



# EAA Chapter 569

## NEWSLETTER

JULY 1997

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DOUG HILL

This month's message contains no profound statements or problem solving motivational techniques. It is just a potpourri of factoids I want to ventilate.

#### CAN OF WORMS

Maybe that is what I opened when I suggested a home of our own. The building committee is progressing logically with it's fact finding process and I know we will all be interested in the results of the member consensus.

My input on a couple of thoughts would be consideration of the cost for the operation. Not only the building cost but, of equal consideration, the operation cost. Read the word "cost" here to mean: commitment, operations, maintenance, and time; as well as the common demoninator, dollars. Maybe volunteer involvement translates to dollars.

#### MONIES WORTH

In working with some of you builders as a technical counselot I have observed that your kit manufacturer of your material vendors often supply materials and parts of less than industry quality. Yes, you are the builder and with that function comes the ultimate responsibility of airworthiness.

No, I'm not suggesting your project is not safe. I just think that the bent and dented sheet metal panels, the haphazard shipping practices and, or the partially damaged edge of a material roll cause unnecessary complications.

You already have a complicated task ahead with out the added burden of rework caused from irresponsible vendors. Pay a fair price and don't accept less than the best. You will get better and faster results, and you are doing the industry a favor. If no one

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**MEETING:** Tuesday, July 1st, 1997

**LOCATION:** Cobbler's Inn,  
Shoemakers Truckstop, West 'O' St.

**TIME:** 7:30 PM

**PROGRAM:** This months program will be given by Gary Vacin, who works for Star City Sports, will bring the program. He owns a powered parachute. He will present, take questions, and show a 12-minute video. He will also bring his aircraft in the back of his pickup.

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## **'FLYING START' PROGRAM HELPS FULFILL DREAMS OF FLIGHT FROM EAA HEADQUARTERS**

A new nationwide program introduced by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will share the enthusiasm and excitement of aviation and help 'open the door' to personal flight.

The Flying Start program is designed as a first step for those who may have thought about learning to fly, but didn't know where to get specific information. The initiative allows those unfamiliar with flying to learn alongside others having similar enthusiasm, as they discover what first steps to take for success.

The national program also highlights the social and family elements of aviation through EAA's 890 local Chapters. Flying Start will be presented through those Chapters, allowing each presentation to be shaped specifically for local residents. EAA provides structure for the initiative and support for local Chapter hosts, as well as follow-up for those who attend the presentations.

"There are tens of thousands of people who have thought about learning to fly," said EAA President Tom Poberezny. "Flying Start is a place to make local aviation friends who can support and encourage each other. This program creates a comfortable setting with others there for the same purpose. It's where people can ask the questions they've always wondered about and find out what questions they need to ask when they're ready to take the next step. The program incorporates what EAA does best - it supports aviation enthusiasts with locally based efforts coordinated by dedicated EAA Chapters throughout the country."

Flying Start programs will be hosted by EAA Chapters and take place at local airports. The structured one-hour presentations address all aspects of flying, including pilot privileges, finding the right instructor, cost, ground school and other resources. Local instructors, flight schools, fixed base operators and support groups will be available for one-on-one discussions after the presentations.

The first Flying Start presentation will take place at Columbia, S.C., on April 23, hosted by EAA Chapter 242. EAA's goal is to present 100 Flying Start programs by the end of 1997, with more scheduled throughout 1998.

The program, officially introduced at the Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In at Lakeland, Fla., is based on presentations created by EAA Chapter 579 in Aurora, Ill. Since the initial program about a year ago, the Chapter has introduced flying to hundreds of people and brought dozens into flight instruction.

"Flying Start is a way to help people realize that flying an airplane may be within their grasp," Poberezny concluded. "This program is an easy, no-cost, non-threatening way for people to 'dip their toe' into the world of aviation before deciding that the joy of flight is a achievement worth pursuing."

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accepts substandard goods; no vendor will risk attempting to supply them.

### **FLYING SEASON**

If you are like me and you de-prioritized your maintenance or project completion until it was nicer weather to work, you are also kicking yourself. Our Chapter gets a variety of invitations to attend fly-ins all over the region. We schedule our own rallies and events to provide maximum availability to our Chapter members, and the "fat lady" is about to sing again in Wisconsin.

In case you haven't noticed it's flying season in the heartland.

Since ours is an active builders Chapter and an active social Chapter, I want to encourage all members to participate. Our group will not be all things to all people, but we can

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## **REFRESHMENTS**

The refreshment committee members assigned for July are:

Glen Witte

Charles Oden

Fred Bernt

through our mutual interest and common bond, build a support group for aviation enjoyment.

### **VOLUNTEER BURNOUT**

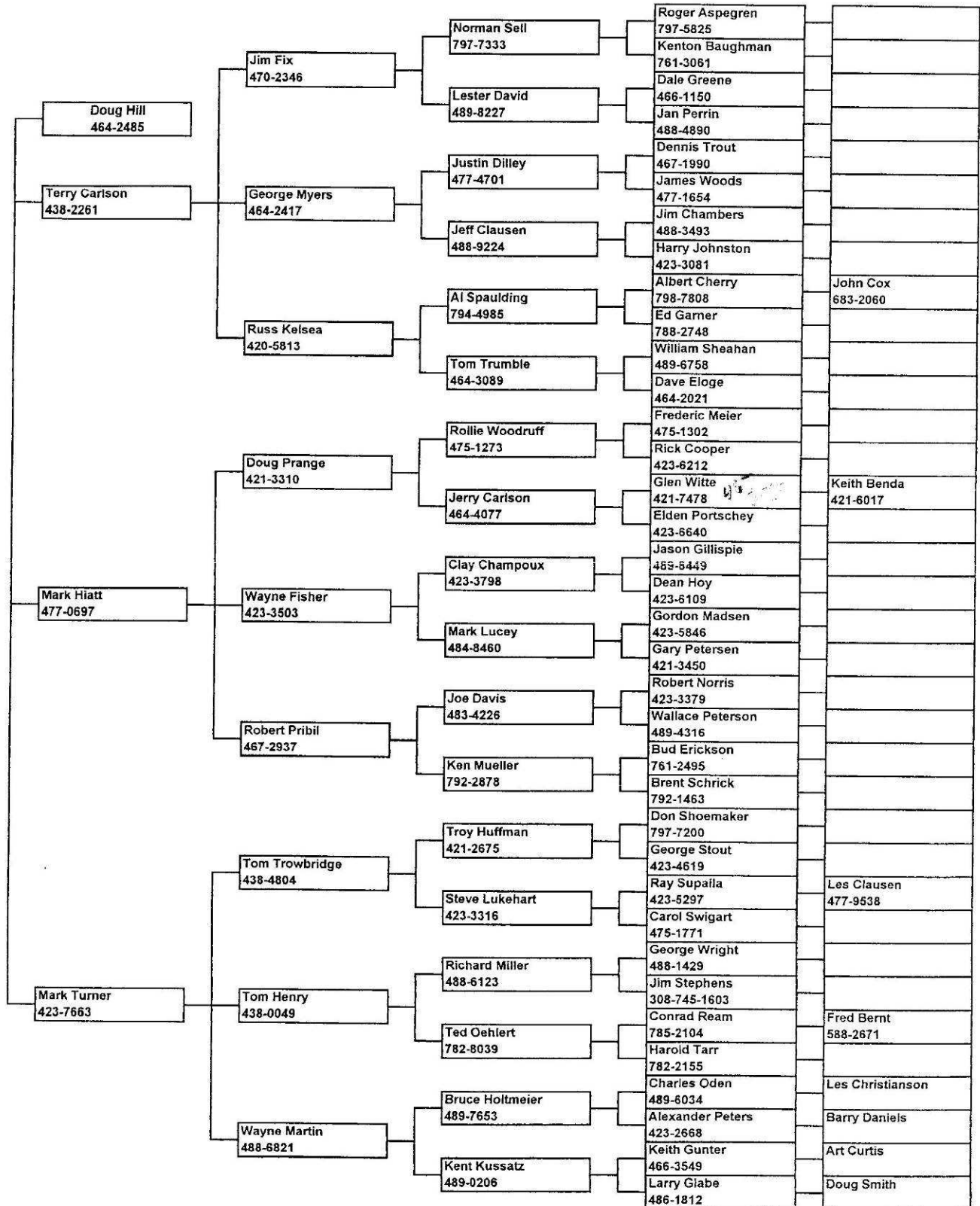
It is easy to kick back and let someone else make all the arrangements so the Chapter event is successful and enjoyable, but at what cost. Ultimately the stability of the Chapter is a risk, your personal enjoyment level is down and with no new volunteer blood in the group veins we will get in a rut.

I don't want anyone in the Chapter to overload with activity and burn out on ambition. Look for a few new ideas on sharing the fun. If you haven't been on a committee or helped with an activity lately, I'll ask for your expertise.

I think I'll call this idea voluntary conscription. Well, maybe history has proven this plan to be less than encouraging. The principle is one, and one we grew up with, but our version will be a kinder gentler variety.

# **EEA CHAPTER 569 PHONE TREE**

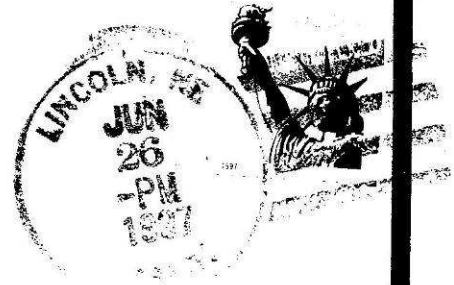
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### Chapter Notes

Refreshment Committee for the June Meeting is Glen Witte, Charles Oden and Fred Bernt

- We have another Young Eagles event scheduled for July 19. This event will be held at the Beatrice Airport.
- Future Young Eagles Events will be held August 17 at Silverhawk in Lincoln and September 21 in Denton.
- The State Wide Fly-In Will be held the weekend of August 9 and 10 in Columbus Nebraska.

### Coming Plane Stuff

#### July 1

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

#### July 19

Young Eagles Event  
Beatrice Airport

#### July 22

Chapter 569 Board Meeting  
7:30 PM

#### July 30 - August 5 1997

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