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“Flight Lines”

- from Mike York
EAA Chapter 25 President

Oshkosh was a great success this year for me and everyone I know that attended. I hope all of you that attended had a good time too. The weather was great and the show was bigger and better than ever. Our chapter ran the pancake breakfast Tuesday morning at the Chapter Pavilion. Pat Halligan did a great job of organizing all of us volunteers. The food was good and the breakfast well attended. I would like to thank Mark Kolesar for signing the chapter up to win prizes at Oshkosh. Mark beat me to the building.

The monthly second Saturday coffee and donuts has been a success so far with at least two dozen in attendance at the last event. We may have to build one of those rotating pancake grills in the future to keep donut costs down. For August the second Saturday (the 11th) coffee and



donuts will be at Darrell Pearson's hangar at the Crystal airport. You can drive in or fly in and take a look at his project. It looks like a beauty. 90% done and 90% to go. Access to the airport is through the D gate off Bass Lake Road. The hangar is located on the 3rd hanger row and is the only green building on that side of the field. The gate access code is 4132. Enter 4132 and nothing else.

This month's presentation will be by CFI, author, and aerial photographer Randy Arneson. Randy has taken 100,000 plus aerial photos and has 80,000 or so in electronic format. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our Wednesday meeting on August 15th.



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Book Report *Glider Snatch*

Lost in Shangri-La by Mitchell Zuckoff

An exciting true story about a disastrous crash and astonishing rescue from a high-altitude, hidden forbidding valley in Dutch New Guinea untouched by outside humanity.

Does a scud running joy ride in a C-47 with tired engines up a narrow valley at 5000 feet MSL with a “curvaceous WAC” sitting in the pilot’s seat make any sense at all? “Don’t you know there’s a war on?” Actually, with constant year-around heat and high humidity coupled with a seven-day workweek, the base commander was looking for ways to relieve the boredom. Sight-seeing flights in a C47 was one popular diversion. “On this day, May 13, 1945, Colonel Peter Prossen had arranged the rarest and most sought-after prize for his staff, one certain to boost morale: a flight over Shangri-La.” The Shangri-La name was obviously taken from the hidden valley the popular book, “Lost Horizon”.

Spoiler Alert: Which would be worst, a glider snatch from a jungle field at 5000 feet or hiking through 150 miles of tangled jungle and rain forest populated by Japanese and man-eating natives? Many alternatives were considered but the glider snatch won out.

Recently, our nation anxiously awaited rescue of the boys from flooded caves in Thailand. Progress towards rescue was front-page news. In a like manner the survivors of the crash in New Guinea were a leading story. In newspaper terms, “Names are news”.

As a result, the extensive news coverage ignored the Filipino troops involved in the rescue effort and in particular centered on an attractive WAC survivor. The rescue leaders repeatedly tried to draw attention to the enlisted Filipino paratroopers, particularly the heroic jumps by medics Bulatao and Ramirez into the death-defying terrain ... a jump made when a solution for rescue was still in question. When you read the book, be alert to the life altering events and decisions regarding who is on the flight or misses out; and, who gets the seats for survivors!

The dry-runs and actual glider snatches were described in exciting detail. Several injuries occurred during the dry runs. It required three glider landings followed by snatches to rescue the C-47 survivors and paratroopers; plus, one film maker who parachuted in to document the activity. He was totally drunk on Dutch Whisky and, at his request, thrown out of the aircraft demonstrating Dutch courage.

With the recent rescue of 11 people after a plane crash in Alaska, perhaps a book review of a crash and difficult rescue from the jungles in Dutch New Guinea near the end of WWII would be of interest ... especially in light of our chapter involvement. Spoiler Alert! The Waco CG-4 glider played an important role.

Chapter Connection: Our chapter has a connection to the Waco CG-4 gliders. Chapter 25 member, Dale Johnson, was one of the primary craftsmen during the rebuild of two Waco CG-4 Troop Gliders. The Villaume Industries in Eagan donated space and materials for the rebuild. This furniture factory built troop gliders during WWII.

Our Chapter 25 involvement primarily revolves around chapter member Dale Johnson. I loaned my trailer to the effort and took some photos ... one photo was the cover for Bungee Cord, the “The Voice of The Vintage Sailplane Association”.

This book reviewer has helped locally. For 5 years, I served as a board member for the Washburn Aviation Magnet. I invited Elizabeth Strohfus’ co-author, Cheryl Young to be a board member also. Together, Elizabeth, Cheryl and I, with the help of Minnesota Soaring Club pilots, we gave rides to about 20 girls on two Saturdays. I know that two of the girls became pilots including one flying helicopters for the St. Paul sheriff’s department. At one board meeting, a representative from Northwest Airlines reported a first ... an all female crew on a Boeing 747!

S. Steve Adkins, EAA 9221, Chapter 25



Photo above: Waco CG-4 glider



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Young Eagles Update

By Kris Olson

EAA Chapter 25 flew 12 kids on Saturday, July 21st at Airlake Airport. Jim Henry flew the kids and our ground crew were Marsha Drake, Ralph Goracke, Don Broen, Dave Olson, and Kris Olson. The weather was nice for the event.

Our next rides event is Saturday, August 19th at Airlake at 9 am. We have a few kids interested in the rides and can sign up more. We welcome members to come out and visit during the event.

We can run our regular Young Eagles event on September 15th at Airlake and several pilots and ground crew are interested in helping with a Young Eagles event being held at Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie on September 22nd. They are having the Women in Aviation Girls in Aviation Day at Flying Cloud Airport that day at Premier Jet Center.

The Girls in Aviation Day event run by the Stars of the North Women in Aviation chapter will be held at Flying Cloud Airport on **Saturday, September 22, 2018**. Kids of all ages and their parents can attend the free event.

Registration is open <http://www.starsofthenorth.org/girls-in-aviation-day.html>

Upcoming Aviation Events

Some web sites to find local aviation events:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/events/flyins-and-events.html>

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/aeronautics/trng-evnts/flyins.aspx>

Click on a month to download the Wis. events calendar.

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EAA Chapter 25 Pancake Breakfast/ Fund Raiser

EAA Chapter 25 sponsored a pancake breakfast/fund raiser on Tuesday during AirVenture. It was a HUGE success (according to Pres. Donald Trump) as we served 316 breakfasts. I want to thank all two dozen members who helped put it on! The early shift, 0600-0900 started showing up around 0530-0545 and helped get things set up and we were ready to go by 0630, even though the breakfast didn't officially start until 0700. Mike York was in charge outside by the griddle and Jim Fischer and Greg Cardinal were running the show in the pavilion. We had Richard Hedeem on the street, escorting, guiding, and directing passerby's into the pavilion. The workers on the second shift also started showing up before their 0900 start time and took over without missing a beat. Kim Johnson, Don Johnston, Bruce Anthony and others kept the event humming along while John Schmidt worked the crowd on the street. We even had a few spouses, like Barb Schiroo and Vicky Van Eendenburg help out.

All-in-all it was a great time by all involved and by the comments I heard. I should know, by our August meeting, how much money we raised for our new hangar. That's right...we've started a fund for a new hangar, that would be built across the runway, at Airlake. One with running water, an indoor bathroom and a separate meeting area, etc... Like the young folks say (or at least my son, Kevin, does) "Go big or go home." Chapter 25 is going big!

The following people helped with the breakfast:

Greg Cardinal, John Schmidt, Alan Knutson, Bob Poore, Richard Hedeem, Jim Fischer, John & Vicky Van Eendenburg, Steve Schmidt, John Aiton & a friend of his, Mike York, Terry Carmine, Kim Johnson, Jerry & Barb Schiroo, Don Johnston, Eldon Davidson, Bruce Anthony, Les Kapaun, Steve Edholm, Gene Poole, Frank Ahlman and me.

If I forgot someone, or misspelled your name, please forgive me.

Thanks again to everyone who made it a special chapter event.

Patrick (hooligan) Halligan

P.S. I hope you noticed our spiffy new chapter aprons and not just the sexy legs. LOL



*Terry Carmine, Don Johnston,
Bruce Anthony, and Patrick Halligan*

July Coffee and Donuts event

On July 14 our chapter coffee and donuts event was held at the chapter hanger. The times for this is 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. I parked the car at the hanger around 7:50 with sunny skies and the fog just lifted with no wind. Gordon Duke arrived before me and had opened the hanger door to let the sunshine in. The coffee was started and donuts placed on a table for consumption. A few chairs were placed outside to observe the takeoffs and landings. This morning we observed ten to twelve aircraft flying with a few of them doing multiple landings. A couple of Sonex planes, a Cub, one Super cub and a few Cessna's, plus other Piper aircraft also flew in the morning. Around 8:30 a few more chapter members came to observe and speak aviation stories with more coming later. A total estimate of up to 25 members came to this event today and most left by 10:30 to start their day with other activities. This article just missed the last months newsletter, so this is why you are reading it now. This is a new activity for our chapter and was started by Mike York. If possible we could include a group fly out to someplace close by in the future or visit chapter members hangers. Please include this in your portable electronic device calendar (second Saturday of the month) to start your day. You can drive, bike or fly to chapter 25 free coffee and donuts event and bring friends. Jim Fischer

Trivia

What language are the words 'Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij,' from, and what is the aviation connection?

Answer on Page 7



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Trivia answer from pg. 6

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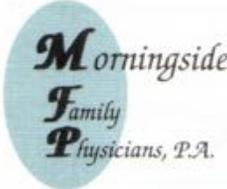
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