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“Flight Lines”

- from Mike York
EAA Chapter 25 President

I hope this message finds you all well and doing something aviation related. Unfortunately my aviation activities have taken a backseat lately. I've had too many other projects at home. I still manage to get my hands on the Pietenpol build and the CH701 build. I managed to take time to read Steven Coonts- Flight of the Intruder. I recommend it and I believe it gives some idea of what chapter member Les McNamee experienced in Vietnam flying the A6 Intruder. Thank you for your service Les!

This month our presenter is Cheryl Daml. Cheryl is a CFI and will be presenting on what to expect after a long break from flying. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next chapter meeting.



I think it is safe to say that we have a budding aerospace professional in our midst!

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A “Close Encounter” with Sean D. Tucker...

By: Mark Kolesar

For many pilots and aviation buffs the name Sean D. Tucker is well known as an accomplished aerobatic pilot/airshow performer and Chairman of the EAA Young Eagles program. His routine in the Oracle Challenger III is amazing. Anyone who has seen his performances would agree his talent is extraordinary.

AirVenture 2018 provided me with a wonderful opportunity to witness what it is like to see Sean and his team up close. First a little background. During EAA AirVenture I serve as Co-Chairman of the Young Eagle volunteers that “man” the Blue Barn and two informational areas in the EAA Member Center located at Four Corners near Boeing Square. As you can imagine it is a very hectic time making sure volunteers are in place at their assigned locations and appointed times and assist them in answering questions and problem solving regarding the Young Eagles Program and Chapters as well as a liaison between the many visitors, volunteers and staff.

One day during an exceptionally hectic time I was briefly pulled aside and asked if I would like to fly in the right seat of Sean’s Piper Seneca with his pilot Johnny as they go up for a photo/media shoot of Sean giving an aerobatic ride. It was even more special in that I knew the individual (Ben) that would be flying with Sean in the Oracle Extra 300 L. Ben had taken a Young Eagle ride when he was younger, is now going to college, obtained his private pilot license and has already given 19 Young Eagle rides. Needless to say, I found a way to make it work.

We made our way to the North side of the field where Sean’s team was working feverishly to put the final details together, removing the rear door of the Seneca as well as clearing our two-ship flight above the field with the air-boss’s schedule. Sean welcomed us, introductions were made, Johnny asked about my flying experience, paperwork completed and Sean began the briefing. Sean and Johnny, an aerobatic pilot himself, fly every day

as a two ship and have the routine down cold. Still they take time to review the maneuvers and make sure the members of the media know what to expect. It is Johnny’s job to position the Seneca in the optimal positions during the photo shoot while Sean flies off his left wing. My “job” ...keep an eye outside as well as on the flight instruments...as Johnny put it,” keep us out of trouble.” Its showtime. The media people were loaded in, belted and harnessed. I climbed into the right seat and Johnny in the left. We taxied to depart KOSH runway 27. The ground controller holds us as our two-ship is third in line to depart. We are all informed there will be delay as FOD (Foreign Object Debris) was discovered on the runway and all of us need to hold short until the runway is swept clean and inspected. Even though time is tight everyone is calm and patient. Runway sweeping completed, things start moving quickly. In sequence, our two-ship is cleared to position and hold. Cleared to go, we accelerate with Sean on our left, rotate and begin to climb. Several feet above the ground as I look over my left shoulder through the open door I see Sean turn the smoke on and see a huge smile on Ben’s face as he and Sean give us a thumbs up during the initial climb. We begin a hard climbing right turn to the north of the field where a series of further turns, climbs and descents are done with precision to provide the media with the optimal angles they need for their photos and TV video. At one point as I looked through the open back door there was Sean flying inverted within a few feet of our left wing with smoke on. What a sight!!

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As a side note, written in small red letters under the left wing of the Seneca it says, "If you can read this you must be flying with Sean D. Tucker." With our "work" done we returned to the field as Sean and Ben departed to have a little more fun. Back on the ground Johnny provided a lot of information on how the team works both during the airshow season and the tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes for every event. In the off season, planning for the next season begins, maintenance, removing the aircraft covering, inspecting and repairing structural components, the engine is overhauled and then reassembly takes place. Saying our good-byes, we departed for the Blue Barn. Ben was still smiling the next day after watching the replay of his flight provided on a memory stick.

<https://www.oracle.com/us/assets/team-oracle-media-kit-2179517.pdf>

For me and I am sure for many of you every AirVenture is truly special and each year confirms what Paul Poberezny once said, and I paraphrase, the planes brought us together but the people, the volunteers we meet, keep us coming back.



Sean D. Tucker and Ben



Johnny and Mark Kolesar

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Young Eagles Update

By Kris Olson

EAA Chapter 25 flew 11 kids on Saturday, August 18th at Airlake Airport. The pilots that flew the kids were Mark Kolesar and Ron Sekenski. Our ground crew were Ron Hoyt, Marsha Drake, Dave Olson and Kris Olson. The weather was good for the flights.

We have some kids signed up for the September 15th rides at Airlake. Several of our pilots and ground crew are volunteering with the Young Eagles rides event at Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie on Saturday, September 22nd 10 am to 3 pm. They could use more help from pilots and ground crew. Let me know if you are interested.

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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Robby Evans went to EAA Air Academy in June 2018. He attended the 12 and 13 year old camp.

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Dear EAA Chapter 25,

Thank you for sponsoring me! I had a lot of fun and learned a lot about the world of aviation. At camp we stayed in a really cool lodge where we slept, ate, and spent our free time. During our free time we flew simulators which were a lot of fun! You could choose to fly lots of different planes like a Mooney, a King Air, a 747, a Lear Jet, and a C172. I spent pretty much all of my time on the "sims" where I flew a Mooney Bravo for the majority and did touch and go's. My other highlights were flying in a Cessna Skycatcher or a C162 and flying in a Bell 47 helicopter. The Skycatcher flight was my favorite thing we did. I flew with my new friend who is a CFI Collins. We took off on runway 9 and we flew over a lake where he let me fly. I also made my first radio call where I said, "Andrew Work on



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Your radio calls^{ed}. Then we started to fly back to the airport then Collin let me take the controls and I lined up the plane to land. I just wanted to thank everyone in the chapter for sending me to camp.

Your future pilot,
Robby Evans

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Trivia

Which WWII airplane experienced accidents so frequently that it popularized the phrase "One a day in Tampa Bay?"

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The Martin B-26 Marauder, with its twin 2,000 hp engines and short wingspan, was difficult for inexperienced 1942 pilots to the point that it popularized the phrase (from MacDill AFB). While the phrase, “One a day...” was overstated, it wasn’t by much. In the worst month, the Air Corps logged 15 crashes in just one 30 day period. 5,266 Marauders were built.

<http://www.323bg454bs.org/Assets/PdfFiles/Thunderbolt%20080303.pdf>

<http://fly.historicwings.com/2012/11/one-a-day-in-tampa-bay/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_B-26_Marauder

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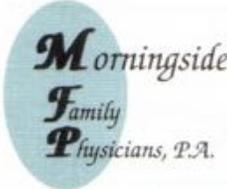
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The EAA Chapter 25 Banquet is Sunday, October 14, 2018 at the Royal Cliff Banquet Hall, 2280 Cliff Rd, Eagan, MN. The social hour will start at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Our guest speaker is Neil Hansen, who flew for Air America, the CIA's secret airline, in Vietnam. Mel Gibson played Neil in the movie Air America. Neil will also talk about flying in Cambodia and escaping literally hours before the country fell to the Khmer Rouge.

The food will be made fresh, by the Royal Cliff's chef. Those attending last years banquet can tell you how good it was.

To get tickets EAA Chapter 25 members can mail in the form that they got in the mail, with a check to EAA Chapter 25, they are \$30 per ticket and send to Patrick Halligan or bring them to the September 19th chapter meeting. Tickets for non-EAA members are \$35 each.

Ticket prices were set to cover an airline ticket and hotel room. The speaker is only charging for expenses, no talking fee.

To donate items for a silent auction at the banquet contact Patrick Halligan.

Directions to Royal Cliff Banquet Hall, 2280 Cliff Rd, it is just west of Cedar Ave on Cliff Rd. From Cedar Ave take the Cliff Rd exit and go west. Take your first left (now going south) on Slater Rd. On the corner of Cliff and Slater Rd is a Super America and a Kwik Trip gas station. On Slater Rd take your first right onto Wildwood and stay right as the road changes to Westwood. The Hall is right in front of you. You will be right behind Big O Tires and Penn Cycle.

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