C. 2980, Engine 22 SMOH. Prop & all Accessories 22 since overhaul. New paint & leather interior. Tip tanks, dual controls, all new windows, cleveland brakes. Many mods. VFR radios. At KLVN. Asking \$48,000. Al Morphey 952-985-5910 612-961-1546

For Sale: 1973 Cessna 150L TTAF 3300, 700 SMOH. White w/blue stripe. Exterior 8/10, interior 8/10. Michael single Nav/Com radio, ModeC Xpndr. Fresh annual. Portable GPS included. \$18,000 firm, similar in trade-a-plane for 23-24. Gerald Mercier, gjmerci@aol.com 612/861-6921.

For Sale: Piper Archer, TTAF: 5516 SMOH: 22 New crankshaft, New Superior Cyls, New prop, Lt. Wgt. Starter Engine by BOLDUC, Full IFR, KX-155's, KN-62 DME, KR-86 ADF, Piper IIIB AP Slaved Gyro Compass, JPI EDM 700 Engine Analyzer / fuel flow Quiet Flite 4 place stereo intercom, Vertical Card Compass, Plane Powered BOSE Headsets (old style) (front seats), Traditional & Electronic (EI) Tachometer, Paint & Upholstery 1994 #8 Interior & Exterior. Asking \$75,000 Based at KMIC, Minneapolis. hhavir@nbs-inc.com (952) 929-8725

For Sale: 40' x44' hangar 32G at Airlake Airport. A/C building tools, many misc. parts. A/C oil & filter, welder/tanks, 1968 Cardinal wings & tail feathers. Call Phil & Betty Funk at 612-578-3017 for viewing.

For Sale: Hangar #30, 48'x50'—Winsted Municipal Airport 10D-40' Electric Bi-Fold door; Concrete floor; Mercury Vapor lighting; 11' x 13' Garage door. 320/834-2824 be35_33_captn@hotmail.com

For Sale: ICON IC-A23 VHF Airband Transceiver still in box never used. \$275. Peter Denny 763/529-5325

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: 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 Its and AOA kit. \$5000 for all, but am on furlough from Mesaba and willing to negotiate. Chad Tarara ctarara@comcast.net 952-956-4614

Wanted: Hangar space. As a DAR I have a client with a RV-7A that needs to rent a hangar at Airlake. It is ready for final assembly. E-mail richard.marr@eaglevalley.biz or call 612-751-6165. This aircraft is ready to move out to the airport and needs a home very soon....Thanks!!!!!! Richard R. Marr

For Sale: Homebuilt two place tandem. open cockpit, hi wing, 64TT, Eng. 0235C 1035TT Plane garaged 10 yrs Bldr deceased.

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

Oct 11 Minneapolis Mn (KMIC)
11a-4p. Club Cherokee Open House and LSA Expo, Crystal Airport Vendors include Flight Design, Jabiru, Tecnam, Evektor, Cessna and Gobosh.

Nov 1 Cambridge Mn (CBG) 9am
Holiday Toy Drive and Chili Feed
6th Annual Chili Feed to collect toys for the Tree of Hope!
Bring an unwrapped toy to All American Aviation, and enjoy some FREE CHILI. The toys that are collected are flown to various sites in Minnesota for children in hospitals during the holiday season. (cash donations for toys are also accepted.)
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800/657-3922, ext. 7181.

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