



Mountainland Flyer

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Next Meeting:

April 4th 19:00 EDT: EAA Chapter 17 Meeting at Sky ranch

Jonathan Foulds of Horizon Avionics has agreed to present our program this month. The latest in avionics technology, as well as regulations pertaining to installing avionics in homebuilt for IFR use will be discussed.

Informal presentation will provide ample opportunity for free flow of ideas, questions are highly encouraged.



Young Eagles to host April First Event:

Chapter 17 will be holding a Young Eagles event on Saturday April First, at the Sevierville Airport. This will be a Boy Scout program, with Fred Eckstein as host, Ed Dumas in ground school, with pilots Don "Snoopy" Miller and Mark "Red Baron" Scheuer flying.

The object of the Young Eagles will be to provide a vintage aviation experience for the participants, and the Chapter will use two 1930's Boeing/Stearman PT-17 Biplanes for the lesson.

The scouts will be expected to perform some "wing walking" maneuvers, which will be historically significant in the "Barnstormer" era of aviation.

This program will award a "Flying Wires" badge authorized under the Boy Scouts of America act of April 1st, 1932

To help, contact .Fred Eckstein
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Topic suggestions for *MountainLand Flyer* Articles:

We have compiled a list of ideas that you may want to pen an article:

First solo— what was it like, what went through your mind as you watched your instructor walk away?

Most memorable views aloft — What have you seen that made you realize "this is what flying is all about"?

Most valuable flight lesson that you didn't understand until now— We have all had it happen, we learn to fly, pass the tests, build the hours, and get on with life. Then one day, years or even decades later, we find a situation that makes us understand why they teach this stuff. What was YOURS?

Send your contributions to: gpicou@chartertn.net , and be eligible for a \$20 gift certificate from Sporty's, and a big thank you from the editor.

**Chapter 17
50th Anniversary Hats
will be available at the
April 4th Meeting,**

for those who purchased
them, and those who want
to buy!

Win Buck\$ for writing what you know!

—Mark Scheuer

During one of the nominating committee meetings, a suggestion was made on how to make our monthly newsletter easier to publish for our new editor, as well as making it more interesting to our members.

The idea of having our members submit stories was floated and all at the table agreed that that would be an excellent idea.

But HOW to motivate our members to submit these stories?

Money.

It was suggested that at each meeting, a drawing would be made from names of the individuals who had submitted and had published, an article that had something to do with aviation. A trip, a lesson learned, hints on making that perfect landing, even an old war story. The only requirement is that it would be aviation related.

Through a small grant from PS Engineering, Inc, along with the chapter's help, funds have been made available to offer the winner at each month's meeting, a \$20 gift certificate good at Sporty's Pilot Shop. You don't have to be present to win.

Then, at the January 2007 annual banquet, the names of the monthly winners will be placed back into the hat and a drawing made for a PS Engineering, Inc. hi-fi stereo headset, valued at \$280!

The articles should be submitted by way of email to Gary Picou (gpicou@chartertn.net) not later than the 15th of each month, for consideration in the next newsletter.

Chapter 17 Banquet Finance

By Mark Scheuer

During our March '06 meeting, I was so happy to see one of the largest turn outs that our chapter has had in years. I'm sure it's a combination of lots of things, springtime, new and great location, a recent fantastic banquet, and the work of the members involved in keeping Chapter 17 on the books at EAA headquarters.

There was discussion about Chapter 17's financial situation, and how it *lost* money because of the banquet.

Prior to the banquet, the Chapter had meeting and a discussion of raising the membership fee. I was outspoken on this matter. When I was the President of the Chapter, I questioned the reasoning for the money. Postage and incidental expenses are just about all I can think of that we spend it on.

So, when I had suggested \$30

for renewing at the banquet, I felt that if the money taken in at the banquet didn't cover the costs of the expenses, the Chapter was in a sound enough financial position that it could cover the shortfall.

In my opinion this is an excellent way to spend our Chapter's money, for the benefit of its members! I also believe that the annual banquet is an excellent platform for recruiting new members and to provide an incentive for existing members to renew.

Please know that the club also spent \$600 for the 50 Year Anniversary Hats. This was an outstanding idea and well executed (thanks to Don and Darryl). However, if you yont assign that \$600 to the banquet costs, I think we will find we didn't lose money. Plus, there are hats still available for sale, providing yet another

revenue generator for the Chapter.

My point in writing is that although I didn't speak up at the last meeting, I think that the \$30 renewal banquet fee was a good one. We had an excellent turnout, the meeting immediately after the banquet was a sell out, and, probably most importantly, this situation has started a discussion of how the funds that the Chapter has should best be spent.

My suggestion for the future is that we leave membership dues, banquet costs, etc. up to the members, so that our officers aren't put in the position of making such important decisions. Besides, that's what this Chapter is all about, an organization of members that shape the look and feel of the Chapter.

Output from March Meeting:

By Don Miller

The chapter meeting at Sky ranch was very successful.

About 30 people were in attendance.

Several items of discussion require dissemination and additions from those not present:

Sun N Fun April 4 to 8 EAA chapter workshops Friday and Saturday at 9 AM It appears three members present will attend

May 27 will be the Sheriff's Office air show and fly in at DKX.

Several present agreed to volunteer to help put Chapter 17 into the program. Needed - Homebuilts on display, Information booth staff and someone willing to contact HQ to request promotional items. It is urgent that the EAA pencils, pins, stickers and brochures be ordered immediately as the supply is limited. Contact member relations 888 322-4636, ext 4876.

Darrell to see that our banners are available at DKX. Bill and Pat have already volunteered.

May 6 will be the Sky ranch Annual Picnic - EAA members invited. Contact Ken Carpenter for details.

Russian Test Pilot attempts to fly Chinese Cave

I know that it's April 1st, but this ain't no joke!

From the Russian News Service, INTERFAX and RusAviaNews:

TEST PILOT KVOCHUR READY TO FLY SU-27 THROUGH CHINESE CAVE at TYANMEN

Honored test pilot, Hero of Russia Anatoli Kvochur is ready to perform a demonstration flight through cave Tyanmen in China, if such a task is set to him.

"In my viewpoint, technically this can be done," said A. Kvochur, adding a pilot is able to do so in terms of pilot technique. "We used to fly for refueling, hitting a 20-30 cm hole, that's why hitting a 50 meter hole is possible." The Su-27's wing span is 14.7m, and its height is 5.93 m. Travel websites advise that the Tyanmen cave is a kind of arch formed in rock. Its maximum height is 131 m, maximum width 57 m, and 28 m in its narrowest point, its depth is 60 m.

So he commented on information given by some of the Russian media that the Russian pilots are going to perform on 17-18 March, a flight on Su-27 and Su-30 fighters through the cave Tyanmen in China.

It was also announced that all wishing to watch this flight will have to pay \$840.

A. Kvochur said so far there no some new elements in his flight program which he intends to show during an Eagle of Victory holiday in China.

The pilot also said, "I never promised to anybody to perform flights through caves. There is not this element in my flight program. But if such a question is raised, I am ready to fulfill this task after appropriate discussions and coordination."

According to the pilot, he intends to show an enthralling aerobatic program, "if only weather doesn't fail us." The pilot said he will fly to China on an Su-27 fighter, with no stops anywhere, with in-flight refueling from a Russian Air Force (RAF) Il-78 tanker.

The demonstration flights are going to be performed in China in the framework of the Eagle of Victory holiday on 15-22 March by a RAF aerobatic

formation Russian Knights consisting of 5 Su-27 fighters.

Update, for those who didn't make the trip to Hunan Province:

The Russian Knights Su-27 fighters flying formation appeared to be unable to realize their most fascinating flight through a narrow cave Tyanmen in China, reported a Sinkhua news agency. This was prevented by dense cloudiness and hence poor visibility in the region of the province of Hunan where the air show was held.

5 Su-27 fighters limited themselves to standard aerobatics show. The show by the Russian pilots should have lasted half an hour, but was cut by half.

On 16 March 10 aircraft arrived in Chinese airport in the province of Hunan to participate in the air show. The flight-through-the-cave attraction should have been arranged in the framework of holiday 'The Year of Russia' held in China. It was supposed to be a paid show admission for anyone willing to watch the planned Russian fighters flight. Spectators paid \$840 USD for admission.

Aanatoli Kvochur is the Russian Test Pilot who made a spectacular ejection during the 1989 Paris Air Show when the MiG-29 he was demonstrating apparently suffered a birdstrike, and crashed, with the pilot ejecting safely.





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May 27, 2006 Airshow/Fly-In at Downtown Island Airport, Knoxville, TN (DKX):

The Knox County Sheriff's Office is hosting a airshow/flyin at DKX on May 27, 2006 and Chapter 17 will take part with one (or hopefully several) homebuilt aircraft on display.

There will also be a Chapter 17 display table/booth. More information will be available soon!

EAA Chapter 17's mission is the promotion of education in aeronautics, flying safety, navigation, amateur or home-built aircraft, antique aircraft restoration and construction, and related aero-sciences. To foster aviation, education, and progress in light aircraft development and other closely related phases of aviation. And to maintain a non-profit cooperative association to obtain instruction and education in aviation.

The organizational meeting of the East Tennessee Space Society (ETSS) will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Knoxville, Tennessee. (The meeting venue is to be announced.) Contact Joe Holloway at (865) 237-7123 for more information.

Winners!

In the Mountainland Flyer author Sporty's contribution contest, we are pleased to award \$20.00 Gift Certificates to Dick Merian for "*The Airport Kid*" and Lee Erickson for "*My Earliest Airplane Memory*."

From the editor's ink stained heart, THANKS!

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