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The February meeting will be held Tuesday March 27th, in the CAP hangar at Timmerman Field.

**Speaker:** Flying Predator UAVs.

## **Chapter 18 Calendar of Event**

### **March 2007**

03/27/2007 Monthly Meeting, 7:30pm  
CAP Hangar, Timmerman Field

### **April 2007**

04/10/2007 Board Meeting, 7:30pm  
Location: Jeff Point's House

04/17-23/2007 Sun N' Fun  
Lakeland, FL

04/24/2007 Monthly Meeting, 7:30pm  
CAP Hangar, Timmerman Field

### **May 2007**

05/8/2007 Board Meeting, 7:30pm  
Location: TBA

## LEARNING FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS

You have probably heard the saying, a good pilot is always learning, and of course we all consider ourselves to be good pilots. As a CFI, I am required to complete a biennial of sorts, so I enrolled in the GAITS Aviation Seminar held right here in Milwaukee. While the program was geared towards CFI's the course would be an excellent review for anyone regardless of what type of pilot certificate they hold. The class for a non CFI will cost you \$100 but you will get a fantastic review of all that airspace, regulations and all that other stuff your CFI taught you back in ground school. The class combined with an hour or two with your favorite CFI would be a great way to knock the cobwebs off and prepare you for the spring flying season.

One of the projects we worked on during the seminar was an accident analysis of a Piper Archer that ran out of gas and landed 7 miles short of the beach in Lake Michigan. Never mind the fact that flying a single engine airplane VFR across the Great Lakes at night is just plain stupid, there were numerous mistakes that the accident pilot made.

Do you still remember the proper way to adjust your aircraft's mixture control for the best performance at higher altitudes? The pilot that landed in the lake didn't and 4 hours and 15 minutes after takeoff he attempted to give himself glider lessons. Someone once asked me: Why do you talk about accidents at a recurrent training session? Simple, to learn from others' mistakes.

What did we learn from analyzing this locally known accident? Well, first the pilot made several bad decisions, flying over a large body of water at night low on fuel being the biggest one. He flew right over Muskegon, MI that night and after more than 3 hours in the air I am sure the gas gauges were showing something south of ¼ tanks. Also he made a lake crossing with no floatation gear on board. That, and the fact he was flying at night with out a flashlight is what made the accident fatal, not the water landing itself.

In looking at pictures of the airplane both sitting on the lake bottom and after it was raised, the airplane was remarkably undamaged. So considering he made an engine out landing in the water at night and got the airplane down intact shows he had fairly good pilot skills. We know he made it out of the airplane since he called 911 from his cell phone while standing on the wing as the plane sank. One thing he did right was to confess his problem to ATC, he declared an emergency and told them he was running low on gas. ATC notified the US Coast Guard and they had a boat in the water on the way with-in minutes. But without a waterproof flashlight, he was unable to make himself visible when the Coast Guard arrived. Even though the water was very cold, with a life jacket and a flashlight the chances of him being rescued would have been very good. Something to think about the next time you shop for a flashlight for your flight bag. (Those Mag-Lites many of you carry are waterproof)

Something else you might want to add to your aircraft or flight bag are a couple of those self inflating "Mae West" style life vests. Even if you don't fly across lake Michigan, you might conduct other overwater flights and not think about it. Ever go to the fish boil on Washington Island? Pretty sure there is a water crossing there.

Now don't get the idea that recurrent training is all doom and gloom, we also talked about the latest in avionics from Avidyne and Garmin, as well as looking at the wealth of flight planning information available on the internet. All that fun and we actually

managed to learn something! So you don't have a favorite CFI? There are several to pick from in the chapter, besides myself. Fareed, Joe Coraggio, Jeff Point, Gerry Thorp are all CFIs. There might be a few more out there that haven't admitted it yet. Have a safe spring flying season, and I'll see you at the meeting, who knows you might just learn something!

**Eric Whyte**

## **PASSING OF THE HAT**

Marvin "Murph" VanDenHeuvel was a member of both Chapter 18 and the Capitol airport based Chapter 11. Chapter 11 is heading up the effort to place a plaque for Murph on the EAA memorial wall this year. Chapter 11 has invited Chapter 18 to join in supporting the effort thru donations. The deadline for submitting a plaque for this year falls after the March and before the April monthly meeting. The board will pass the hat at the March meeting inviting any member to contribute money for the plaque.

## **WANT THE CHAPTER PHONE LIST? PAY YOUR DUES!**

The March monthly meeting is the last meeting you can pay your dues and still be included in Chapter 18's 2007 official membership roster. The 2007 roster (on Excel Spreadsheet) will be emailed to all email newsletter subscribers and mailed to all of those on the postal list for the newsletter. This year dues are \$10.

## **SUPERFLIGHT COVERING SEMINAR AT EAST TROY?**

Superflight is willing to conduct an aircraft covering seminar for fabric aircraft at Craig Henry's hangar. 20 to 25 are needed to sign up for the seminar to take place. Please contact Henry for more details.

## **EAA FIGHTS USER FEES-MEMBER CALL TO ACTION**

EAA is continuing to work with other general aviation organizations to oppose the FAA's proposal for funding the nation's air traffic control system.

In the past 10 years, the airline industry received a \$5 billion government bailout, a \$10 billion loan guarantee program, and a shift of some pension obligations to the U.S. taxpayer. Now, as many airlines are experiencing a recovery, they want to jettison even more costs by imposing user fees on general aviation.

In the 35 airline hubs that receive the vast majority of FAA funds and resources, general-aviation operations account for only 6% of the total.

However, the cost of the user fee proposals to participants in general aviation, including the many EAA members who enjoy personal flight as a pastime, would be sizable. The FAA's proposal includes new fees to pay for the costs of numerous certification and

registration activities, such as: registering an aircraft (\$130), issuing an airman medical certificate (\$42).

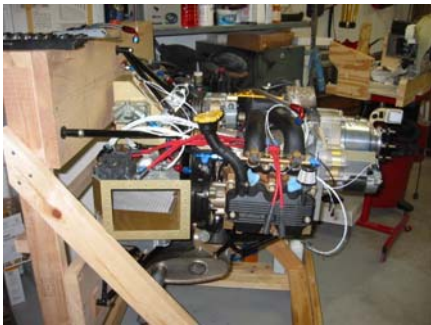
And, of course, there's the potentially devastating 3.5-fold fuel tax increase, from 19.4¢ to 70¢ per gallon, and a series of other user fees for access to the nation's busiest airports.

The FAA's proposal would also transfer control of agency funding and oversight away from Congress and dramatically reduce public control of how the FAA exercises its discretionary spending.

Hearings on the FAA Reauthorization and Aviation Trust Fund are happening in congress right now. EAA is requesting members to write, fax or call your representative. Pre-written letters to both Wisconsin Senators can be downloaded [here](#). Or go to [EAA.org](http://EAA.org) for more information on how members can influence the debate.

## PROJECT PATROL DISCOVERS "INTELLIGENCE"

February's project patrol dropped in on several members who were actively building. Much advice and comment was given and maybe some of the builders actually listened! A photo review is below. More pictures [here](#).



# **BATEMAN BY-LAW TO BE CONSIDERED**

The Board has edited and considered the proposed by-law required to establish the Bill Bateman Memorial Scholarship committee. The proposed by-law listed below has been approved by the committee and requires a vote of the membership for it to be adopted into the constitution. The proposed By-law reads as follows:

## **Chapter 18 Colonel William Bateman Memorial Scholarship Committee**

The Bill Bateman Memorial Scholarship Committee will manage all aspects of the Colonel William Bateman Memorial Scholarship for EAA Chapter 18.

### **Mission and Scope:**

The William Bateman Memorial Scholarship will be offered to High School students who wish to pursue study in an Aviation related field. The Scholarship is open to students in WI and IL however qualified applicants anywhere in the United States and its territories will be considered.

### **Controlling Authority:**

The committee will be under the direction of the EAA Chapter 18 Board. The Board is authorized to make any changes to the make-up, duties, mission, etc through formal amendments submitted and then approved by the Chapter membership.

### **Membership:**

The size of the committee is unlimited. The committee is open to all Chapter 18 members who are in good standing as determined by the Chapter Membership Chairman. The Committee will be appointed by the EAA Chapter 18 Board which may consult the general membership in its appointments. Membership on the committee has no time limit but can be terminated by The Board or the appointee.

The Board will appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair from amongst the appointed committee members.

### **Committee Chair Responsibilities:**

The Committee Chair shall act as an administrator and moderator for the committee. These responsibilities include:

1. Preside over all committee meetings
2. Ensure The Committee executes all responsibilities as stated in "Committee Responsibilities" section of this By-law.
3. Execute or delegate all administrative tasks as stated in "Committee Responsibilities" section of this By-law.

### **Committee Vice-Chair Responsibilities:**

The Committee Vice-Chair shall act as an administrator and moderator for the committee in the absence of or at the direction of the Committee Chair. The Vice-Chair will be required to execute the duties and responsibilities of the Committee Chair in his/her absence or direction as defined in the section above.

### **Committee Responsibilities:**

The Committee will be responsible for executing the following responsibilities:

1. Market Scholarship to high school students in the eligibility area as defined by the "Mission" section of this By-law.
2. Market Scholarship to prospective donors.

3. Establish specific award criteria with-in the guidelines stated in the Mission section of this By-law.
4. Manage the budget for the Committee as provided by The Board
5. Establish and manage an application process that will enable applicants to provide all information necessary to determine each applicant's eligibility for a scholarship award based on the established criteria.
  - A. Establish number of application windows per year.
  - B. Create and maintain a scholarship application.
  - C. Collect applications.
  - D. Correspond with all applicants as needed.
6. The Committee shall recommend a pool of recipients to the membership for approval. The committee, with consultation from The Board shall recommend award amounts for each recipient to the membership. The membership shall approve, or approve with amendments, or deny the award and award amount recommendations of the Committee at the monthly meeting following publication of the recommendations in the EAA Chapter 18 Newsletter.
7. The Committee shall plan and execute a recognition ceremony for Scholarship recipients as schedules and logistics permit.

#### **Scholarship Monies Management:**

EAA Chapter 18 has signed a "Memorandum of Fiscal Agency" with the Rock River Valley Aviation Foundation (RRVAF) in Rockford, IL. This agreement contracts the RRVAF to hold and distribute funds collected for the Bill Bateman Memorial Scholarship Fund as directed by EAA Chapter 18. (SEE the "Memorandum of Fiscal Agency" contained in Appendix 1)

Within the confines of this agreement the Committee will be responsible for the following duties:

1. The Committee shall collect, track, and direct distribution of all funds donated to the Scholarship fund.
2. The Committee shall recommend to the Board any changes in the "Memorandum of Fiscal Agency" as needed.
3. The RRVAF assumes all responsibility for IRS reporting to the appropriate Federal and State agencies, and fund contributors. The Committee shall monitor this reporting as practicable.

All correspondence with the RRVAF shall be addressed to:

Executive Director  
Rock River Valley Aviation Foundation, INC  
5105 Auburn St  
Rockford, IL 61101

All funds should be sent to:

Robert W. Neumann, Tres.  
RRVAF  
C/O Summit CPA Group  
2929 North Main Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61103 (O) 815.637.2929 ext. 232 (H) 815.877.1947

## Reporting:

The Committee shall make the following reports:

1. A summary of activities should be reported at each monthly meeting. If no report is entered into the minutes at the monthly meeting by a committee member or by a Board member acting as proxy; a written summary shall be submitted to the Chapter Secretary for inclusion in the minutes before publication of the minutes in the subsequent edition of the EAA Chapter 18 Newsletter.
2. The Committee shall report any significant changes to the constitution or execution of the Scholarship.

## Records:

The Committee shall establish a system of records regarding its activities (applications, funds, organizing documents) and submit copies to the EAA Chapter 18 Secretary on a semi-annual basis. These records shall remain on file with the Chapter Secretary for a minimum of 5 years.

## Budget:

The Committee will be provided with a budget as determined by the board to conduct its necessary activities. The source of the monies for the Committee budget shall be provided from the Chapter general fund. No funds donated for the Scholarship shall be used to administer the fund or fund the Committee budget.

## Duration:

The William Bateman Memorial Scholarship shall be offered until all the donated monies are exhausted. Should the Chapter decide to discontinue the Scholarship before all of the donated funds are distributed the Chapter shall distribute the remaining monies in a manner that honors the intent of the scholarship while maintaining compliance with IRS regulations.

# Chapter 18 Minutes from the February "07" Meeting

The February meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Coarggio at 7:35PM at the CAP Hangar at Timmerman Field. The following announcements were made. Joe announced that due to a scheduling conflict, Eric would not be present at tonight's meeting. The family of Murph VanDenHeuvel thanked the Chapter for the memorial flyover at the grave site. Young Eagles flights will not be affected by new FAA regs. It was suggested to write your congressman to voice your concerns over user fees. You can now visit EAA's website to vote for your favorite aviation movie of all times. Guests were asked to introduce themselves but there were none present. It was announced that on May 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a fly-in breakfast at Rockford airport. This will be the first stop on the Midwest Poker Run. The list of airports for this event can be found on Chapter 60's website. Cost of breakfast is \$6 and the hours are from 7:00 till 12:00. Scott Jones announced the passing of his friend Joe Schiferl. A flyover was requested for March 10<sup>th</sup>. An LSA openhouse will be held by Chapter 22 at Cottonwood Airport (1C8) Contact Fareed Guyot for details.

**Building Reports:** Jeff Point gave a report on the project patrol held on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a group of about 11 people on the patrol and 3 chapter members made their planes available for inspection. Thanks to Sune Ericson, (GlaStar) Darrell Kufalk, (Velocity) and Don Patterson (RV) for their hospitality.

**Flying Reports:** Joe Imilkowski gave an interesting report of his trip to the outer islands of the Bahamas with a flight of 4 planes. Fareed reported on the memorial flight for Murph.

**Tech Counselors:** No reports

**Young Eagles:** The Young Eagle event scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> at the 128<sup>th</sup> ramp at MKE for Armed Forces Weekend has been cancelled. Gert needs pilots for a Young Eagles event on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to fly some Scouts at Oshkosh.

**Announcements:** Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted. Fareed reported that he is finalizing new by-laws for the Bill Bateman Memorial fund. These should be ready by the next meeting.

Break was taken for coffee and donuts, after which time Joe Corragio gave a report on his Senior year project in college. His group designed an LSA type airplane. They then converted their design in plans and built a radio controlled proof of concept airplane. Their project was the only one to fly successfully and is now on display in school. A true experimenters airplane and homebuilt all in one.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary)

## Board Meeting Minutes for March "07"

The March meeting was called to order at 7:45 by guest presider Fareed Guyot at Stephanie Murray's home. President Eric Whyte was stranded in Vermont by snowstorms and Joe Corragio was out of town on assignment. A member who has been censured in the past for putting romantic interests before Chapter interests suggested that Joe be publicly rebuked for not notifying the board of his absence in advance of the meeting. Craig Henry, Andy Jaskie, Gert Van der Sanden, Dave Alberti, Fritz Jorgenson, and Jim Hatzenbeller were present. A guest appearance was also made by local favorite Theo Green. Minutes from the February Chapter meeting were approved as read. The treasurers report was given and approved. It was recommended that "the hat be passed" at the March Chapter meeting in order to help defray the cost of getting a memorial plaque at EAA HQ for the late "Murph" VanDenHeuvel. Fareed presented the by-law for the Bill Bateman Memorial fund for approval. This will now be presented to the Chapter at the March meeting. The March Chapter program was discussed. Stephanie reported that she is still hopeful that she will have as a guest, a person involved with the Predator program. A back-up program was also discussed.

After a short discussion, it was suggested that the Chapter by-laws be updated to include the Bill Bateman Memorial fund by-law.

**New Business:** Craig reported that Superflight is willing to do a seminar on fabric covering at Craig's hangar in East Troy. They would like to see 20 to 25 people sign-up for this. Contact Craig for details.

It was announced that "dues are due" if you want to continue getting a newsletter and remain a member in good standing in Chapter 18 and the community.

Fritz reported that he was told that Chapter 18 is not listed on EAA HQ's website. This was looked at on line and proven to be unfounded.

Stephanie reported that there is a possibility that we may have Midwest cookies at the next Chapter meeting. She also reported on getting a call from a church group that would like to get some Young Eagle flights for about 25 to 30 kids. It was suggested that we do the event on June 23<sup>rd</sup> or Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at Timmerman Field (MWC). Details to follow as they become available. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 to snacks and drinks. Respectfully submitted, Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

From the home office in Lauderington, IA

No transactions in February. **Checking:** \$1530.24 **Savings:** \$1454.63

## Chapter 18 Fly-Market

**New Item!** For Sale-1953 TRI-Pacer PA22-135, 400 hrs since restoration. Always hangared. Excellent Must SEE! \$27,500. Sale price includes oral history of the airplane as told by the owner. Additional bonus if you act soon: Oral history of flight. Contact Ron Scott 262-542-7423

**Wanted:** 1700 hrTT chapter 18 member, CFI with Commercial multi-engine instrument rating looking to gain multi-engine experience/time. Goal is to transition from current job (teacher) to full or part-time aviation employment in southeastern Wisconsin. Do you have any advice/suggestions? Please contact Mike Felske at [wings@wi.rr.com](mailto:wings@wi.rr.com) or 262-432-2313

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