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The Annual Dinner meeting will be held on, Tuesday October 26th. Cash Bar begins at 6pm, dinner at 7p.m. at Meyer's Restaurant and Bar, 4200 S 76th Street (Next to the Spring Mall) **No name tag required!**

Dinner Program: This year's featured speaker will be **Jeff Ludwig**, a long-time Airventure Cup racer, and recently world aviator. Jeff, his wife and two boys spent several months flying around Africa, renting planes along the way. Jeff will share his thoughts on the differences in General Aviation on a mostly Third World continent.

Chapter 18 Calendar of Events

October 2004

10/26/04 Fall Dinner Meeting, Meyer's Restaurant and Bar 4200 S. 76th St.

Speaker: Jeff Ludwig-General Aviating in Africa

November 2004

11/02/04 US General Election-Register and Vote

11/9/04 Monthly Board Meeting, Todd Wenzel's home. 7:30pm

11/23/04 Monthly Membership meeting including Chapter Board ELECTIONS, 7:30pm CAP Hangar, Timmerman Field MKE-Tosa Frontier

December 2004

12/14/04 Holiday Board Meeting, 6:30pm Prime Quarter Steak House 909 W. Layton Ave. Milwaukee. **All Welcome**

HOMEBUILTS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD

Eric Whyte, President

How cool is that?! A homebuilt flying higher than the X-15! Congratulations to Burt Rutan and the Tier One Team for winning the X-Prize. If you get the chance check out the Discover Channel Special about SpaceShipOne it is truly TV worth watching. I had the chance to see the first half recently on an overnight trip; he Co-Pilot I was flying with couldn't get over it and just kept saying "how cool is THAT?! The footage of SpaceShipOne in flight is totally breathtaking. If you have not been there go to Scaled Composites Website and check out some of the pictures and video. (www.scaled.com)

One of the things that really impressed me after watching the Discovery Channel special was the footage from the cockpit of the Astronauts hand flying the spacecraft. That is a first for everything from the Mercury Capsules to the Space Shuttle which all used some form of autopilot during the launch. I did get a chuckle out of one of Mike Melville's flights shortly after starting the engine the spacecraft's instrument panel, which is nothing more than a computer display blanked out. The call from the mission control was "go ahead and reboot" so there is ol' Mike Melville, accelerating through MACH 3, going darn near straight up, on partial panel, (The back up to the computer display was a ping-pong ball on a string tied to the ceiling!) rebooting the computer. After landing Burt and Mike were talking on camera and Burt said something about being concerned when Mike radioed that the computer had blanked out. Mike's reply was priceless, he told Burt "it was easy I just kept the same amount of earth out of each side window so I figured I was going in the right direction!" The guys in the classic aviation movie "The Right Stuff" would have been proud!

For those of you who are interested, the EAA museum has added the prototype Vari-Viggen the first of Burt Rutan's airplanes to its display, so you can now see the first Vari-Viggen and Vari-EZ prototype along with the V-Jet, which has a strong family resemblance to the SpaceShipOne and White Knight, and of course the Voyager.

On another front, I have to thank Gerry Thorpe for reminding me at the last meeting that I needed to clarify that only the Ercoupe 415C qualifies for the new Sport Pilot rule. And speaking of the Sport Pilot rule, the written and practical tests should become available in November prior to the meeting. So, any of you that are thinking about earning a Sport License will soon have the chance. Those that already have a private but would like to operate under Sport Pilot may already do so.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the dinner meeting and would like to thank Tom Martin for putting it all together again this year. See you there!

NOVEMBER IS ELECTION MONTH FOR CHAPTER 18

Elections will be held for 5 seats on the Chapter 18 board at the November Monthly Membership meeting. Currently the offices held by Vice-President Dean Bourgeois, Secretary Jim Hatzenbeller, and 3 At-Large Board seats held by Dave Alberti, Allen Bruggink, and Todd Wenzel are open. Members wishing to run for a seat on the board need not be present, however they must be nominated by a member present at the meeting. All seats to be filled by a simple majority of the voting membership present.

PRESIDENT'S AIRCRAFT KNOWLEDGE CHALLENGE:

NAME THAT PLANE



Picture courtesy of E. T. "Pete" Petrie

Did you guess The Prototype of the 150hp Alon A4 4 place?

Original specs: List price \$11,000, useful load 1107lb range 755 mi
Top speed 150 mph cruise speed 140 mph climb 880 fpm Stall 52 mph

FALL DINNER MEETING WILL BE AN "OUT OF AFRICA" AFFAIR

This year's Fall Dinner meeting will be held at Meyer's Restaurant and Bar in the Spring Mall Shopping Center in Greenfield. (4200 S. 76th st). Cash Bar to begin at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7pm. This year's featured speaker will be **Jeff Ludwig**, a long-time Airventure Cup racer, and recently world aviator. Jeff, his wife and two boys spent several months flying around Africa, renting planes along the way. Jeff will share his thoughts on the differences in General Aviation on a mostly Third World continent.

FAA TAKES A BITE OUT OF DALEY'S BACKSIDE

By Kristen Menke, Managing Editor

Columbia Chronicle, Columbia College Chicago *(re-printed with permission from Ms. Menke)*

The city of Chicago received a rude awakening last week (10/1/04) when the Federal Aviation Administration announced it is considering leveling fines against the city ranging from \$33,000 to \$4.5 million for the March 2003 destruction of Meigs Field.

The potential for fines renews the public outrage that occurred when King, er, Mayor Richard M. Daley—who had long planned to transform the airport into a park—demolished the runways in the middle of the night without notifying pilots who had planes at the airfield, organizations fighting to keep the airport open or even the FAA itself.

As a result, pilots were left stranded, the airstrip was gutted and the FAA was left to do what it does best—create new legislation. The aptly titled "Meigs provision" is a new law that changes the fines from \$1,100 per day to \$10,000 a day for failure to notify the FAA 30 days prior to an airport closure.

Quite a legacy, Mr. Daley.

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Daley cited security and the events of 9/11 as his reasons for shutting down Meigs. However, the airport didn't get "plowed under" until March 30, 2003—two years after the terrorist attacks. And now, a year and a half later, the bill may be due.

Imagine that—millions of dollars in fines and new legislation, all because Daley wanted to make Chicago safe from terrorism. Well, that and he wanted to create a beautiful park with a lakefront view.

Despite what may look like good motives, Daley's reputation here speaks for itself. The Meigs deed was a familiar case of an I'm-going-to-do-what-I-want-when-I-want-and-you-can't-stop-me ego trip by an autocrat masquerading as a civil servant, and not a real assessment of the needs of Chicago by a true leader and public servant. It seems Daley just got tired of the 10-year struggle to close the airfield and made his move. And instead of pursuing the proper channels, he bulldozed his plan into action using \$1.49 million in federal grants and revenue from airline passenger taxes to accomplish his goal. Not a smart move, considering how much the government likes to keep its money.

The problem is, even though it was his arrogance that created this mess, Daley's political prowess isn't quite what he thinks it is. The mayor is long on connections and short on long-term vision, and flexing his political muscle won't persuade the FAA that his way was indeed the right way.

Now, \$4.5 million might not seem like a lot. But in a year when the city of Chicago faces a budget deficit of nearly \$200 million and talk of raising sales taxes, gasoline taxes and even property taxes has begun, \$4.5 million is a big deal.

But in Chicago, Daley does things his way and no one is going to tell him differently. Remember, it's his town. And he reigns supreme.

MUD TWINS TAKE FIRST LESSON

Doting Doughnut Distributors Willem and Joseph Van der Sanden took their first flight lessons on a clear but bumpy Saturday this month. Each Young Eagle received approximately 45 minutes of one-on-one instruction in a C-150. Proud Pappy Gert presented each offspring with a new logbook, freshly inked with their first entry by their instructor. Gert and sons are building an RV-8A.



Instructor Guyot wears sunglasses to shield himself from the glare of these brilliant young minds.

October 2004 Board Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dean Bourgeois at Tom Martin's house at 7:30 PM. Gert Van der Sanden Fritz Jorgenson, Jim Hatzenbeller, Fareed Guyot, Paul Compte and Dave Alberti were present.

The minutes from the September Chapter meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was also accepted. Program for the October dinner meeting will be presented by Jeff Ludwig. He will talk about flying adventures with his family in rented aircraft in Africa. Dean reported on the purchase of the new projector and all necessary cables. This can be used at any future meetings for movies, DVD's or other computer driven programs. The chapter television will be moved to a more secure location. Some suggestions for the TV were to have a raffle or auction to sell it to the highest bidder. This will be discussed at a later board meeting.

Dean will send out an e-mail reminding all members that the October dinner meeting is open to all and will be held on Oct. 26th at Meyer's Family Restaurant. He will also send out an e-mail to remind all people about the Young Eagles event to be held in Crivitz on Oct. 16th.

The Young Eagles event for Armed Forces Weekend is tentatively set for May 14-15 of next year. International Young Eagles day will be in June of next year, and we should consider a Young Eagles event for August 27 or 28 for next year.

Paul and Fareed (Afterburner AI), will work on the Outstanding Service award.

At the last Chapter meeting, it was reported that a person had died at home while working on an aircraft engine. This person was later identified as former Chapter 18 member Bruce Hollander.

Dave will order 50 calendars for the upcoming new year. This will be available for purchase at the October dinner meeting at a cost of \$10 each.

Elections will take place at the November Chapter meeting. The positions that are open this year are as follows: Vice President, Secretary, and three board positions. Nominations will be accepted until the November Chapter meeting. All positions are for a 2 year term. The November meeting program will feature Bill Bateman doing a mini-course on first flight.

A suggestion was made to have a "movie night" sometime this winter on some night other than the meeting night. This would be open to all members, family, friends or any available companion. The movie must have a aviation theme. This will be discussed in detail at a future meeting.

The December Board meeting will be held at the Prime Quarter Restaurant on Layton Ave. This meeting is open to all who want to attend.

It was reported that Gran-Aire at MWC now has their own website. You can visit the website to check rental plane schedules and schedule planes or instruction on-line. It also has many other links and features. The website is: flymilwaukee.com

It was reported that the Chapter scales are getting old and are no longer reliable. We should start looking for replacement scales. A proposal was made to have a fly-in fund raiser in June of '05". Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM to cake and coffee.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary).

Treasurers Report - Fritz Jorgenson

Fritz reports that the chapter is solvent with all transactions taking place above board

September 2004 Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

The Sept. meeting was called to order by President Eric Whyte at 7:35 PM at the CAP Hangar at Timmerman Field. Pete Ogorek was introduced. Pete is the head of the Friends of Crivitz Airport. They meet the 1st Saturday of each Month. Pete is in need of volunteers to help at their Young Eagle event to be held on Oct. 16th. His group is also selling raffle calendars at a cost of \$20 each to raise money to repave their runway. Dean Bourgeois reported that he will be taking orders for chapter clothing through the Oct. dinner meeting. Phil Graybar reported on an accident where a person was attempting to run an airplane engine on an improvised test stand. The engine came loose and killed the person. Guests were asked to introduce themselves and 3 people did so.



Building Reports: Phil Collins reported that his Long E-Z (with retracts) is getting primed and should be ready to fly by spring of 05. Three students from MSOE brought in part of a Cri-Cri fuselage that they are working on as a school project. The kit was started 15 years ago and they would like to finish it up as a static display. They would like some help on selecting tools for building. Pete Ogorek reported that the fuel cells are rebuilt and that work is progressing on the outboard wing on his 55 Twin Bonanza. Glen Bottsford reported that his RV-7A will be ready for first flight in October. Jim Hatzenbeller reported that his has the left wing in the jig for his GlaStar. Bob Dziejwiontkoski is starting to build his Zodiac kit.

Flying Reports: Phil Graybar reported on a flight to Colorado Springs in a Commanche. He was delayed in Neb. due to bad weather. Glen Bottsford reported on getting 5-1/2 hrs. transition training in Texas. Fareed Guyot reported on a flight to LaCrosse and landing in patchy fog. He cautioned all to be aware of ground fog this time of year. Dave Alberti flew to Appleton and Madison with his wife. Marcus Collins reported on seeing Bob Peplinski make his first flight at Sullivan in his Cozy Mk IV. Ken Klima reported on flying to Portage with his wife.

Tech Counselors: Ron Scott inspected 6 or 8 planes in the last 6 weeks. It was also stated that the chapter needs more Tech Counselors. Call Eric to volunteer or for more information.

Flight Advisors: Jerry Thorpe advised everyone to check current charts and Field Directories before flying into a different airport. Bill Bateman reported on Sport Pilot License, self certification and some of the medical aspects related to this license. He also reported that if a Tech Counselor who has done inspections on your project becomes an ABDAR, he will also be allowed to do the Airworthiness inspection on your airplane. It was reported that due to frequency changes, some ELT's will no longer be of any use. You should upgrade to 406 MegaHz.

On Jan. 29th, Sport Air will be conducting several workshops at Oshkosh. Contact EAA HQ. For details.

It was suggested that pilots have a tech counselor come out to do an occasional inspection even after the plane has been signed off and is flying. Joe Imilkowski suggested that pilots practice and get familiar with their GPS will driving in their cars. Don't try to learn it will you are flying.

Announcements: Minutes and treasurers report were approved as printed in the newsletter. October dinner meeting will be Oct. 26th at Meyer's Family restaurant. Break for coffee and donuts.



Program: Eric presented a program on spatial disorientation. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Respectfully submitted, Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary)



YANKEE AIR MUSEUM BURNS TO THE GROUND

The Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport suffered a disastrous fire the night of October 9th that destroyed the historic hangar that housed the museum. The museum staff was able to move the historic B-17, C-47 and B-25 aircraft out of the building, thus saving the heart of the collection. In addition, all the historic aircraft on display outside of the main building were untouched by the fire. While many irreplaceable artifacts, photos and books were lost in the fire, the Volunteers at the museum are thankful that the aircraft collection remains largely intact. Only a small number of non-flyable aircraft that were in restoration inside the hangar were lost.

BEFORE AND AFTER



The Yankee Air Museum members, staff and volunteers are determined to rebuild the museum facilities and continue the great work that was begun in 1981 by a small group of visionaries who were dedicated to preserving this important piece of aviation and Southeastern Michigan history.

Editor's note: According to President Whyte, one of the C-47s spared in the fire was the aircraft that tried to run over this editor and others on its take-off roll in 1995 during the Friday Warbird Spectacular at EAA Oshkosh.

REPUBLICAN PARTY RENTS TWO EXHIBIT BUILDINGS FOR BUSH RALLY

October 19, 2004 - The Republican Party's rental of two EAA exhibition hangars for a political rally on Friday, October 15, provided the association a rare opportunity to have a direct communication with the President of the United States.

"Because the campaign conducted its event on our grounds, I was part of a greeting party to welcome the President to Oshkosh," said Tom Poberezny, EAA president.

"President Bush spent a brief moment with each of us, and I used the opportunity to stress the importance of general aviation and EAA's role in it. I characterized our location as the site of the world's greatest annual aviation celebration and the spawning ground for major breakthroughs and innovations in aviation," he said.

"I was pleased to have had an opportunity to reinforce to the President EAA's important role in the aviation community, and to have received the President's acknowledgement of who we are and the significance of our annual event," Poberezny said.

EAA ADVISES A SLOW APPROACH TO ULTRALIGHT CERT TRANSITION TO LSA

As of Friday, October 15, people who wish to transition their ultralights to experimental light-sport aircraft (E-LSA) and fly them with a sport pilot (or higher) certificate may do so. However, EAA is advising its members to wait until E-LSA airworthiness certificates are available and sport pilot certificates are being issued, both of which you must have before flying a registered aircraft.

CHAPTER 18 TO HOST FLY-IN BREAKFAST OR LUNCH

Following discussions amongst the board members this month it was decided to renew efforts to fundraise to help replenish the depleted chapter coffers. To keep membership dues low, the board appointed Fareed Guyot to form a committee to plan and execute a spring fly-in to raise money for the chapter. All those wishing to assist Fareed in this endeavor please contact him at roperworld@sbcglobal.net or 414-708-6588



MSOE STUDENTS SHOW OFF "DISCOVERED" HOMEBUILT PROJECT

This Cri-Cri was collecting dust for 15 years before the project was resurrected. Three MSOE students brought sections of the "lost" project to the September Membership Meeting. The students welcome any advice and assistance.

Chapter 18 Fly-Market

RV-8 tail kit: completed (with primer) at Alexander Technical Center Wing kit, prepunched with landing light and A-kit (wing sensing unit) for Proprietary Software Angle of Attack Indicator Preview plans and all documentation for above \$7800. If you or any member of the Chapter is interested, you can contact me here (920.426.4827) or at home: smspangler@charter.net; 920.685.5457.

RV-6/A wooden fuselage jig for sale: \$75 (OBO - just trying to cover the cost of the wood). Available immediately. Jim Schmidt - 262-644-1506

Fall Halloween Special all ads free: Submit your advertisement now! roperworld@sbcglobal.net

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