

Mountainland Flyer

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The price of procrastination: Walt gets to do layout & publishing.

EAA Chapter 17 Meeting, May 9, 2009, 11 AM

Our Summer meeting schedule starts this May. With good weather and a mid-day meeting, we can get together after the Saturday fly-in breakfasts, fly in to our meeting at SkyRanch, or enjoy the air after the meeting. If you do fly in, please consider taking up a flybuddy. Some Chapter members that don't currently have airplane access would really appreciate the ride.

This weekend we will get to see two member projects: Ken Carpenter's CH-750 and David Vicker's L-16B. Both projects are conveniently located at SkyRanch. Snacks will be available at the clubhouse, we will convene for a very short business session and snacks at 11 AM before heading out to the projects.

EAA Headquarter Happenings

EAA Headquarters has recently announced a number of new programs and services that can add value to Chapter programs and membership. Perhaps the most important is Sporty's Pilot Shop contribution to the Young Eagles program. Sporty's will provide a custom Young Eagles logbook for each child who participates. This is a real hard-back logbook that contains a special code that allows access to Sporty's online Complete Pilot Training Course, free of charge. This program was announced at Sun 'n Fun.

The Young Eagle credits have been boosted from \$1 per credit to \$5. These credits can be applied to EAA Air Academy tuition or other items. See Jim Underwood of our Chapter for details.

EAA Headquarters is doing a lot more on the Internet, even venturing into newfangled things like Social Media. Insurance forms are now online. The EAA online calendar is a great resource. This month Oshkosh365, a social networking Website for EAA members, will enter the testing phase. Oshkosh365 should be available to all members sometime this Summer.

The Legal Landscape

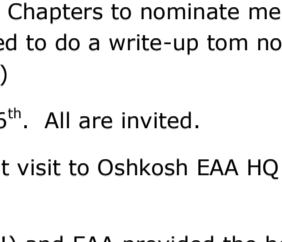
On December 18, 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a new rule that affects private aircraft operating on international flights. The rule, Title 19 CFR Part 122, is titled 'Advanced Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States'. Compliance with this new regulation has been voluntary since December 18, 2008, however, **compliance becomes mandatory effective May 18, 2009**. The DHS Final Rule can be viewed at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-26621.pdf>

TSA has set a June 1 implementation date for the controversial TSA Security Directive 1542-0F. This directive, although secret, has had several details exposed since last Fall. The directive would:

- Apply only to airports that have commercial airline service. However, it applies to airports with only minimal service or where GA and commercial are already segregated.
- Institute background checks and require ID badges for all aircraft operators, passengers, and related personnel based at these airports (including GA).
- Requires anyone without an airport-issued ID to have an authorized escort.
- Leave specific implementation details and methods to each airport, adding to administrative burden and basically mandating confusion and increased expense.

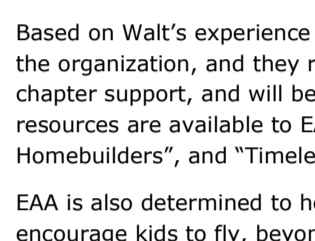
EAA has partnered with AOPA, NBAA, GAMA and others to object to this directive.

T-18A PROJECT: 50%, 0-360 Engine, 712-TTSN, C/S-Prop, 0-TTSN, Thorp Cowl, Fuselage Gear, Canopy, Std. Ribs, all from Thorp tooling. Lost Medical, Will not part out, \$ 7,950 Firm.
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EAA CH 17 meeting minutes: April 7, 2009



Jim Roberts

Socializing began at 6:30, with pizza and sodas. President Walter Lounsbury called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members approved the minutes from the March meeting, as well as the financial report, presented by Treasurer Leonard Abbatiello.

Treasurer Abbatiello had two suggestions to improve the Chapter's financial position: One...we need to institute a reservation system for next year's banquet that requires members to pre-pay for the dinner, so we don't have to cover the cost of no-shows. Two...We need a separate dues/membership drive following the banquet, or other fund-raisers to help defray banquet expenses.

Members gave their impressions of the "Wings Safety" event at TYS on Apr 4th...most thought the individual seminars were "weak," but appreciated the chance to get their BFR accomplished. Two take-aways..."fltplan.com" is a good free weather source. The toll free number to call for IFR clearance at a no-radio airport is 888-766-8267.

Walt mentioned that Sun 'n' Fun is Apr 21-25. Several members will attend. Also, EAA is soliciting contributions to the new museum "Founder's Wing."

We had a guest, Charles Thompson, who is restoring a Taylorcraft at SkyRanch.

We discovered that there is an EAA Ch 17 patch that was designed by Leon Ridenour over 30 years ago. We have a copy, and Will Ouellette offered to get decals made. Walt will pursue making patches. Jim Underwood donated a patch, and Walt will send it to EAA HQ for their archives.

Walt mentioned that now is the time for Chapters to nominate members for EAA Outstanding Contribution awards. Jim Roberts offered to do a write-up to nominate Ken Carpenter. (Ken subsequently declined to be nominated.)

The SkyRanch picnic is Saturday, May 16th. All are invited.

Walt Lounsbury gave a talk on his recent visit to Oshkosh EAA HQ to attend a chapter leader seminar.

Walt drove there and back (thanks Walt!) and EAA provided the housing.

It was a great presentation, complete with a slide show and some videos. Especially interesting was the video of Paul Poberezny and the EAA museum. Also, he had photos of a visit to the Sonex" factory."

Based on Walt's experience at the seminar, it is obvious that EAA is committed to helping grow the organization, and they realize the vital role chapters play in that. They are emphasizing chapter support, and will be sending EAA directors to visit chapters in their areas. Many helpful resources are available to EAA members, including the "Experimenter" e-newsletter, "Hints for Homebuilders", and "Timeless Voices," both on the EAA website.

EAA is also determined to help grow the pilot population. They are working on programs to help encourage kids to fly, beyond what Young Eagles already does. Sporty's Pilot Shop, along with EAA, provides a ground school for Young Eagles participants, so they can go on to earn their Private Pilot's License.

Meeting adjourned, after all had a great time

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