



EAA Chapter 569

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

by Roger Aspegren

Doug Prange and I attended a seminar on the Rotax 582 engine a week or so ago in Colorado Springs. I am now confident that I can install my spark plugs in the correct hole. Actually it was a good seminar and I am really itching to get this machine humming.

I attended the Airport Authority meeting on the 21st of this month and brought them up to date on the "Coming Home Tour" and our Young Eagle's Day on June 9th. They offered their support and the support of the security office. Wayne Anderson said that although they were not able to let us set up a display in the terminal, he would get our event in the computer display at the foot of the escalator.

It was reported at the meeting that 3 hangars are available for rent and no waiting list, so if you need a hangar contact Wayne.

I can install my spark plugs in the correct hole

A discussion on the possibility of new hangars being constructed did not have a positive note because of the cost and appar-

ent lack of need. I have been thinking about that and wonder why they do not have the interest. Is it because no one needs a hangar or maybe they have found a better place to hangar, like Crete or Seward or Wahoo

or.....? Why would someone drive so far? Why are more distant locations more desirable? Anyone like to comment on this? New pilots are being trained every day in Lincoln...most will not continue flying due to a variety of reasons. Many will not continue because of the cost and the inconvenience. What can we do to help this situation?

Please try to be at the June 4th meeting. We

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MEETING: Tuesday, June 4, 1996

LOCATION: Cobbler's Inn

Shoemakers Truckstop, West 'O' St.

TIME: 7:30 PM

PROGRAM:

We will have a couple of EAA videos to show and will discuss the current state of planning for the B-17 tour coming to Lincoln.

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Editor's Corner

by Mark Turner

Here it is almost the beginning of summer and guess what... That's right, I still haven't started building my airplane! You remember a couple of months back I wrote about the hardest part of an aircraft project was starting? I'm the living proof. It's not due to lack of interest, but due to an over-abundance of honey-do's.

The latest honey-do involves pickup up everything that we own from our current home and moving it to a different home. Oh well... This will be an excuse to get that garage cleaned

out! And THEN maybe I can start on my airplane.

As for other things, I'm getting ready for Oshkosh!! I've been on the vacation schedule at work since last year. I guess I'll have to drive again this year. I don't have an airplane of my own and I don't have an extra 3 weeks to fly with Roger in his Kitfox. Hope to see more from Lincoln this year, maybe I can even camp closer this year. I was in the middle of Poberezny road last year...

See you all at the meeting June 4th.

Aviation and The Internet

By Mark Hiatt

As if doing your taxes, keeping your finances and downloading pornography weren't enough, now there's another reason you should own a personal computer and modem, and start "surfing the net". There is a wealth of airplane information out there in CyberLand, and you should be a part of it.

The Internet has been around for decades, but all of the action lately has been on the World Wide Web, a fairly new way of placing information on the Internet in such a way that it's easy (well, *easier*) to access and deal with it. It's much easier to navigate, easier to understand than a lot of cryptic pseudo-english commands that don't occur in nature. You'll find hundreds of aviation-related World Wide Web (WWW) sites, ranging from the AOPA's own home page to one that supports the Zenair/Zenith line.

The EAA has its own page (www.EAA.org), and several EAA chapters also have pages, proudly displaying completed projects, chapter news, works-in-progress and more. There are pages devoted to airlines, GPS navigation, FARs, specific lines or models of kits and even pages (locations) devoted to construction methods and techniques. You can look up active pilots in Michigan, or all of the Windecker Eagles that are still registered. It often seems like everything is available on the Web, which is why it's becoming ever more popular every day.

Another popular area of the Internet are the newsgroups. These are like bulletin boards, where you happen by, read what others have posted and add your own comments. Someone else will read your message as if it were on an electronic 3x5 card and add their own comments later. There is a huge group devoted to homebuilding, with several active topics covering everything from alternatives to Continental and Lycoming engines, to insuring your homebuilt, to how well composites might hold up after years and years of exposure to the elements... the list goes on and on.

Another segment that sees a lot of use are mailing lists.

Rather than sending electronic mail to an individual, members, or subscribers, send their messages to a single computer that broadcasts the post to everyone who has subscribed to a particular list. Very active lists are available covering the KitFox and Europa, as well as the RV- line of kits. Discussion here mimics what you'll find in the general homebuilt newsgroup, but tends to be much more type specific. That is, instead of someone asking about wheels and brakes in general, they'll be asking about Glasair Super II wheels and brakes. Rather than a general discussion of first flights, they'll be asking specifically about what to look for and look out for when flying a KitFox for the first time (if anyone plans to do that, soon).

I get the RV- list, since I'm determined to one day own an RV-6A. In the last few weeks, we've seen people argue the relative merits of either purchasing a fast-build kit or just the plans, discussing the advantages of a sliding canopy, relative to the tip-up style and debating whether to install the O-320 with a fixed-pitch prop or spring for an IO-360 with a constant-speed propeller.

It might sound like all anyone ever does online is argue, and I'll have to admit that there are days when it seems that way, but it really isn't true. An awful lot of helpful advice is traded back and forth. Tips on who has the best deals on tools to what tools you're really going to need to rumors of new models and new features are passed around every day. Any single one of these tips can help save you from a very expensive mistake, so they're all worthwhile reading. Even if you're not yet building your firewall, it's good to be exposed to the ideas of those who are, and kind of watching over their shoulders while they work, via the magic of online. When you get to your firewall, you'll know what works and what doesn't and won't make the same mistakes others have, because you'll know what to expect.

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Minutes of the June Meeting

By Mark Turner

The May meeting was held May 7th at the Cobbler Inn. Roger Aspegren called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM. Guests introduced were Del Doxen, John Cox and Paul Pribil. The treasurer was absent. Mark Turner gave a request for newsletter material. Government report there will be a county planning commission meeting May 8th at 1 PM, they will discuss zoning changes for 'family' airfields. The chapter expressed appreciation for his work on the airfield task force. The airport authority is searching for a replacement for Wayne Anderson, how involved does the chapter want to be in the selection of a new director?

Photographs will be taken at the break for our picture board. The Omaha chapter will have a fly-in May 19th. Our

chapter's Young Eagles day will be June 9th at Capitol Aviation. 1 PM pilot briefing and flights are scheduled for 2 to 5 PM. We will need pilots and ground crew both.

The planning for the B-17 visit was discussed. The governor is 99.9% committed to flying on the inbound leg. Press releases have been sent to 44 television stations, radio stations and newspapers. We have 11 flights sold at this point.

We are looking for a committee chairman to organize the fly-in breakfast and an afternoon awards presentation to W.W.II vets by the governor.

After the break our guest speaker gave an excellent talk on flying helicopters in Vietnam.



Young Eagles Report

Our Young Eagles day event is coming up June 9th at Capitol Aviation. We still need pilots and ground crew to help with this event. Please call Rick Cooper at 423-6212 and volunteer your time.

We will have a pilots briefing at 1 PM and have scheduled flights from 2 to 5 PM. Please arrive early to help setup the sign-in tables. We will need ground crew personnel to help sign up Young Eagles and provide pre-flight inspections to those waiting. Hope to see you all there!

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need to complete our plans for the June 9th Young Eagles Day, assigning people to help register and preflight the young eagles. If you plan on flying eagles that day, you must contact Rick Cooper and plan to be at the pilot briefing at 1 PM on the 9th. Your participation is needed to make this day successful.

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I think that's one of the most valuable benefits of being hooked-up to the Internet. We're pretty isolated, here in Lincoln and with as many members as we have here in #569, there don't seem to be many duplicate projects underway. I think Roger is our only KitFox builder, for instance, and I believe I'm the only one building an RV-6A. But if you're online, you're never alone, with instant communication to from one to a hundred builders and pilots who have all walked the same road you're on, now. You can get help at 7:00 at night and at 7:00 in the morning, from people across the state or around the world.

Many of you will remember Charlie Lamb, who visited us the night we went to check out Ray's Glasair. I first "met" Charlie, who you'll recall lives in New Zealand, via the KitFox mailing list, where he's an active contributor. I'm a member of Chapter #569 today because I read a post that Mark Turner left in the homebuilder's newsgroup the weekend the airplanes were out at Gateway. From news of QuickSilver's bankruptcy to the death of Charlie Hillard, news travels fastest on the Internet.

If you're considering two or three designs, consider log-

ging on and checking out what people are saying about their building and flying experience. If you're already underway, consider checking out the ways others have saved time and money on tools and components. You can easily save enough in time and money to pay for the PC and modem.

And that's another nice thing about the Internet: You don't have to have a state-of-the-art computer to get a lot out of being online. You can get a lot done with a 1970s-vintage computer, even, since so much of the information travels as text only. Cost? As little as \$50.00, in the classifieds and at garage sales. If you're willing to spend a little more, you can participate in the World Wide Web, with its colors and sounds and graphics. Nothing beats a photograph of the actual bracket you're working on, when you're having difficulty figuring out which end is up and which is down. With state-of-the-art computers running \$1750.00 or so at places like Best Buy, you can get a lot done with only about \$500.00 or \$700.00. Newer computers of course are faster, have more memory, are easier to use and will retain their value longer than an older machine.

There are a lot of reasons to own a computer and a modem. The wealth of aviation information available online is certainly one of them.

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Chapter Notes

- The Chapter meeting this month will be at the Cobbler Inn. We will have a couple of EAA videos to show and will work further on the B-17 planning.
- The *Coming Home* Tour will be in Lincoln July 4-8 - Committee assignments have been made. Things should be rolling along. If you have any questions or problems contact Mark Lucey at 484-8460.
- **Parts is Parts.** Mark Lucey is starting a building project and is looking for the following items: AN hardware, Instruments, Wood, Glue. If anyone can help Mark with these items call him at: 484-8460
- **OSHKOSH FLY-IN CAMPERS.** Barry, Jan, and Deny Daniels are planning again to go up early to stake claim to the best camp spot at Oshkosh!! If you are interested in camping among this compound, you must **PRE-REGISTER** to be assured a spot! Send a self addressed stamped 'legal' size envelope to: The Daniels, 14873 Eldorado Dr. Omaha, NE 68154 or call 402-493-0789
FORMS MUST BE IN BY JULY 14th!!

Coming Plane Stuff

June 4

Chapter 569 Meeting • 7:30 PM
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June 9

Young Eagles Day - Lincoln Municipal

July 4-8

The 1996 Coming Home tour stops in
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