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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting
Thursday, October 23
Sugar Grove Firehouse
7:30 PM

Chapter Business Meeting
Followed by Program:
"Oshkosh Memories"

Everyone will be part of the program. Bring your favorite Oshkosh photos to share, as well as your stories of your Oshkosh experiences.

Last Young Eagles Rally of the Season!

Sunday, October 26
Pilot Briefing—8:30 AM
Flying Kids from
9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Come out and volunteer!
We need:
Ground Support
Flight Line
Registration Table
And especially—Pilots!

November Chapter Meeting
Election of Chapter Officers
Thursday, November 20

IDOT/Chicago Area 99's
Chicago Aviation Expo
January 31, 2009
Itasca Country Club

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Quote of the Month

There's nothing like an airport for bringing you down to earth.

Richard Gordon

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NEWS FROM THE PREZ, DICK LOW

Last month's Chapter meeting was attended by twenty people who, following the normal business meeting, were treated to a presentation by Doug Horton on how Microsoft Flight Simulator can be customized to replicate a particular airplane. In Doug's demonstration this was the 1998 Cessna 182 that he is currently flying. Prior to Doug's demonstration, Yohanna Enders reported on her experiences during the week she spent at the EAA Academy this past summer, which was sponsored by the Chapter. Yohanna also brought several of the projects that she made while at the Academy for a show and tell. She said that it was such a positive experience that she is planning on making aviation her career and also is planning on attending the Academy again this summer. It was refreshing to see a young person like Yohanna so enthused by aviation.

Last month I announced that we were in the final stages of vacating our storage room. Thanks to the dedication and extra effort of Larry Shaw we were successful and we terminated the lease on the storage room effective September 30. This will save the Chapter over \$1400 per year.

Our fourth Young Eagles rally of 2008 on September 28th resulted in the largest turnout in the last three or four years. Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons we only had 7 airplanes to fly 192 Young Eagles. However all of the pilots turned in yeoman duty and we flew everybody that had the patience to endure a wait that stretched to almost 2 ½ hours by the end of the day. In particular, I would like to com-

mend Mark Hislop who flew what must be a one day record for the Chapter of 52 Young Eagles. The last Young Eagle was flown about 4:30 and then Mark and I flew 6 firemen from a training class on airport crash and rescue being held by the Sugar Grove Fire Department. We added 5 additional Young Eagle flights during the month from two of our other pilots for a total of 197 for the month. For the second month in a row we had a great turnout of ground volunteers. I am hoping for an equally good turnout of ground volunteers and additional pilots for our last rally of the year on October 26th. Following the conclusion of the day's flying activities about 30 people retired to Bill Schertz's hanger in Sky Haven for hamburgers, brats and an assortment of delicious side dishes provided by some of the volunteers.

As mentioned in last month's column, the election of Chapter officers for the next two year term will be held at the November Chapter meeting. Your board has put together the following proposed slate of officers for the next two years: Dick Low – President; Joe Neal – vice President; Bill Schertz – Secretary; and Larry Shaw – Treasurer. In addition Mark Hislop, Bill Cameron, Frank Cosentino and Alan Shackleton have agreed to continue as board members at large. I will be issuing proxy ballots to everyone in the near future for those that cannot attend the Chapter meeting on November 21st.

In place of a formal program at this month's Chapter meeting, I plan revisiting this summer's AirVenture and would encourage everybody to bring

their pictures and be prepared to relate their favorite Oshkosh experiences.

Joe Neal and I will be spending this weekend (October 10-12) at the EAA Academy Lodge in Oshkosh attending a Chapter Leadership conference. We will make a short report on our experiences at the Chapter meeting.

See you at the Firehouse on the 23rd.

Dick Low
President
EAA Chapter 579



SHORT WING PIPER NATIONAL CONVENTION, 2008

CABLE, WISCONSIN

By: Bill & Marcia Cameron

Marcia and I took off on June 22nd for our first long cross country, after acquiring 7215D.

The weather for our departure was less than perfect, but not too bad. The ceiling was a little low with lots of clouds and some ground fog in places. All went well with no surprises until shortly after we crossed into Wisconsin. While crossing a small lake, what looked like just gray sky in front of us turned into a solid IFR wall of very low cloud / fog. After assuring Marcia all was OK, I glued my eyes to the attitude indicator and did a slow coordinated 180 degree turn in order to get out of Dodge, as it were.

Marcia spotted an opening just below us and as we descended I hit "nearest" on the GPS. Fort Atkinson was just a few miles away so we landed there in order to let our heart rate return to normal. Since Fort Atkinson is just a runway and a few hangars we took off and went to Watertown to check the weather and gas up. After checking the weather and finding our little detour was a very small local problem, we took off and continued to Price County only to find that we were fifteen minutes late to partake of the \$3.50 gallon cheap gas sale for those going to Cable for the convention. DARN! From Price County, the rest of the way to Cable was pretty

much just trees and more trees with a dirt road once in a while, not the place for a forced landing.

Cable Wisconsin is the home of the Telemark Resort and was the location of the convention. Also the Cable Union Airport is right next door with the paved 3700 foot runway just a short walk from the resort's front door. There is not enough time or space to tell you about the airport so that will have to wait for another time. It is enough to say that when you step into the unattended airport's small cottage/office you are stepping back into another aviation time zone. The airport does have a computer that has weather on it, but every thing else is as it was in the 1950's or 60's.

On Thursday Marcia and I took the day off from the convention and flew to Duluth, Minnesota to have lunch with Marcia's sister, and for me to take her for a ride up the North Shore of Lake Superior so she could see her home from the air. It was a beautiful calm day and you could see forever. Flying over a 1000 foot long ore freighter is a lot different view than seeing it leave the harbor from the shore!

While at the convention Marcia and I met a lot of new friends, attended some lectures, went to an outdoor barbeque meet and greet, and visited some lo-

cal sights. We went to a banquet on the last night that had Paul Poberezny as the key note speaker. It is worth noting that we were very surprised at how many people at the dinner did not have a clue of not only who Paul was, but what EAA is or does!

On Friday we had a chance to depart in good weather as a lot of storms were approaching from the West. We saddled up and joined the queue to take off with every body else.

After leaving Cable we climbed up to 4000 feet into calm, cool air and I trimmed 15 Delta so she flew basically hands off from Northern Wisconsin to where we crossed into Northern Illinois and had to start down because of clouds and a little rain, just enough to wash off a week's worth of bugs and dirt!

Next year the SWPC convention will be in Knoxville Tennessee and we are already planning the trip down. Type clubs are a great way to learn about your plane and meet like-minded new friends.

Photos By Bill & Marcia Cameron,
From: Short Wing Piper National Convention
Cable, Wisconsin
June, 2008



Cable Union Airport & Telemark Resort



A Tri-Pacer landing at Cable, WI
for the convention.



15 Delta Departing Bong Airport
Superior, Wisconsin



View of Duluth, Minnesota & Aerial Lift Bridge
Entrance to Harbor



At the Convention



The longest vessel on the Great Lakes -
The Paul R. Tregurtha, 1013 feet, 6 inches long
"The Queen of the Lakes"



Paul Poberezny & SWPC President Cliff Van Vleet



BEAT BILLY

September's Question:

Who was the first African American ever to pilot a military plane?

September's Answer:

The first African American ever to pilot a military airplane was Eugene Jacques Bullard. Unable to fly for the United States Army Air Corps because of his race, Bullard served as a pilot in the French Lafayette Flying Corps during World War I.

October's Question:

It's funny and sometimes strange how different people are connected to different events in aviation history. The example that follows is this month's Beat Billy.

On June 8, 1966 one of the two XB-70 supersonic Bombers built had a mid-air collision with an F-104 and both craft crashed.

Your question is:

What was singer Frank Sinatra's connection to this tragic event?

Till next month,

Fly safe and Fly often. *Billy*

Chapter 579 member Tom Willets, who moved to Arizona, lost his valiant battle with cancer and has gone west. Blue skies and tailwinds at that big airport in the sky.



Young Eagle Rally, 2001

Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association—EAA Chapter 579

Membership Application or Renewal

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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_____ New _____ Renewal Spouse's Name _____

Annual Membership \$20.00 -

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Short Final to Cable Union Airport & the Telemark Resort for Northern Exposure SWPC National Convention, 2008