



President's Message

by Roger Aspegren

Well here it is, my last "President's Message." I'm feeling a slight touch of relief and quite a bit of sadness about leaving this position. You see, the last two years have been a special time in my life. I have had the privilege of "being where the action is" and that, folks, has given me a lot of personal enjoyment and satisfaction. Probably the highlight of the two years has been the visit of the *Aluminum Overcast* on the July 4th weekend of 1996. I have looked at the pictures many times and remembered the feeling of guiding this grand old war bird through the skies over northeast Nebraska, if only for a few minutes. I am in the process of putting these pictures into an album for our library so all of you can enjoy them in years to come.

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Hopefully we can have the B-17 back in another year or two.

One of the reasons I am not too sad about giving up the presidency is that I get to remain on the board for another year. This will give me the opportunity to stay where the action is a while longer.

Doug Hill and his fellow officers will do a fine job of leading us next year, but they need the help of each and every one of us. Don't let them have all the fun, volunteer for a committee or project and be a part of the action.

I'm a great leader! I think the definition of a great leader is someone who surrounds himself with people smarter than he is. Now I'm not putting myself down as

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MEETING: Sunday, December 15th, 1996

LOCATION: Knolls Restaurant,
2201 Old Cheney Rd.

TIME: 6:00 PM Social Hour
7:00 PM Dinner

PROGRAM: We will have awards presented at 8:00 PM and then entertainment will be provided by 'Noteworthy', a barbershop quartet.
Get your reservations in to Roger Aspegren or Mark Lucey as soon as possible.

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EAA Chapter 569

NEWSLETTER

Editor's Corner

by Mark Turner

Well, we have come to the end of another year. The time sure flies when you are having fun! And this year has been a lot of fun for Chapter 569. We had the B-17 visit, a couple of great Young Eagle events, some great programs, and now the annual Christmas dinner is just a couple of weeks away.

As for flying, I put exactly 0.0 hours in the logbook this year, due entirely to a lack of fundage. My first new years resolution is to fly at least an hour a month in 1997. I would also like to fly Young Eagles in 1997.

As for the newsletter, I have not been the perfect newsletter editor. I have missed some deadlines, I have overlooked some members on the mailing list, and the content of the newsletter has maybe been less than it once has been. My second new years resolution is to improve the quality and timeliness of the newsletter production.



I am also going to make a minor change in the look of the newsletter. Starting next month, I will be using a simple two-column inside. I think this will allow for more, shorter articles than the current layout will allow. I like the front and will keep it the same for now. If anyone has any ideas or comments, please call or write to me and let me know what you would like to see.

My third new years resolution is to work as hard as I can to make my Excel business as successful as possible in 1997.

Finally, I still have plans to begin construction of the AeroCanard in 1997. I am planning to use the proceeds from my Excel business to fund the AeroCanard construction project. I'll keep you posted on the progress.

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas dinner and Happy New Years!

EAA OFFERS 'HANDS-ON' ADULT AIR ACADEMY

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (Oct. 30, 1996)

Adults who want to discover more about the skills and lore of aviation can learn from some of aviation's best artisans during the EAA Adult Air Academy on February 16-22, 1997.

The Adult Air Academy, which will be held at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh, evolved from the highly successful EAA Air Academy for young people. The programs allow participants to explore the basic skills of aviation or concentrate on one or more airplane building and restoration topics.

"The Adult Air Academy offers much more than a classroom experience," said EAA Aviation Foundation President Tom Poberezny. "It is an opportunity to share common interests with fellow aviation enthusiasts. Those who participate learn about the technologies and techniques of building and restoring airplanes. More importantly, the unique learning environment of the EAA Aviation Center creates experiences and friendships that last a lifetime."

Chuck Larsen, the Foundation's Education Director, explained that classroom and workshop activities are included for all participants in the Adult Air Academy.

"There is a wide range of activities that can be as detailed as the individual participant wants," Larsen said. "That includes techniques such as welding, fabric covering, woodworking, sheet metal work and composites. We offer participants an opportunity to learn under the watchful eyes of experienced instructors."

Luncheons will include EAA staff presentations describ-

ing highlights of EAA programs and activities. Four two-hour workshop sessions each day include a complete overview of basic aircraft building skills.

Participants wishing to concentrate on any one area will be involved in more than 40 hours of instruction in that area. They will be supervised by some of the world's leading aviation craftsmen. Other presentations on aeromodeling, upholstery, composites and other aviation topics may be included as well.

"In addition to the workshops, participants will have opportunities to explore the EAA Air Adventure Museum and EAA Aviation Center, as well as become familiar with many of the aircraft and resources available here," Larsen said. "The camaraderie developed between participants and staff will surely be the basis for many lasting friendships."

Registration for the EAA Adult Air Academy is \$800 per person. Registration includes six nights' accommodations (double occupancy), continental breakfasts at the motel, five noon lunches, five evening meals (including a banquet), transportation while in Oshkosh plus all materials and supplies.

The EAA Aviation Foundation also offers resident aviation programs for young people and a variety of internships for aviation students and professionals. For more on the Adult Air Academy or any of the Foundation's education programs, write to the EAA Aviation Foundation Education Office; P.O. Box 3065, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3065, or call (414) 426-6815.

Minutes of the October Meeting

By Mark Turner

The November meeting was held at Capitol Aviation on November 5th. Roger Aspegren called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. The meeting began with the introduction of guests. There was no treasurers report. Mark Turner gave a newsletter report. Doug Hill gave a tech counselors report; he looked at Terry Carlson's TEENY-II and says "yes, it's teeny." Doug was amazed that the airplane is just pop-riveted together, but notes that that is the design. The airplane is currently hanging from the ceiling in Terry's garage for the winter.

Young Eagles report; Rick Cooper would like to get all the paperwork together from all the pilots by the 15th of November to submit to Oshkosh. We need 2 or 3 more Young Eagle flight to meet our goal of 180. We will have a final total for the year at the Christmas party.

Builders reports; Terry Carlson has the engine on the TEENY-II, Doug Prange is working on the wiring and says that is the last big item. Dean Hoy learned from Doug Hill how

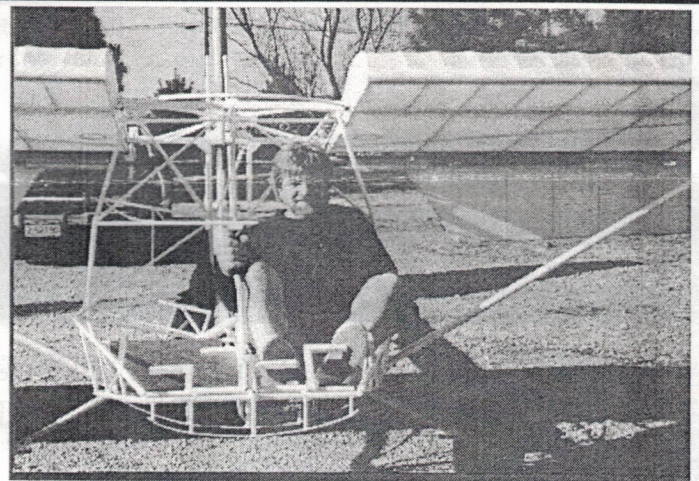
to paint on the Quicksilver. Roger Aspegren got the spark plugs in the right holes and ran the engine on the Kitfox.

The Chapter has received the donation of some wood and glass panel that Roger thinks could be built into a storage cabinet for the Chapter library. If anyone has woodworking experience, could they see what they could do.

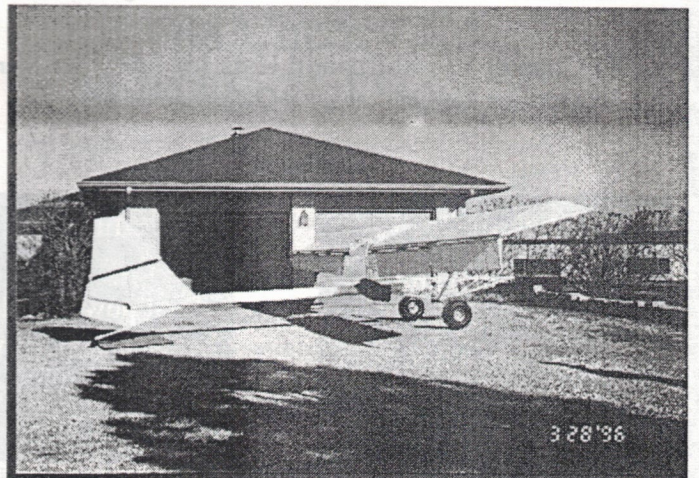
The Chapter Christmas party will be held December 15th at the Knolls Restaurant. Please indicate if you are coming or not. Social will be at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM and entertainment at 8 PM.

We have calendars again this year, cost is \$7 each. Chapter shirts and hats are available.

We took a break at 8:05 and our guest speaker, Andy Bajc took over at 8:15.



Doug Prange's Kolb



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being a moron, but no one can be an expert at everything, and we all have expertise in something. So, what you need to do to be a great leader is find experts in areas you are lacking. I used this philosophy during my ownership of two successful companies here in Lincoln, and it works in our Chapter as well. I wish to thank my fellow officers, Mark Lucey and Rick Cooper, who were smarter than me, and all of the volunteers during the last two years who were smarter than me and got some great things accomplished. I just went along and had fun. Thank you all.

Don't forget to send in your registration for the Christmas Party. Send it to Mark Lucey with your check, or call Mark or myself to reserve, then pay at the door. See you all there.

Happy Thanksgiving !

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December Newsletter

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Chapter Notes

- Our Christmas dinner will be December 15th. The dinner will be held at the Knolls Restaurant. Cost will be \$12.50 per person. We will have great food, entertainment, awards, and door prizes.
- The Chapter has 1997 Calanders for sale! Get your 1997 EAA calander now. . . Cost is only \$7 each. Lots of great pictures. . .
- The Chapter has Shirts and Hats for sale. See Mark Lucey for information on how you can get a Chapter 569 shirt or hat.

December 14-23, 1986

Dick Rutan and
Jeana Yeager fly
"Voyager" on a non-stop,
non-refueled flight
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December 17, 1903

First powered flight in
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December 4

FAA Aviation Safety Program
LPS District Office
7 PM - 5901 "O" Street, Room E111

December 15

Chapter 569 Christmas Dinner
Knolls Restaurant
6:00 PM

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