

April 2008

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Mountainland Flyer



EAA Chapter 17, Knoxville Tennessee

Next Meeting: May 3, 2008 6:30 PM
Skyranch: Program: Pearl Harbor Memoirs

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President's Corner, April 2008

-Good day to all, and welcome to Spring! We have lots to report this month, so here goes...

March Meeting: Our meeting March 4th was a great success, with nearly 30 people coming out to hear an excellent presentation by Mr. C.S. Needham, who commanded over 30 B-17 missions in WWII. C.S. had lots of fascinating and moving stories, and was backed up by a well done power point presentation prepared by Mark Scheuer. Our gratitude to both C.S. and Mark for providing an unforgettable evening!

Aluminum Overcast Returning to TYS: Speaking of B-17's...I'm happy to announce that Chapter 17 will once again be hosting the EAA B-17, Aluminum Overcast, during a tour stop at TYS. The dates are Monday – Thursday, Oct 13 – 16. I tried to get a weekend visit for us, but EAA policy is to rotate weekday and weekend visits, so this is our time for weekdays. Nevertheless, we can still anticipate significant revenue to the chapter, as in 2006 we made \$1800. And, though the money is nice, the main thing is the experience of working with a piece of history, and helping the public to see and appreciate the contributions of the "Flying Fortress" and America's "Greatest Generation." As the dates draw nearer, we will begin organizing and seeking volunteers. Stay tuned...

Membership renewals: So far this year, we have nearly 50 members who have renewed membership or joined CH 17 for the first time. Our March meeting saw several new faces, including Roy Weatherford, who has an Aircoupe at Seymour Airpark, Paul Bennett, who is building an RV7-A at GTK, and Gordon Meyer, who is restoring a C-170A. It's great to welcome newcomers, and we hope to see you back!

Also, some faces we'd like to see back are the nearly 70 folks whose names we have on our roster as "inactive." These are past members who, for various reasons, have faded away. To encourage our "Lost Squadron" members to renew their affiliation with CH 17, your Board of Directors has asked me to send each one

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Chapter 17 Library Additions:

From Don Miller:

VHS Training Tapes for Pilots

Larry Bartlett Aviation Seminars

- *Safe Single Pilot IFR*
- *Part A: Instrument Scan & Interpretation*
- *Part B: Enroute and Holding Patterns*
- *Part C: Approach Procedures and NDB*

King "Action" Videos Take Offs and Landings Made Easy

- *Taming Stalls and Spins*
- *METAR/TAF Made Easy*
- *Special Student Pilot Video*

Jeppeson Flight Time Video Series

- *Departures and Arrivals*
- *Approach Charts*

Duane Cole

- *VFR Tips for ALL Pilots*

AOPA

- *Collision Avoidance*
- *Pinch-Hitter: The Video*

Professional Instrument Courses, Inc.

- *Getting That Instrument Rating*
- *EAA Sport Flying #9 (717-718)*

Alchemy Video Productions

- *Ramp Check, Volume 2 in "How to Protect Your Pilot's License" Series*



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a letter of invitation, which will be in the mail shortly. If you have a friend who is a past member, or if you yourself are a little late renewing your membership, we hope to see you soon. There's a membership renewal form at the end of the newsletter, and it's also available at the Chapter website, www.eaa17.org.

Meeting Topics: For the next few months, we have some topics lined up that I know you'll enjoy **In May, we'll hear from Durward Swanson who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor**, and who went on to serve as an aircrew member in some major battles of the Pacific war. **Our topic for June is the new "Experimental Light Sport Aircraft"** category, which will be presented by our chapter secretary, Walt Lounsbery, who will bring his ELSA "Challenger Longwing" from Oliver Springs.

Meeting day/time change: At our last meeting, the members voted to move our summer meetings to the **first Saturday of the month, at 11:00AM, beginning in May**. This was suggested by Will Oulette, in order to encourage members who want to fly to the meetings and not worry about going home after dark. This should be a positive change, and allow us to enjoy our planes more!

Wings Safety Seminar: **On Saturday, April 26th, there will be a Wings Safety Seminar at DKX**. This is an excellent opportunity for us all to come out and meet other pilots, and add to our aviation safety knowledge-base. Go to www.faasafety.gov for more info, and to register for the event.

Well, that's about it for this month....good flying weather coming up, and a lot of great programs planned at CH 17 for the next few months...don't forget to check our website, www.eaa17.org, for the latest updates. Blue skies and tailwinds....!

Classic Chapter 17 Nametags Available

Permanent EAA Chapter 17 Nametags are available to all members. The small one (3" x 1") will cost \$5 each. The larger one (3 1/2" x 1 3/4"), will cost \$6.

Both feature the logo of the original nametags (of 50 years ago). To order, send an e-mail to: Anna Miller msbari@bellsouth.net indicating which size, and give your name as you want it to appear on the nametag.

Payment in cash or check (made payable to EAA Chapter 17) will be accepted. At meetings, or by mail, Anna Miller, 104 Mockingbird Lane, Oak Ridge TN, 37830.



Minutes of March 4 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jim Roberts at 8:30 PM at the Sky Ranch Airport clubhouse.

The first discussion concerned the membership roster. It needs updating during the renewal period and we need to determine what to release on the roster that will be distributed to members.

Darrell stated that those wanting to participate in the upcoming safety seminar need to sign up on FAASafety.gov. This is also the only way to get notices on the WINGZ program.

Leonard passed out the Banquet Financial Report and the February 2008 Monthly Financial Report. Darrell moved to approve the reports, Jim Underwood seconded. Motion passed. Darrell moved to put \$100 on the budget line item for Tennessee 501-3C taxes and to approve other budget changes on the table. Jim Underwood seconded, motion was approved. Darrell moved to approve the budget as amended, Jim Roberts seconded, and the motion was approved.

There was substantial discussion on holding the first Young Eagles event at either Downtown Island or Oneida. Darrell will check on schedule and availability for each site. Start times of 10 AM or 11 AM and providing lunch for participants was discussed.

The planning for the October B-17 event was discussed. The EAA Aluminum Overcast was also here in 2006. The Chapter earned \$1800 with the 2006 event and gave rides to local WWII pilots. There will be a D-Day event at Downtown Island on June 7 where the B-17 event can be promoted.

The new chapter bylaws are on the chapter Website.

The EAA is selling advance tickets to Air Venture. There is a EAA Sport Air workshop in Florida.

Our next meeting is April 1 and it will be movie night with an AirVenture DVD (perhaps talk about the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In). Sun 'n Fun is looking for volunteers.

March 15 there is a mountain flying seminar in Asheville, North Carolina, 8 AM in the CAP building.

April 26 there will be a WINGS seminar downtown (FAASafety.gov).

Fly-in lunch at Westwind airfield on the third Saturday of the month, April through October.

We need to coordinate with ETGAA for flyings this year.

Will Ouellette had suggested we meet on Saturdays so that people could fly into Sky Ranch for the chapter meetings. There is also a SkyRanch picnic on the second Saturday of the month. Jim Roberts suggested doing this the first Saturday of the month, May through August, starting at 10 AM or 11 AM with lunch. This went to motion and passed.

Jim Roberts passed along a suggestion to thank Gary Picou for his work on the newsletter and website.

Topic suggestions for *MountainLand Flyer* Articles:

We have compiled a list of suggestions in case you may want to write 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? Submissions don't have to be long, spelling and grammar are not counted, that's what editors are for.

Send your contributions to: gpicou@chartertn.net, and receive lots of gratitude for your effort.

Before Young Eagles

Editor's note: I found this article on eBay, from 1945. In today's educational environment, where students graduate from high school and can't make change, where teachers can't buy respect, I was interested to see this story and accompanying pictures from a time when teachers and students wore ties, said "sir" and "ma'am," and received educational opportunities that we may have forgotten in the 21st century. Also please note that in 1945, this opportunity was offered to both African-Americans and young women.

AIR EDUCATION (Reprinted from 1945)

Chattanooga public schools teach youngsters to live in aviation age.

The air age that has sneaked up on grownups almost unaware is not going to catch youngsters in Chattanooga, Tenn. by surprise. From kindergarten to college the public schools, guided by state aeronautics bureaus and the Civil Aeronautics Administration, are integrating aviation projects with regular class room curricula. Seven-year-olds like Bobby Johnson (above) study aviation equipment and terms as early as second grade. In the higher grades, students learn the social significance of living in a world where fast planes shrink distances and make all peoples close neighbors. In high school they even learn to fly.

Tennessee is one of 14 states which have a comprehensive air-education program. Half the nation's 28,000 public high schools give aviation courses. Text books are the new Air Age series (Macmillan). Planes for laboratory study come from the Army, which donates surplus planes to schools that ask for them.

Chattanooga teachers can study aviation at the state university but even then they have a hard time keeping ahead of their air-wise students. Children outdo them in identifying planes; many have flown when their teachers were still groundlings. In grade school, teachers organize aviation projects, some letting pupils collect planes from breakfast-cereal boxes, others taking them to the airport and

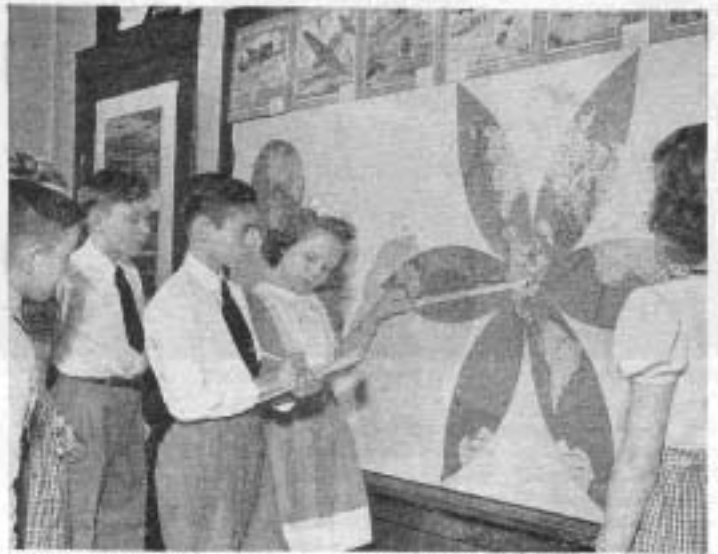


Inspecting a real plane for the first time is a climax to 7-year-olds' airport visit. They examine the trainer to identify all the parts that they have studied on a model plane in their classroom and boldly push the stick and rudder pedals to show what happens on wings and tail.



Aerodynamics of a swan is studied by biology students in junior high school so they can better understand basic reasons why an airplane flies. On blackboard, they diagrammed principles of aerodynamics—a word they love to use eruditely—and mounted pictures of planes.

weather bureau. A more formalized Air Age curriculum is followed by high-school students. Tennessee currently has 371 of them flying.



Air-age geography is studied by sixth graders on a flattened-out globe map with Chattanooga in the center. On it they can measure the shortest air distance to any place in the world. Here they find mileage to Melbourne, Australia, then compute the flight time necessary to get there.

Future Meeting Programs for Chapter 17:

NOTE MEETING DAY/TIME CHANGES

Chapter 17 now meets on the first Saturday of the Month, at 11:00 AM, unless otherwise noted.

May 3, 2008

Pearl Harbor Memoir., with guest speaker Durward Swanson.

June 7, 2008

Walt Lounsbery and his Challenger II long-wing.

Programs Wanted:

Do you know anything or anybody interesting in aviation?

Of course you do! So share! If you know anybody or anything who might be an interesting topic for a meeting, let us know.

Email president@eaa17.org with your suggestions.





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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.



Your EAA Membership

Chapter 17 maintains our membership records. This is important for two reasons. First, and most important, we use the info to correspond with our members. Second, we are required to provide EAA Headquarters with a current chapter roster each year. To help update our records, we are asking everyone to please provide the following: **Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and EAA member number.**

Finally, **we can't emphasize enough the importance of full EAA membership.** This is especially critical in the current climate of proposed GA user fee increases and other threats to your freedom to fly! For \$40 a year for a single EAA membership or \$50 a year for family membership, you can add your clout to the battle, as well as get a great magazine in *Sport Aviation* each month and lots of other member benefits. **If you are not a current member of the international EAA organization, please join or renew your membership.** Go to <http://www.eaa.org/memberbenefits.html>, or call 800-843-3612.

In the words of Vintage Aircraft Association President, Geoff Robison, "Let's all pull in the same direction for the good of aviation. Remember, we are **better** together. Join us and have it all"



EAA Chapter 17 Membership Renewal

Name: _____ EAA Member # _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project or current aircraft or interest: _____

Address, email, and phone info is used to update CH 17 records, is voluntary, and is not shared outside of CH 17. EAA Member # is required for our annual EAA Chapter renewal.

Please print, fill out, and bring to the next meeting, or mail to CH 17 Treasurer, at the below address. Please include a check for \$20.00 made to EAA Chapter 17.

Thanks for your continued support!

Check Here if you want a nametag (See above) _____ Small \$5.00 or _____ Large \$6.00

Name to appear: _____

Mail to: Ch 17 Membership Chairman, Jim Underwood,

1251 Old Newport Highway, Apt 5, Sevierville, TN 37862 Total amount of check \$ _____

