



EAA Chapter 569

NEWSLETTER

October 1996

President's Message

by Roger Aspegren

Article VIII, Section 2 of our By-Laws states: The annual meeting of the members shall be held at the regularly scheduled October meeting of each year. Notice of the annual meeting of the members shall be given by notice published in the official publication of the Chapter which is issued prior to such meeting. At the annual meeting, the officers for the upcoming calendar year shall be elected.

This is a very important meeting and I hope everyone will make an extra effort to attend. Our nominating committee, Don Shoemaker, Jeff Clausen, Jim Fix and Terry Carlson have been searching for members who are interested in becoming our leaders for the next year. If you are interested in

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being nominated for the offices of President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer, please contact one of the nominating committee members. Also please start thinking about how you may become more involved by being on a committee. You will definitely get more out of this club if you are active.

Put December 15th on your calendar. This is the date of our Christmas party at the

Knolls. George Meyers has volunteered to take charge of this event with the help of Clay Champioux. We will have great food, great music and loads of fun!

Its hard to believe that Summer is over, however there are lots of good flying days left and we hope to have a couple more outdoor events yet this year.....stay tuned.

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MEETING: Tuesday, October 1st, 1996
LOCATION: Cobbler's Inn,
 Shoemakers Truck Stop
TIME: 7:30 PM

PROGRAM: This month's meeting will be our Annual Meeting. This means we will be holding elections for officers for the 1997 year. It is important that all attend to make your choices known.

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Editor's Corner

by Mark Turner

The Huskers "Crashed and Burned" last Saturday night there is no doubt about that. This wasn't just a hard landing that bent a little metal or even a gear up landing that ripped the bottom off and bent the prop. This was a hold the stick in your gut stall the thing into the ground and make a smoking hole type crash and burn!

If the NTSB were to investigate the Husker crash of September 21st. what would the determination be? Possibly continued VFR into instrument conditions (stayed with a quar-

terback that wasn't producing). Equipment failure (offensive line broke down). Or just simple pilot error (and error and error). With some currency training and a fresh checkout things will go better next week.

This should serve as a reminder to all of us. Many of us thought that the Huskers were invincible and could not lose! Any of us can lose. We, as pilots, need to make sure that we always win while flying. Here is a case where a 'safety' is a good thing!! **Lets all fly safe!**

Young Eagles Day

by Mark Turner

The Chapter held a Young Eagles event on September 22nd at Don Shoemakers Airfield. The Young Eagle flights were preceded by a hamburger and hot-dog feast. Roger Aspegren, Rick Cooper and Justin Dilley had the honors of burning (I mean cooking) the burgers. In the typical Chapter 569 fashion there was more food than could be consumed by the members present. We need to work on that in the future, my plan is to have more members attend next time.



Pilots on hand to fly were Don Shoemaker, Tom Trumble, Wally Peterson, Ken Mueller and Rick Cooper. A total of 35 Young Eagles were flown and thanks go out to these pilots who



Minutes of the September Meeting

By Mark Lucey

The September meeting was held September 3rd at the Cobbler Inn. Roger Aspegren opened the meeting at 7:35 PM. One guest was introduced; Bill Beal a private pilot and member of the Civil Air Patrol. Treasurers report was given as \$326.39 in the bank and a check from the EAA in the amount of \$3446 from the B-17 visit. Roger gave thanks to everyone who gave help on the B-17. Newsletter report from Mark Turner and Doug Hill gave a tech counselor report.

Builders reports; Doug Prange has painted his kolb, Tom Towbridge made a full-size mockup of the cockpit of an RV-3. Mark Haitt bought an RV6A empennage kit. Terry Carlson would mount an engine, if he had one. Steve Lukehart has a new 'clipwing' Piper Apache.

Government report was given by Steve Lukehart; anyone can get a permit to build an airport out in the county with minimum restrictions. Rick Cooper gave a Young Eagles

report, we are a little behind on the quota for the year. We will have a Young Eagles activity later in the month with a picnic in the afternoon before the flying.

New Business; Roger Aspegren attended a leaders meeting at Oshkosh and came back with some ideas. Possibly provide airplanes for media. Encourage volunteers by putting their name in a hat for a drawing for prizes. Buddy rides, having chapter members give rides to other members. Airport garage sale for fund raiser.

Roger wants to create a 'Mission Statement' for the Chapter. Do we want to be a social group, a homebuilders group?

We would like to buy a locking cabinet for our library. We would like to purchase nametags for every member.

Christmas party will be December 15th at the Knolls. Next month will be election of new officers.

EAA Convention Wrap-Up

From EAA Headquarters

Good weather, an outstanding variety of showplanes and special programs, plus several record-setting performances highlighted the 44th annual Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Fly-In Convention, held Aug. 1-7 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh. The annual celebration of flight attracted an estimated 800,000 people and 11,000 airplanes during its seven-day run.

The aircraft total included 2,487 showplanes — the third-largest number in history — registered in 12 aircraft categories. EAA OSHKOSH '96 participants came from 76 nations, while more than 1,050 media members from five continents covered the event.

Many of the country's top aviation officials also participated in this year's event. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator David Hinson, U.S. Customs Commissioner George Weiss and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman Jim Hall were in attendance to meet with aviation enthusiasts.

"Each year, the aviation world does truly come to Oshkosh," said Convention Chairman Tom Poberezny. "In 1996, the enthusiasm for aviation's future continued to grow through various programs, announcements and communications from all facets of the world of flight."

The third-highest total of showplanes — 2,487 — ever registered during the Convention, created an impressive flight line of original and restored aircraft. The arrivals included 633

custom-built aircraft; 133 antiques (airplanes built before 1946); 650 classics (manufactured between 1946 and 1955); 206 contemporaries (built between 1956 and 1960); 451 warbirds (former military aircraft now privately owned); 188 ultralights and light planes; 54 rotorcraft; 114 seaplanes; 25 amphibians; five replicas; two gliders and one static display aircraft. Numerous awards, including the prized "Lindy" Grand Champion Awards, were presented in all aircraft categories.

Jon Sharp, who set a Formula One world speed record of 277 miles per hour at EAA OSHKOSH '93, returned to shatter the mark in 1996. On Saturday, Aug. 3, Sharp flew his racer Nemesis to an average of 283.75 mph through the three-kilometer course.

Bruce Bohannon of Friendswood, Texas, set a Formula One record for climbing to 3,000 meters, reaching the altitude in three minutes, eight seconds. It was Bohannon's third attempt to capture the record in his airplane Pushy Galore.

Jon Johanson, who became the first Australian to fly a homebuilt airplane around the world in 1995, brought his RV-4 back to Oshkosh this year — arriving from the other direction. Johanson's flight from east to west, when completed, will make Johanson the first person ever to fly around the globe in a homebuilt aircraft twice.

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Chapter Notes

- Our October meeting is our Chapter's Annual Membership meeting and we will be holding elections for Chapter officers.
- Plan to attend the Chapter Christmas party on December 15 at the Knolls restaurant. Great program, great music, great fun!

October 11, 1910

Theodore Roosevelt becomes the first President to fly.

October 14, 1947

Chuck Yeager becomes the first person to break the sound barrier, flying a rocket powered Bell X-1

Coming Plane Stuff

October 1

Chapter 569 Annual Membership Meeting
Election of 1997 Officers

October 6

York Chapter 1055 Annual Chili Run
Eat at NOON • Poker run at 2 PM

December 15

Chapter 569 Christmas Dinner
Knolls Restaurant

July 30 - August 5 1997

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