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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

Thursday

September 28, 2006

7:30 PM

Tentative Meeting Location:

The Lumanair Building at the Airport.

See President Dick Low's newsletter article for explanation. When details have been finalized everyone will be notified.

Election Of Chapter Officers for the next two years will

be held at the November meeting. Give Dick Low a call at 630-717-6225 if you are interested in participating in Chapter operations as an officer or on the Board.

Young Eagles Rally

Sunday

September 24, 2006

8:30 AM Pilots' Briefing

9:00—2:00 Flights

We need lots of volunteers, both ground crew and pilots, as we are expecting a large turnout and great weather!

See President Dick Low's newsletter article for write-up about the August Young Eagles Rally.

Young Eagles Volunteers Cookout

Sunday, Sept. 24

Bill & Paula Schertz's Hangar #112

Following Young Eagles Rally

All Young Eagles Volunteers, past and present, are invited to a cookout at the hangar of Bill & Paula Schertz after the rally on the 24th. The Chapter will provide hamburgers, brats, and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass.

RSVP to Dick Low at 630-717-6225 or FlyingLows2@sbcglobal.net.

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First Flights

Sept. 2, 1910 - Blanche Scott became the first American woman pilot to fly solo.

Sept. 7, 1927 - Cessna Aircraft Company incorporated.

Sept. 15, 1984 - First solo crossing of Atlantic by balloon.

Sept. 24, 1929 - Jimmy Doolittle accomplishes first instrument takeoff and landing.

Chapter Leaders

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NEWS FROM THE PREZ, DICK LOW



The seasons are changing this month and so is our Chapter meeting place. Those of you that have attended one of the last three monthly meetings at the Sugar Grove firehouse will attest that it is a beautiful facility. Unfortunately, the Firehouse meeting room is committed on Thursday nights for an EMT class from September through May. The only night of the week that the Firehouse facility is available over this period of time is Friday and your Board did not feel that it would be prudent to change meeting nights. Since the Sky Haven board had previously informed me that the Chapter was no longer welcome to hold meetings within the Sky Haven complex, this left us in a little bit of a quandary as to where to go. Mike Luman was contacted and graciously offered the use of some space in the Lumanair building that is being advertised for rent but is currently vacant. Mike said that we could use the space until he found a tenant at which time we would have to move.

This satisfies my, and your Board's, conviction that the Chapter meetings need to be held at the airport, if not actually on the airport property. The actual meeting place details have not been finalized with Mike yet so I will have to advise everybody of the exact location of September's meeting on the 28th once that has happened.

As part of my activities at AirVenture, Lesa and I attended the Chapter Leadership workshop. Unfortunately, it turned into primarily a complaint session by a few people regarding the direction that they perceive the EAA to be headed. However, it made me think about the direction and focus of our own Chapter. As part of my duties as President, I am responsible for arranging for a program following each of our monthly meetings. As a working (part time) CFI and a FAA Aviation Safety Counselor, I have plenty of training material directed at various pilot operations. However, I recognize that, while all of you who attend the monthly meetings are interested in aviation, a large percentage are not actually active pilots. As a result, I have tried to present a variety of material, some of which should appeal to everybody. I was encouraged by the number of people who went over to Sky Haven after the August meeting to inspect the progress being made by Todd Ashcraft and Bill Schertz on their projects. I want to thank both Bill and Todd for their hospitality in opening their hangers to Chapter members. However, I would like some feedback as to what type of material you, the Chapter members, would like to have presented following the monthly Chapter meetings. My original opinion of the EAA, before I became a member, was that it was an organization primarily dedicated to supporting the homebuilder. However, at least in the recent past, Chapter 579's focus has seemed to be on aviation education and social activities.

Part of the Chapter's educational focus is our support of the Young Eagles program.

Our third Young Eagles rally of the year was held on Aug. 27th. As least in part due to the publicity that the Chapter received following the June rally, we had a significant turnout. Unfortunately the weather did not totally cooperate but we still managed to fly 125 kids although we didn't start flying until about 11 AM and had to close registrations at 1 PM because of the large backlog. Initially we only had 4 airplanes but Fred Foss, and John Pawula showed up around noon and Bob Mayes generously rented a 172 from Lumanair and started flying Young Eagles instead of parking airplanes. If we hadn't increased our fleet to seven airplanes we probably would have been flying until dark.

Indications are for an even larger turnout for our rally this month on the 24th. So far I have been contacted by 3 Scout groups and the West Aurora High School ROTC commander, who informed me that they plan on bringing about 60 kids to our September rally. Hopefully we will get a little more cooperation from the weather, and I hope that a few more of our Young Eagles pilots will decide to participate this month so that everybody will be able to take a break from time to time. As an extra inducement to volunteer this month, the Schertzs are hosting a cookout for all Young Eagles volunteers past and present at their hanger, number 112, following the rally. The Chapter will be providing hamburgers, brats and drinks but we need to know how many people plan on attending so that we can ensure that there will be enough food. Please respond either to me by e-mail, FlyingLows2@sbcglobal.net, or by telephone, (630) 717-6225, if you plan on attending..

Finally, a short reminder that we will be electing Chapter officers for the next two years at the November meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in the Chapter operations, either as an officer or a Board member at large..

See you at the Young Eagles rally on the 24th and the Chapter meeting on the 28th.

Dick Low, President EAA Chapter 579

BEAT BILLY



Question for August:

This month we have a visual Beat Billy.

First: Name that plane! (The one in the photo on the right, taken by Billy at Oshkosh, 2006.)

Second: What is the historical significance of this particular aircraft?

Extra Credit: When did the prototype first fly and what was its original name?

Answer for August:

The aircraft is a British DeHavilland Vampire and it is the oldest flying jet aircraft in the world. The prototype first flew in September, 1943. It's original name was The Spider-Crab. Gotta love those Brits!

Question for September:

I was the world's first enclosed cabin aircraft.

What is my name? Who built me?

When did I first fly?

For extra credit:

What were my two most noticeable aerodynamic innovations?

Note from Your Newsletter Editors:

Thanks to everyone who met our earlier newsletter deadlines these past three months. We appreciate your assistance, so we could take some out of town trips. Next month we'll be back to our regular schedule—newsletter articles deadline, October 15th. We need some good stuff from you, so start thinking and writing and send it to: mec515@sbcglobal.net.

Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association—EAA Chapter 579

Membership Application or Renewal

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Two seat Russian MIG 15 in Polish Air Force markings—Oshkosh,2006

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