

June 1997

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DOUG HILL

I was reflecting back on the activities of earlier months in preparation for this newsletter and realized it is already June. I know I am having fun because, as they say, time sure does fly when you are having fun.

I have been your, kind and obedient, president (well OK not obedient) for half of the term already and not a day goes by when I don't learn something new. I was discussing chapter policy with some members the other day when I was informed that I have been running the Chapter like a Dictatorship (my words not theirs). The comments were meant purely constructively and I received them in that light. But it made me think. Does the executive committee make all the decisions and dictate to the membership monthly?

You all know I am a take charge person. My action plan is to request a volunteer from the membership for a special event

committee. If I get no volunteers I try to draft a member into the committee. Some times this borders on public humiliation at a meeting or maybe me cornering you, with the help of the other officers if necessary, to encourage you to serve. If all of these techniques fail, I re-evaluate my thoughts on the need for this special event committee to decide if I am off base. Then I either push harder for help or drop the idea due to lack of interest.

I run the executive committee the same way. I set the agenda, some items are issues from other officers, we discuss the issues, decide to move the issue to the membership for a vote or vote on it internally from the executive staff. Most routine business is taken care of by the executive staff. If a business decision was made by the executive staff you are informed at the meeting. If

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MEETING: Tuesday, June 3rd, 1997
LOCATION: Cobbler's Inn,
 Shoemakers Truckstop, West 'O' St.
TIME: 7:30 PM
PROGRAM: This month's program will be given by Tom Kaiser. Tom owns Lincoln Aviation Insurance and will talk about the Aviation Insurance industry. I'm sure that Tom will be able to answer all our questions about renters insurance as well as owners insurance.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

BY MARK TURNER

I'm going to write about the Young Eagles this month. We have just held our first Young Eagles event of 1997 this past Sunday and what a success it was! I arrived just before 2 PM, the intended starting time, and the line of Young Eagles was out the door

of Capitol Aviation. I thought, WOW! We are just getting started and the line stretches from the counter out the door. As I pushed my way through the crowd to get into the building and deliver some safety brochures that I had printed for George, I realized that the line turned and went up the hallway and into the break room at the back of the building! This was incredible to say the least.

Last year when we held our Young Eagles event at Lincoln Municipal we flew 24 Young Eagles. On May 18th of this year we flew 139 Young Eagles, that is a 480% increase.

I am totally convinced that the people who had the best time on Sunday, other than the Young Eagles, were the pilots. Having the opportunity to introduce young people to the world of aviation has got to be one of the best aspects of this hobby. I can say that having flown my 8 year old daughter as my first passenger.

I am also totally convinced that the people who had the toughest time on Sunday, other than the parents, were the ladies doing the registration. They were stuck all day inside the building with a line of Young Eagles and their parents winding up the hall and out the door.

This event has given me new encouragement to start the building of my own airplane. I need to start my project so I can finish it so I can fly Young Eagles myself. So maybe at our Young Eagles event in May of 1999 or so, I can fly my own share of Young Eagles.

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the issue is a Chapter policy the membership in attendance at the meeting decides by vote.

Taking these thoughts about dictating the Chapter direction to heart, I want to encourage every member of the Chapter to participate. It's no fun being a dictatee. And, if you are not having fun in this Chapter it ceases to be an active group.

So, with my most enthusiastic encouragement, get involved. It's your Chapter. You decide its direction. You share the enjoyment.

I propose to accomplish this enhanced participation encouragement in two ways. One by deciding only the most elementary business on the executive level; and two, by inviting any and all members to participate in the executive session. These two actions on my part will put more involvement back into the hands of the voting members in attendance at the monthly meetings and also give me another chance to corner you at a staff meeting if I need a volunteer.

All of this policy making business being said, there looms on the horizon an issue as gigantic in proportion as to equal the great schism. (I just suggested you get involved with Chapter



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REFRESHMENTS

We have decided (more dictatorship) to divvy up the refreshment duties for each meeting. Using an advanced pseudo-random number paradigm we have assigned 3 members to each month with the responsibility of providing refreshments. The members assigned for June are:

Thomas Trumble
Jim Fix
Richard Miller

policy, so don't miss the monthly meetings to exercise your opinion and voting right.)

You know that last month we voted to allocate a small percentage of our treasure and a proportionate segment of our income sources to become seed money to build/buy/rent a meeting place/club house/hangar for the purpose of companionship and comradery. Also, if you think about it, our membership is a manifold group. We are made up, like every organization, of a variety of individuals each with his own special interests.

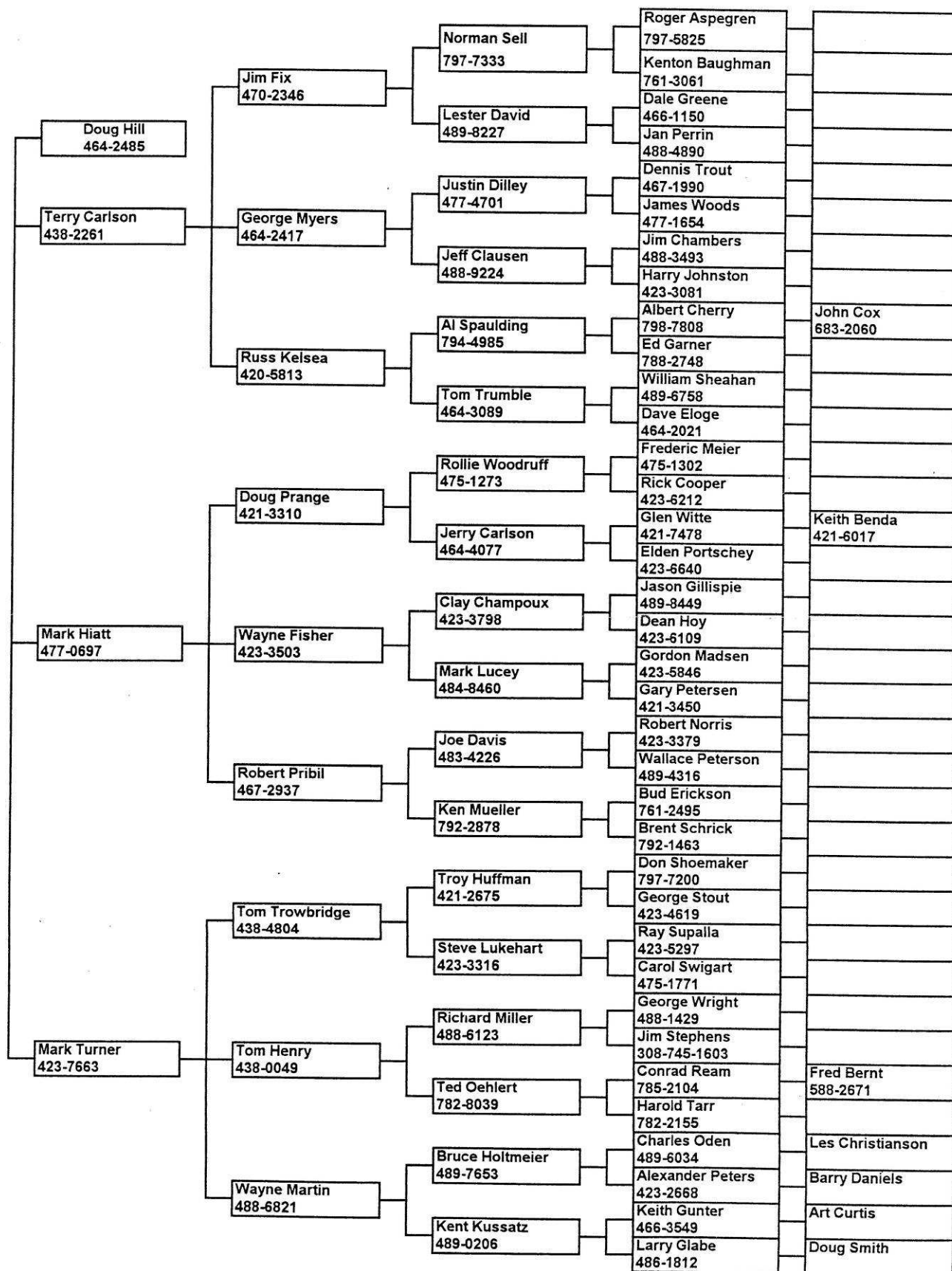
The upcoming issue is can we, or should we try to homogenize this fractured membership? Is it possible to unite the Lincoln Municipalities, the Pester Airmen, the Denton Flyers, and the Cretian Air Force into one united Chapter 569? If so, where? How? Or, should we just stay the same squadron of lost planet airmen in close formation?

The building committee has been formed. Their reports are forthcoming.

Don't miss the next action packed meeting coming to the Cobbler Inn meeting room nearest you.

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Chapter Notes

- Refreshment Committee for the June Meeting is Thomas Trumble, Jim Fix, and Richard Miller.
- 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.
- The State Wide Fly-In Will be held the weekend of August 9 and 10 in Columbus Nebraska.

Coming Plane Stuff

June 3

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

June 15

Old Buzzards Flight
Denton Airfield

June 17

Chapter 569 Board Meeting
7:30 PM

July 30 - August 5 1997

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