

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DOUG HILL

At this month's meeting I plan to make good on the second of my two campaign promises, (and don't forget that you elected me despite the fact that I told you in advance of my agenda) that being, supporting my interest and roots in our own Lincoln Municipal Airport. But it goes further than that. My message is to remind you of the changes that this Chapter initiated two years ago in the Airport Authority board by disrupting the past director's practice of hand picking the board members. It reinforced me and I trust encouraged all of you in the belief that every vote counts. Counts for the decision making responsibility of this Chapters officers, local city elections, and all up the chain to the national level.

Now politics — just hearing the word conjures up distrust — ranks at the bottom of my list of fun things to do, and EAA involvement as you know is one of my

favorite pastimes. It seems like every oncein-a-while a person has to tolerate a little of the less favorite to be able to more fully enjoy those things most dear. This is one of those times.

Call it coincidence, luck, changing times, or whatever; but the attitude at Lincoln Municipal is more favorable toward general aviation activities now than it was in the past. More favorable than last year, and more favorable than four or five years ago when single engine services were near nonexistent.

I can't take any credit for this change. Our Chapter collectively can take a little credit, but as part of the general aviation population we support a need that first Capitol Aviation then Silverhawk Aviation seek to service. Service begets competition so this summer we'll have both of these fine

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MEETING: Tuesday, April 1st, 1997

LOCATION: Cobbler's Inn,

Shoemakers Truckstop, West 'O' St.

TIME: 7:30 PM

PROGRAM: This month

This month we will be hosting a candidates forum to meet the candidates for the upcoming Airport Authority Board elections. Each candidate will given an opportunity to speak and then there will be a question and answer period. Afterward the Chapter will hold a straw-poll to determine which candidate(s) will receive the Chapter's endorsement.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

BY MARK TURNER

First off this month I would like to thank Russ Kelsea for working on the Chapter phone tree. Hopefully there will be less long distance calls with this version of the tree. That means you need to take a quick look at the phone tree to see who you will call.



Second item is the World Wide

Web. Almost everyone has at least heard of the World Wide Web. Just about every commercial you see on television now has the familiar www.whatever.com at the end. They say that the Internet is adding 2 million new users *per month!* Currently there are 30 million users in the United States alone and 60 million users in over 160 countries worldwide.

Why am I going on about the Internet and the World Wide Web? Well, those of you who are 'connected' to the Internet probably know that the EAA has a Web Page (www.eaa.org), the AOPA has a Web Page (www.aopa.org), my favorite homebuilt airplane even has a Web Page (www.aerocad.com). But the fun news is that our own EAA Chapter 569 has it's own Web Page. It's not much at the moment, but it IS there (www.binary.net/markt/EAA569).

Those of you who have Internet access are invited to check out the Web Page and comments and suggestions will be accepted. My Email address is markt@binary.net.

Last item is the Chapter Directory. It looks like they will be put together during the month of April and ready for at the May meeting. This is a little late in the year, but will give an opportunity to the dozen or so members who have not renewed their membership to get renewed at the April meeting.

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general aviation FBO companies to choose from. These businesses, plus two current Airport Authority Board members who are general aviation friendly, plus a new airport director who I hear is at least general aviation reasonable, add up to a warming trend in the feelings for us little guys.

Getting back to my agenda, I want to keep this trend going. We as a chapter can do it again by involving ourselves and voicing our interests to collectively endorse our selected candidates for Airport Authority Board members in the upcoming city wide general elections.

You may not believe that your voice is heard by the elected officials that make the laws, and in the National scope of things one vote is a small number in the abyss of politics, but as the size of the scope shrinks down to our local elections every vote is a loud voice.

Starting with our involvement two years ago, our Chapter has taken the position of being the community clearing house for general aviation issues. Our next meeting, the second biannual "Airport Authority Board Candidate Forum" is the communities only source of candidate evaluation; presented, unbiased, by the local enthusiast with a keen eye on the issues that affect general aviation activity on the Municipal Airport.

I enthusiastically encourage you to be in attendance, to welcome the candidates, question their campaign motives, test their knowledge and sincerity, and discover talent that will represent our general aviation interests for the community in the years ahead.

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EXPERIMENTAL AIR-CRAFT MAINTENANCE

FROM THE EAA TECHNICAL COUNSELOR NEWS

In a change of position, the FAA has issued new policy: repair stations may perform experimental aircraft maintenance under their certificate. Flight Standards has long held that Part 145 repair stations are not permitted to utilize their certificate privileges to perform maintenance/alterations on aircraft that have been issued experimental airworthiness certificates. This is because a certificated repair station must perform all maintenance/alteration in accordance with Part 43 (see 145.57 (a)), but experimental aircraft are exempted from the scope of Part 43 (43.1 (b)).

Flight Standards has determined that the practice of not permitting certificated repair stations to perform maintenance/alteration on these aircraft does not enhance safety.

Therefor, any repair station that holds an appropriate rating in the class for the type aircraft/powerplant being maintained/altered may perform maintenance/alteration on aircraft with experimental certificates.

This grant of authority is limited to the extent that the repair station must comply with the policy guidelines issued in HBAW 96-03.

HBAW 96-03 provides a plan for repair stations to follow in order to acquire the authority to maintain experimental aircraft. It also provides sample return to service language as well as sample operation specifications.

CHAPTER 569 PHONE TREE



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April Newsletter

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Chapter Notes

- Don't miss the Airport Authority Board Candidates Forum at the next meeting. April 1 at 7:30 PM at the Cobbler's Inn.
- Our first Young Eagles Event will be held May 18th at Capitol Aviation, Lincoln Municipal Airport. We will need pilots and ground crew. George Myers will have more information at the April and May meetings.
- We have an 'Old Buzzards Flight' scheduled for June 15 This event will be held at the Denton Airfield (Shoemakers).
- Future Young Eagles Events will be held July 20 in Beatrice, August 17 at Silverhawk in Lincoln and September 21 in Denton.

Coming Plane Stuff

April 1

Chapter 569 Meeting Cobbler's Inn • 7:30 PM

April 22

Chapter 569 Board Meeting 7:00 PM

May 18

Young Eagles Event
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July 30 - August 5 1997

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