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CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

Thursday, March 22

7:30 PM

Sugar Grove Firehouse

Program:

Bill Schertz will make a presentation on the development of the engine installation in his KISS Cruiser.

Nort Richards' presentation on his trip to Mexico and Central America has been postponed until the May meeting.

April's meeting will focus on preparations for the first Young Eagles Rally of the season which will be held May 20th.

Report on the Bowling Party from Bev & Al

Despite the less than perfect conditions our umpteenth annual EAA bowling outing went off without a hitch. Unless you consider sleet, icy roads, wind, blowing snow and white out conditions a hitch. Out of the 28 or so people who had committed to the outing, the 21 who did attend probably should have been committed. There's nothing that will keep our EAA chapter from having a party. Idle Hours Lanes were again very accommodating even though they had double booked themselves for that evening. Since the other party had more people than was originally anticipated and more activities planned than scheduled we were finally able to get the evening off to a rolling start after pizzas. During our dinner we participated in their raffles and some of us were even winners. Ask to see Al Dyer's picture with Jarred Payton (son of Walter) who was attending this fundraiser and had donated a book about his dad. Al was the winner and Jarred was kind enough to pose with him. A couple of really good games were reported. Dick Low had a high game of 224 and Al Dyer had a higher game of 229. Everybody else showed up. Thanks go out to the ladies who brought snacks and desserts. The desserts had to be rescued from the baseball group who had mistakenly thought the brownies were for them. Keep this event in mind for next year. Hopefully the weather will be a little better or maybe we will just have to move it to Florida.

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In Honor of Women's History Month

1910 : Blanche Scott: 1st woman pilot

1911: Harriet Quimby: 1st licensed woman pilot

1921: Bessie Coleman: 1st African American woman pilot

1930: 200 licensed women pilots

1935: 700-800 licensed women pilots

1943: 31.3% of the aviation workforce were women

NEWS FROM THE PREZ, DICK LOW

Last month's Chapter meeting was attended by 17 people including, for the second month in a row, Tom Shannon, the ARR tower chief,. We also had one visitor in attendance. Following the meeting, I was able to use the high tech equipment in the Firehouse meeting room to access the Internet and demonstrate the various features of the FAA Safety.gov website and the registration process in order to receive e-mail notices of selected safety seminars in the area. It is really nice to be able to show computer, Internet and video material on the big screen using the overhead projector.

I would like to thank everyone who has paid their **Chapter dues for 2007**. For those of you that haven't, I would like to encourage you to continue your support of the Chapter by sending a check for \$20 for 2007 dues to our treasurer, Larry Shaw, at 147 N. Buckingham Drive, Sugar Grove, IL 60554.

This month's Chapter meeting at the Sugar Grove Firehouse will be on the 22nd, again. Following the meeting Bill Schertz will make a presentation on the development of the engine installation in his KISS Cruiser. Nort Richards was scheduled to make a presentation on his trip to Mexico and Central America in his Cessna 206 last year but had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. Nort has promised to make his presentation at the May meeting. The meeting in April will focus on preparations for our first Young Eagles rally of the year on May 20th by reviewing both ground and flight procedures. Tom Shannon has also promised to provide a representative from the tower to discuss ARR operations procedures. Lesa and I have started receiving requests for information on our Young Eagles schedule for this year so it appears that

In the administrative arena, I received the updated Chapter Event registration form from EAA risk management last week and will be submitting copies in the near future for each of our Young Eagles rallies in order to obtain EAA insurance coverage for the events. I will also list "orientation rides for adults without a fee or contribution" to cover the possibility of conducting an informal Flying Start program concurrently with the Young Eagles rallies. I am willing to provide the orientation flights but would need a volunteer on the ground to explain what is involved to obtain a private pilot certificate. Also, Lesa has received the Young Eagle credit certificates from last year for those pilots that flew at least 10 Young Eagles. We will be contacting those pilots to obtain their permission to use their certificates to offset part of the cost of the Chapter's sponsorship of a teenager for a week at the EAA Academy this summer.

Last month's Chapter social event, the **annual Chapter bowling party** at the Idle Hour Lanes in Sandwich was a qualified success in spite of weather and scheduling problems. Twenty-eight people braved the elements to make it to Sandwich and then had to wait until 9 PM to get on the lanes due to the bowling alley booking a fund raiser for the Sandwich Youth Baseball League at the same time. In spite of the weather and scheduling obstacles, everyone appeared to get their fill of pizza and the delicious deserts prepared by some of the wives, and then spent the better part of two hours on the lanes working off the extra calories.

Last month I was notified by the **EAA B-17** tour office that Aurora was not selected for one of the B-17 tour stops in 2007. As a result I will submit an application for hosting a B-17 tour stop at Aurora in 2008. I have not received any notification to date regarding the Ford Tri-motor.

Finally, repeating **volunteer requests** from last month's newsletter, I am soliciting the names of members who would be willing to make presentations on the Young Eagles program, the Chapter, the EAA and aviation to different organizations in the area such as scout troupes and school groups. The Chapter will provide videos for the body of the presentation and supporting handout materials. Also, Mark Hislop has volunteered to develop a Chapter newsletter directed to the Young Eagles that we have flown but could use some assistance in this endeavor.

See you at the Firehouse on the 22nd.

Dick Low, President

EAA Chapter 579





BEAT BILLY

Question for February:

Where did the name for the U.S. Navy's Blue Angel flight team come from?

Answer for February:

The name of the Blue Angels flight team comes from a bar in New York City, "The Blue Angel," that in turn took it's name from a film of the same name starring Marlene Dietrich as "The Blue Angel" herself.

Question for March:

My name is Wolfgang Klemperer and in 1928 I performed a stunt that had never been done in the United States before, which in all likelihood will never be performed again.

What was it? What did I do the stunt in, what did it help to popularize, and what others stunt, by whom and in what, did the aircraft I did my stunt in, help to get started? Concerning the other stunt, not mine, it took the efforts of more than one person. Who was the other person involved and what did he do his part in, that was crucial to that stunt? Where and when did the second stunt start and finish? How long did it take to complete the second stunt for both of the people engaged in it since they both had different total times?

I'm trying to make this as hard as possible since last month's question was answered in about 5 minutes after I sent it out! (Congrats to Will Saloga)

For extra credit and since I want everybody to be able to answer at least part

of this month's question, "Who is buried in Grant's tomb?" For extra-extra credit, "What Wright brothers' record did Mr. Klemperer break, when did he break it, and what did he use to break that record?"

Until next month,

It's spring and the weather is breaking. Let's get out and fly! Billy

Thanks to Bev for the story about the bowling party. Anyone have pictures from the party? We always need your stories and photos to make the newsletter more interesting! Please send something to your editors, Bill & Marcia. We will be anxiously checking our e-mail everyday looking for your contributions for the newsletter.

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Sean D. Tucker posing for pictures.
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