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SEPTEMBER 1986 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MEETING: The next meeting of EAA Chapter 569 will be held on Tuesday, September 2 at 7:30 P.M. We will meet in the Duncan Aviation lunch room. Our program for the evening will be provided by all our members bringing their Oshkosh '86 pictures so if you have any please bring them. Also we plan to have an aviation video program that will be of particular interest to all you prospective blimp pilots out there. Several other interesting subjects featured include Loran C and the Reno Air Races.

The refreshment committee for the September meeting will be Art Curtiss, Ken Dahle, Lester David, Lonnie Davis (in charge), and Jim Debus. The refreshment committee for the following meeting in October will be Duane Drahota (in charge), Bob Dinkel, Bill Ferguson, Jim Fix, and Duane Funk.

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CHAPTER 544 FLY-IN BREAKFAST - Chapter 544 will be hosting a fly-in breakfast on Sunday, September 21st at Harvard. We will have more information about this event at the meeting.

FLYING CONESTOGAS AIRSHOW - The Flying Conestogas have an airshow scheduled for September 28th at Beatrice. We also will have more information for you on this one at the meeting.

JOINT NEBRASKA CHAPTERS SEWARD PICNIC - Chapters 80, 544, and 569 will jointly host a picnic at the Seward Airport on October 5th. Please plan to start arriving about 11:00 A.M. and eating about 12:30 P.M. Don't forget to mark October 5th on your calendars now because you won't want to miss this event.

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1986 EAA Convention Highlights

The Goodyear Blimp glided gracefully through the skies over Oshkosh throughout

the convention. Its evening flights were enhanced by a spectacular light show. The Italian Military Precision Aerobatic Jet Team, "Frecce Tricolori" conducted beautiful and precise demonstrations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Utilizing vividly-colored red, white and green smoke, Frecce Tricolori pilots flew with a grace and beauty rarely anticipated of military jet teams. We were very pleased to learn that the team's solo pilot is a long-time EAA member and amateur aircraft builder. If you missed their performance, the cover of the next issue of SPORT AVIATION will give you some idea of the artistry of the "Italian Ambassadors of Aviation" who were warmly welcomed to Oshkosh by EAA members. Senator Barry Goldwater was honored during the Convention for his life-long contributions to the aviation community. He addressed a large gathering of charter contributors during the dedication of the EAA Aviation Center's Goldwater Conference Center.

Martin Caidin, well known author and EAA member, described his adventures with Connie Edwards and the crew of the PBV during the reenactment of the first historic crossing of the Atlantic in the NC-4. He is writing a SPORT AVIATION article on the expedition. He also had something personal to tell the EAA members in the audience. He said, "The world looks forward to EAA Oshkosh. This is the one point in time and space where we can freely exchange information, share ideas, espouse the philosophy of maintaining the highest standards of quality in all that we do. It gives us the chance to meet with the acknowledged experts in a wide variety of fields. Here in Oshkosh, EAA has provided a podium, a foundation and a fountain of wisdom and information--and the world pays attention. We have matured, as an organization and as individuals, beyond our wildest dreams. My congratulations to you all. EAA has become the acknowledged voice of aviation and the whole world listens. Go home and sleep proud tonight--you deserve it!" Popular radio personality Paul Harvey also addressed a large crowd at EAA's Theater in the Woods. His message included a reference to EAA President Paul H. Poberezny. "Right now contemporary historians are likely focusing their eyes on the corporate exploration of space by complex machines and they're taking for granted such one-of-a-kind man as Paul Poberezny. His main mission is to defend his hobby against the ground bound, the timid and the lawmakers who would put a fence around the sky and prohibit its use to all but robots."

Bob Hoover, who has thrilled audiences all over the world for more than 40 years, was also honored at EAA Oshkosh '86. At an evening program, Hoover was joined on stage to share some touching and humorous anecdotes from the past by his wife, Colleen, General Chuck Yeager, Hoover's friend and associate, Jim Driskell and his wife, Wanda. The discussion which was highlighted by slides and photos from the "early days" was well received by EAA members. One member who reflected the feelings of many others said, "This was great...Bob Hoover and Chuck Yeager were hangar flying just like we do back home. It was like having Bob and Chuck in our living room on Saturday night."

Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager attended EAA Oshkosh '86 and praised the support they received from EAA members throughout the world. "This is where our roots are, this is where it all began. Our main support came from here and the ground we stand on. Imagine 12 days around the world in a homebuilt airplane, Boeing and Lockheed look out. Here comes EAA." One of the rare and unique aircraft that was a real crowd pleaser at EAA Oshkosh '86 was Steve Pitcairn's Autogyro. Every time the Autogyro flew, heads craned to see this remarkable aircraft, designed and built by Steve's father, Harold, in 1931. Both long-time aviation enthusiasts and uninitiated members of the general public were

enthralled by the Pitcairn Autogyro. Another airshow crowd pleaser was the U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier which was demonstrated daily.

The 1986 Convention will certainly go down in the books as one of the best years for the introduction of new designs. Among the new aircraft shown at this year's event were the Glasair 3, RV-6, Prowler, BX-200, the Davis Flying Wing, Space Walker and many others. Future issues of SPORT AVIATION will list all of the aircraft award winners. On Monday, August 4th, EAA paid special tribute to the pioneers of the homebuilt aircraft movement. Nearly 35 of EAA's first 100 members attended. Each of the pioneer homebuilders was congratulated and thanked for their significant contributions not only to EAA but to the entire aviation community. The large audience responded with prolonged standing ovation in appreciation fo their efforts. Boris Popov of Ballistic Recovery Systems, Incorporated was awarded the 1986 EAA/Lycoming Safety Award for designing, developing and marketing more than 2,500 parachute recovery systems for ultralight and experimental aircraft. To date, the system has been credited with saving 24 lives in emergency situations.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Pavilion has always been extremely popular. This year NASA moved into its new permanent facility on the convention site with an exhibition entitled "The 21st Century in Aviation". NASA also brought four of its top test pilots to Oshkosh as well as two of the top ten finalists in the Teacher in Space Program. As followers of the Lowers-Baker-Falck Competition (the Oshkosh 500) know, A.J. Smith of Tecumseh, Michigan has won all three competitions for the past five years. This year was no different as Smith piloted his AJ-2 to victory in overall speed for the 500 mile race, fuel efficiency and the fastest single lap.

CIRCLE THAT DATE The EAA Headquarters staff has already begun preparing for the 1987 EAA Convention. If you are planning to attend the convention, circle the dates July 31 through August 7th...we'll see you in Oshkosh!

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RUMOR DEPARTMENT

It has been brought to the attention of your humble newsletter editor by a well meaning member of our Chapter that Bill Sheahan is currently involved in a project to modify his 3-cylinderec Ercope to 4 cylinders. I am sure if you prevail upon Bill, he can give you all the details.