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Hamilton Back on Floats

by Pete Gavin



I had just earned my private pilot certificate in 1995 at Wings at Holman Field and heard that Lysdale's at Fleming Field was a good place to rent aircraft. I was checked out in their Archer by Randy Lysdale. It was there that I first encountered the Hamilton, stored on jacks in the back of their hangar.

It was several years later that I heard the history of the Hamilton from Noel

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Mamie Singleton to Receive Game Changer Award

From Kim Johnson

Ch. 25 Members -

The following is a note from Mamie Singleton, passed on to me by Bill Brown, regarding Maime's notification that she is the recipient of a "Game-Changer" Award for education and community service from the St. Paul Branch NAACP. She will receive the award at the 100th Anniversary NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on Sept. 19th at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel from 6 pm – 9 pm.

Maime is a Ch. 25 member who has brought us many Young

Eagle kids to take for rides. Bill and I think this is an opportunity to support a tireless Ch. 25 community service worker.

Greetings: I am proud to announce that I am the recipient of a "Game-Changer" Award for education and community service from the Saint Paul Branch NAACP. The award will be presented at the organization's 100th Anniversary NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on September 19th (see details below).

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-an update from Kim V. (Cleary) Johnson,
EAA Chapter 25 President

Our Ch. 25 Banquet is 3 weeks away. It will be on **Sunday, October 6, 2013** at the Eagan Community Center. Social hour starts at 6:00 pm. A buffet dinner begins at 7:00 pm and our guess speaker starts at 8. This year we have the privilege of having Curt Brown as our speaker. Curt is a former astronaut who has been in space six times.

He pilots the Hawker Sea Fury aircraft, Sawbones, at the Reno air-races and is an airline pilot, so you know he will have a lot of intriguing stories to tell. If you've never attended the banquet, please buy a couple of tickets this year. Bring your significant other and join us for what will surely be an enjoyable evening.

We are going to have a silent auction to raise money for Chapter scholarships and activities and we need your help to make the auction a success. Use your imagination and make a basket of items someone would like to bid on. You can visit a few local businesses and ask for a donation of goods, services or a gift card. We are a charitable organization who serves our community by giving kids free airplane rides to try to develop an interest in aviation. We also give scholarships to kids to attend summer aviation camps and we give scholarships to young adults pursuing a career in aviation at a post-secondary educational institution. We have a letter you can print and give to businesses to help you ask for donations to join in this effort.

We also have raffle tickets for a drawing at our banquet you can sell to help raise money. The prizes are \$500 cash, \$250 cash, an introductory glider lesson and a discovery flight for someone to see what flying is like. Each Chapter member is asked to sell at least 30 - \$2.00 tickets. They are not hard to sell. Ned Lebens, Chapter Vice President is in charge of managing raffle ticket sales. Give Ned your raffle ticket sales stubs and proceeds at the Sept. Chapter meeting or mail same to him by Oct. 1 so we are not waiting until the last minute to take care of this business. All unsold raffle tickets need to be turned in to Ned.

Please buy your Banquet tickets at the Sept. 18th Chapter meeting or mail your check to Kris Olson. We need to know how many are going to attend. It is always a fun evening.

At the Chapter meeting on Sept. 18th we are privileged to have Lane Dulon and Assistant Professor Thomas Peterson from the Minnesota State University – Mankato Dept. of Aviation come and tell us about their program. I met Lane and Thomas and some other students at the MSU tent on Oshkosh Education row. It will be beneficial to learn more about how we

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This Month: Wed Evening Sept 18th—BSAEC at Airlake

Grill on at 6pm, Meeting starts at 7pm

Please bring something to share: pre-cooked brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, deli salads, beans, chili, chips, cookies, plastic utensils, paper plates, cups and napkins.

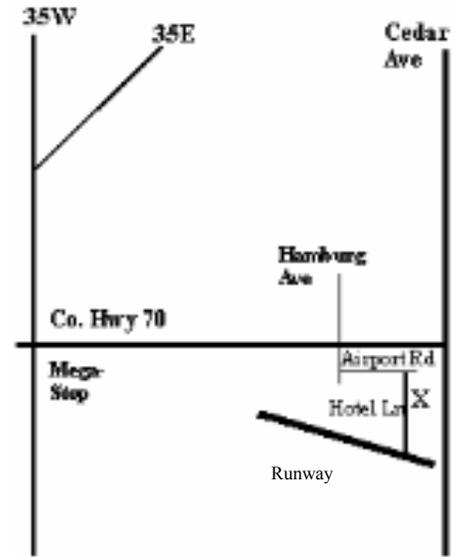
Program: Lane Dulon and Assistant Professor Thomas Peterson from the Minnesota State University – Mankato Dept. of Aviation will tell us about their program.

Saturday Sept 21st Young Eagles at Airlake, 9 am. To volunteer to help with young eagles, contact **Bill Brown: 952-432-4231**

Sunday Oct 6th Ch 25 Annual Banquet at Eagan Community Center

Saturday Oct 19th Young Eagles at Airlake, 9 am.

Directions to BSAEC (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. If the surface is firm, please park on space between hangars.



EAA Chapter 25 Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2013

Presiding Officer: Kim Johnson

Location: Bert Sisler Aviation Education Center at Airlake Airport

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Lou Martin led the pledge of allegiance, he then asked for a moment of silence for all who serve and have served.

Lou Martin talked about an experience from 1955, also in his book, with a perplexing ending involving a phone number on a dog's collar.

Dick Navratil shared a video titled "We Remember."

Kim Johnson announced that Greg Sebold had his first flight in his Sonex at KFCM on 8/14.

Kim Johnson recognized Mary Hoyt for grilling the food.

Kris Olson said she has membership applications, and EAA Chapter 25 Hats are available. She also has name tag information. The treasurer's report shows cash balance of \$12,737.27 as of 8/12/2013.

Kim Johnson advised that the next Young Eagles event will be Saturday 9/21/2013 at KFCM.

Pat Halligan talked about our EAA Chapter 25 Banquet which will take place on Sunday, October 6th, 6pm, at the Eagan Community Center. For tickets, send \$20 per person to Kris Olson, 110 7th St N, Cannon Falls, MN 55009-1941. Pat also asked for silent auction items. Take a copy of our donation letter and visit a few local businesses and see if you can get a

gift, or gift card donated.

Hemchan Ramnarine presented about his experiences at EAA summer camp and Airventure 2013.

Mary Hoyt said that she and Pat had flown to Rushford, MN (55Y) on Saturday, where they were told about an upcoming airshow on September 27th & 28th. Piets and Cubs especially welcome. More information at "<https://www.facebook.com/RushfordSpectaculAir>"

Program

Captain Dana E. Novinskie, an Airlift Pilot in the 109th Airlift Squadron, Minnesota Air National Guard (photo below), gave a presentation about local C-130 training routes, local airfields used for training, and mid-air collision avoidance techniques.

Submitted by: Ned Lebens



Hamilton

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Allard. Noel had spent many hours restoring the Hamilton with Jack Lysdale, Randy's grandfather, in the 1970's. He talked of flying the Hamilton with Jack to the Antique Aircraft Association Fly-in near Blakesburg, Iowa. The Hamilton had not flown since 1978. Jack had passed away in 1992, and there seemed to be no plans to fly the Hamilton again.

Years passed with the Hamilton still on jacks. In early 2010, I heard rumors that the Hamilton was going to auction.

In the June 2010 On Final, we reported the first flight of the Hamilton in over thirty years. The only Hamilton H-47 Metalplane still flying, it was purchased from the Lysdale family by Howard S. Wright III and flown from Fleming Field on May 17th of 2010 .

It has now been restored to its original floats in Washington State. The owner has also exchanged the unique Hornet engine for a Continental, according to Noel Allard, who provided the photos of the Hamilton on floats.

NC-879H is a 1929 Hamilton H-47 Metalplane, one of the first all metal aircraft ever made. These aircraft helped Northwest Airlines start commercial air service as well as pioneered air mail delivery within North America.

This particular example is the only flyable H-47 still around. It was originally sold to the Ontario Provincial Air Service as a floatplane as CF-OAJ. It was later owned and flown by the famous great north pilot Joe Crosson, flying it on floats and wheels all over northwestern Canada, the lower 48 states, and Alaska. The Hamilton served as a bush plane until it was taken out of

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Noel Allard with the Hamilton at the back of the Lysdale hangar at Fleming Field in May of 2004



Above: On May 17, 2010, the Hamilton flies at Fleming for the first time since 1978. Below: The Hamilton on display at AirVenture, July 2010



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service July 10, 1947.

In 1951, Northwest Captain Harry McKee and a band of volunteers backed by the airline itself acquired the aircraft, took it to Minneapolis, and began restoring it – a process which was never completed. By the time the bits and pieces were brought back to the lower 48, the project was in pretty rough shape.

The parts eventually were obtained by Jack Lysdale in 1971, and the real restoration began. Jack and a team of volunteers, including Noel Allard restored it to fully air-worthy condition. It won the Vintage Reserve Grand Champion award at Oshkosh in 1975, and the Grand Champion Antique at the AAA Fly-in that same year. In 1976, it was the Silver Age Champion at Oshkosh.

It was flown until 1978 and was subsequently placed in storage again at Fleming Field. The aircraft was sold at the Barrett-Jackson collector car auction for \$671,000 in early 2010 to Seattle property developer Howard S. Wright. During recent years, it has made several airshow appearances including Oshkosh in 2010.

Now, under Mr. Wright's ownership, the aircraft has been restored to its original floatplane status and has been matched with a pair of vintage Edo floats at Kenmore Air of Seattle. The photo on the top right shows the Hamilton being carried on a barge up Lake Washington on its way to Kenmore Air. In the photo to the right above, the Hamilton taxis on floats for the first time in over sixty years.



Paul Poberezny, Timeless Voices

Some may know, but I best most don't know, that Paul Poberezny has recently recorded a 5-part interview on the Timeless Voices of Aviation program.

One can access those interviews by going to EAA's website, then "MULTIMEDIA," then "videos."

To go directly to the first interview, link to <http://www.eaavideo.org/video.aspx?v=2523674634001>

—John Schmidt

Final Approach Trivia Quiz ***from John Schmidt***

In gliding, what is "FLARM"?

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Singleton Award

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could come to the Banquet to support me. . . and if they could sit at my table(s). As a result, I wanted to extend an invitation to "special" friends and associates to take advantage of that offer, but time is very limited and those interested in joining me at the banquet would need to let me know right away and make arrangements to provide me with a check (made out to the St. Paul NAACP) or to register for the event on-line at the Saint Paul NAACP website (details below). The deadline for us getting a collective table, or group of tables is Friday, September 13th.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this opportunity, and "thank you" in advance, for your consideration.

Mamie

Saint Paul NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet: Celebrating 100 Years

Thursday, September 19, 2013, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: [Crowne Plaza St. Paul - Riverfront Hotel](#),
11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN
55101, Phone: 1-651-292-1900

Join us! September 19, 2013 marks 100 years to the day the Saint Paul branch of the NAACP has been tirelessly working for civil rights and equality in Minnesota's capital city.

All ticket holders receive a complimentary one-year NAACP membership and a copy of [Crusaders for Justice: A Chronicle of Protest by Agitators, Advocates and Activists in Their Struggles for Civil and Human Rights in St. Paul, Minnesota 1802-1985](#), by Arthur C. McWatt.

• General Seating - \$80.00 (USD) per person

Includes entrance into general reception (cash bar) and general seating for dinner.

• **General Seating with VIP Reception - \$100.00 (USD) per person** Includes entrance into VIP reception with Julian Bond and general seating at dinner.

Answer to Final Approach Quiz (See page 5)

FLARM is an [electronic](#) device to selectively alert pilots to potential collisions between [aircraft](#). It is not formally an implementation of [ADS-B](#), as it is optimized for the specific needs of small aircraft such as gliders. Conventional [Airborne Collision Avoidance Systems](#) (ACAS) are of little use in preventing [gliders](#) from colliding with each other because gliders are frequently close to each other without being in danger of collision. ACAS would give out continuous and unnecessary warnings about all aircraft in the vicinity, whereas FLARM only gives selective alerts to aircraft posing a collision risk.

Chapter 25 Banquet

Fellow Chapter 25 members.

Our annual chapter banquet is fast approaching and if you are planning to attend, I'm asking you to print the order form below and mail it to Kris Olson ASAP, along with your check.

The banquet is Sunday, October 6, at the Eagan Community Center. This years planned speaker is Curt Brown. Curt is a former astronaut (six times in space), pilots the Sea Fury aircraft, Sawbones, at the Reno air-races and is an airline pilot.

If you've never attended the banquet, I'd love for you to buy a couple of tickets this year, bring your significant other and join us for an enjoyable evening. Social hour starts at 6pm, a buffet dinner at 7 and our guess speaker around 8.

We will have silent auction items to bid on and I need your help to make the auction a success. Please print the donation letter and visit a few local businesses and see if you can get a gift, or gift card donated. Use your imagination! If going to a business is not "your cup of tea" you can bring something (i.e. bottle of wine, box of chocolates) and I'll add it to some other donations and make it a basket of items to bid on. I thank you in advance.

I've also included Ned's address below, so you can send your raffle ticket stubs and money to him ASAP.

Pat Halligan

Banquet Chairman for Life (BC4L)

2013 Chap 25 annual banquet ticket request form

I request _____ tickets @ \$20 each = \$ _____

Your Name _____

Mail to : **Kris Olson**
110 7th Street N
Cannon Falls, MN 55009-1941

Return your raffle tickets to:

Ned Lebens
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Chanhassen, MN 55317-9622

Stuff for Sale/Wanted

Wanted: Your dusty old VFR instruments for my Pietenpol project. Please contact Ned Lebens 952-567-3329 or nlebens@gmail.com

For Sale: Ellison EFS-2 Throttle Body Injector
don schlais <d.schlais@hotmail.com> 763-479-8228



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can support this program. Encourage any high school students you know to come.

Don't forget to bring a package of: pre-cooked brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, deli salads, beans, chili, chips, cookies, plastic utensils, paper plates, cups and paper towels, soft drinks and water and bring them to the Chapter meeting. We will need a couple of volunteers to cook.

Every Wednesday evening that there is not a Chapter meeting, there is a Chapter 25 Pietenpol building project in which you can participate. We start at 6:00 pm at Dale Johnson's workshop in Burnsville. Come ready to work and we'll give you a task to do in the building of a Pietenpol Air Camper. Find a Piet builder to talk to if you have questions about this.

There is no lack of opportunities for involvement in Chapter 25 activities. We will work it out so that you can participate at your own level of availability. We are looking for a Food Coordinator, a BSAEC hangar maintenance task force, newsletter writers (write a story about an aviation experience or an interview someone about their aviation interest) and a librarian.

Four of my goals for Chapter 25 continue to be:

- Encourage Chapter 25 membership by young men and women with an interest in aviation.
- Encourage younger members to get actively involved in Chapter 25 activities.
- Have all members get to know each other better.
- Perpetuate the Chapter 25 Mission of furthering interest in building custom aircraft and supporting all with an interest in aviation by sharing our knowledge and experience.

“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.”

—John Muir, Scottish-American environmentalist and writer

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!



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Chapter Events

Sept 18th Chapter Mtg at BSAEC, 6 pm
(see page 3 for map & directions)

Sept 21st Young Eagles at Airlake

Oct 6th Ch 25 Annual Banquet at
Eagan Community Center

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

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 Airventure 2013 - A State of Bliss (SLICK)

Last month Greg Cardinal recounted their experience where, after receiving permission to land their Piet's on the ultralight field at OSH, they were then required to move to the homebuilt area far to the north near the warbirds. With the tailskid on his Piet, this forced Greg into a "walking taxi" maneuver in order to get his Piet across the paved areas along the way. This photo was taken from Wesley "Slick" Perkins' six minute video summary of AirVenture 2013. This shot occurs 3 minutes, 40 seconds into the video. <http://vimeo.com/72863998>. Thanks to Craig Nelson for finding this.

Here is Greg's description. "At this point I had to jump out of my Piet walk alongside it to steer it on the pavement. Bob followed close behind at my walking speed. At one point several large warbirds on an adjacent taxiway swung their tails in my direction and revved their engines. I had to hang on to the lift struts to keep prop blast from upsetting my plane. After a leisurely 2 mile walk we finally made it to a parking spot."

It makes you wonder, Shouldn't there be some place at AirVenture where a tailskid Pietenpol might feel welcome?




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