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MORE INFO on YOUR GOVERNMENT AT WORK

I was going to write an entertaining article on some fascinating issue dealing with aviation, but... Ok, those who read this newsletter know that seldom happens. Besides, I have been so upset about the government's continual efforts to increase the cost of flying that, that is all I would probably write about. I feel us little guys are getting squeezed out in an effort to accommodate the big commercial operations. So, instead of concentrating on that one issue, like last month's newsletter, I will put in a variety of articles this month.

To start with, look at the mug on that guy in the picture on the right. Have you every seen a happier smile? My only question is - Where are the rest of the planes? Are we sure Mike landed at the correct airport? You know, in my office, a picture in the newspaper counts as a donut offence requiring that person to bring in 4 dozen donuts. I think Mike should spring for a few cookies at the meeting!

Ok, I have to put in something about the FAA funding issue. So here it is: To see the FAA's response to all the reactions to their financing proposal and how they see the impact to General Aviation go to:

http://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=8747&print=go

To see a response to the FAA's "Fact Sheet" by Alliance for Aviation Across America go to:
http://www.aviationacrossamerica.com/pubs/Setting_the_Record.cfm.

For a view of this topic from EAA's perspective go to:

http://www.eaa.org/govt/user_fees_eaa_briefing.html

There, I am now done with it.

Ready to go flying? Make sure your airplane is ready, too. (Here are some good words from AOPA pilot) As springtime's warm temperatures ease their way across the country, many aircraft owners are ready to go flying. But wait! If your aircraft has been idle throughout the wintertime, you can't just jump in the airplane and go. You'll want to take a good hard look at your airplane to make sure it's weathered the winter, and your first preflight of the year should be especially careful. Walk around the airplane and check the wings, tail, and empennage thoroughly. If it's been tied down outside, look for damage that might have occurred while you weren't around — a ding or a chip caused by flying debris. Scope out possible broken pieces or missing screws. Check the pressure of the tires. Remember that springtime's fluctuating temperatures can cause a change in tire pressure. Conduct a thorough investigation of your fuel tanks. You'll be looking for signs of fuel contamination, particularly if the airplane has been sitting with not much fuel in its tanks; condensation may have formed. Be sure to check



Someone sent me this Sun 'N Fun article. Mike Howard of Omaha, Neb., built his speedy Van's RV-6 11 years ago. The two-seater's cruising speed of 190 mph allowed Howard to make the trip to Lakeland in just six hours, beating friends making the same trip on a commercial flight.

all of your airplane's fuel sumps in the process. Of course, you'll want to inspect the airplane for telltale signs that birds, rodents, or insects are living in your bird. Look for nests and bits of hay and grass around the tailcone and wings, and remove the cowling — birds can and do build nests in the engine compartment. Moving to the inside of the airplane, take a moment to check that the aircraft's airworthiness certificate is visible and on board, along with the registration certificate and the pilot's operating handbook or flight manual. Top it all off with a good washing and degreasing of the airplane's belly. For more good ideas on getting your airplane ready for spring, see Steve Ells' "Flying Seasons: Spring Cleaning" in the March 2007 AOPA Pilot "<http://www.aopa.org/members/files/pilot/2007/seasons0703.html>".

May Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be at 7:00PM on Monday, May 14th at the main hangar of Hangar One at Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. It is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

May Program.

This is Project month. If you have a project in the works and can bring it, some part of it, maybe just a picture, or an idea for a project to the meeting, then we want you! The only presentations will be Tom Wieduwilt (TW) giving a demo on riveting (punching holes in metal) at 8pm, Mike Howard one on fiberglass and Ward Combs talking about his newest acquisition. Otherwise, those who bring things can have informal talks with fellow members. Don't eat before you come because we will be grilling hamburgers. If your project can fly, then fly it in so fellow members can take a look.

EVENTS: (B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (0730-1030)	Crete, NE
May 19	Fly-in	Point Lookout, MO
May 19	Fly-in (B) & Campout	Fulton, MO
May 19	Fly-in (B)	Lee's Summit, MO
May 20	Fly-in (B)	Cherokee, IA
May 26-27	Fly-in Salute to Veterans	Columbia, MO
May 27	Evelyn Sharpe Days	Ord, NE
June 2	Wings of Remembrance	Newton, KS
June 2	Black Kettle Days Fly-in	Moundridge, KS
June 3	Fly-in (B)	Denison, IA
June 3	57th Annual Flight Breakfast	Audubon, IA
June 3	Annual Fly-In	Central City, NE
June 10	Fly-in (B) & Airshow	Red Oak, IA
	Raffle for ride in Mustang, drawing at 10 am	
	Only 125 tickets at \$35 each	
	Call 712-623-6523	
June 14-17	American Waco Club Fly-in	St Louis, MO
June 14-17	Cherokee Fly-In	Osage Beach, MO
June 16	Fly-in	Aurora, MO
June 17	EAA 1143 Fly-In/BBQ	Osceola, IA
June 17	62nd Annual Flight Breakfast	Harlan, IA
June 17	Fly-in (B)	Rock Rapids, IA
June 17	Fly-in (B)	Creighton, NE
June 24	National Ercoupe Convention	Wahoo, NE

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June 24 Fly-in (B) Aurora, NE

June 22-24 RMRFI Fly-in Denver, CO

July 23-29 AirVenture* Oshkosh, WI

*You can now pre-order a printed copy of the 2007 AirVenture NOTAM by going to <http://www.airventure.org/2007/flying/index.html> and filling out the order form. Upon final NOTAM approval and publication by the FAA, expected in early May, those NOTAMs will be sent free of charge. Ask a member to get it for you if you do not have internet.

For all you 150/152 owners. The FAA is concerned about rudder stops on Cessna 150s/152s. The FAA is proposing to take airworthiness action on Cessna 150/152 airplanes following a March 21 NTSB recommendation regarding two rudder-related accidents. The proposed AD would require replacing the rudder stop, rudder stop bumper, and attachment hardware with a new rudder stop modification kit. It would also require replacing the safety wire with jamnuts. In the two accidents, the FAA said the rudders were found in the over-travel position with the stop plate hooked over the stop bolt heads. Owners would need to comply within the next 100 hours time-in-service or 12 months after the effective date of the AD, whichever occurs first. The estimated cost is \$380 per airplane, and it would affect 18,670 airplanes in the U. S. registry. Comment deadline is June 15. (From AOPA_epilot)

Is there an autofuel STC for your plane? (From EAA ehotline). Have you noticed the higher prices at your local FBO's fuel pump? One way to save money is to see if your aircraft is eligible to fly on auto fuel. Visit www.aviationfuel.org and click on engine and airframe models (<http://www.aviationfuel.org/autogas/approved.asp>) approved to see if your engine/airplane are eligible for an auto fuel supplemental type certificate (STC). Owners and operators have flown safely for over 30 years with auto fuel STCs so maybe it's time to take a look and see what it's all about. EAA members receive a free Autofuel Alcohol Tester (a \$15 value) when ordering a new STC through EAA. You can order online or by calling 920-426-4843. I checked and my Cherokee 180G with a Lycoming 0-360-A4A is not on the list.

Come one, come all

To the EAA Chapter 80 Poker Run and Chili Feed:

Saturday May 12th

Wahoo Hangar

Sign-in and pilot meeting 0900

First plane off at 1000

Eat at 1200

Route: Wahoo, David City, Scribner, Fremont, Wahoo
What do you bring - chili if you like, a plane if you are going to fly, a friend, spouse, kid if you like

Will you win something? Maybe.

Will you have fun? Of course!

Did I mention that TW will be mixing up some pancake batter for breakfast. The grill will be hot by 0800 if you want to cook your own.

NOTE: Please do not park in front of hangars or on the taxiway.

We do not want to block the other aircraft owners at Wahoo.

Ameet Savant is looking for a used, good quality contractor table saw. Please give him a call if you know of one for sale.

EAA Chapter 80
April 9, 2007
Official Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Laughlin at 7:00 at Hanger One, MLE, Omaha, NE.

- A meal was available for \$5.00 and Scott reminded us that a dinner will be available at all future meetings.
- A memorial memory for Bob Streba was presented by Tom Wieduwilt.
- Introduction of guest.
- No raffle

Treasurers Report:

- Treasurer Rob Hansen reported expenses of \$1,961.53, income of \$435.00 and a balance of \$1,460.50 in the checking account. Total cash assets were reported to be \$10,355.52. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made and passed to accept the previous month's minutes.

Young Eagles:

- The chapter will be sponsoring Jack Jacobsen's grandson at the Air Academy.
- Please check the web site for YE dates.

Builder's Reports:

- Scott Laughlin will be moving his plane to the Wahoo hanger.
- TW is working on the baffling for his engine.
- Jim R is rebuilding a Spad 13 biplane.
- Scott Terry reported on his RV-7
- Two Zenith 601XL are under construction.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- No Report

Fly-out/Event Schedule:

- Mike Howard has planned a Poker Run for May 12th. Pilot check in at 9:00 am at Wahoo. Flight to Davis City, Columbus, Scribner, Freemont and Wahoo with chili feed to follow.

Librarian Report:

- Leonard reported he has established an itemized list of items in the library.
- He has designed a sticker to be applied to the chapters' equipment.
- Made a prototype cart for the plastic chairs
- He will design a cart for the tables.

Old Business:

- Jerry Roth has scales.
- Missing a powered brake bleeder, contact Mike Howard if you have this item.

New Business:

- May meeting will be an open house to show what your project is or what you are flying.

Web Site:

- www.eaa80.org Ameeet would like to visit with anyone who can provide history of chapter also please forward any items, articles or news to him so he can place on the web site.

Program:

- Will Kroeger gave a presentation on radio procedures. 10-4 good buddy!

Meeting adjourned

Don Meyer

Bob Streba Memorial Fund

As some of you know, Bev Streba had asked for memorial donations to Young Eagles in lieu of flowers at Bob's service. Bev will be donating \$500 to the local YE program and sending a check to Rob Hansen to put in with the other memorial dollars. Rob will purchase a small DVD TV to use at YE events to play aircraft background clips and for pilot/ground crew coffee and donuts. Bev also sent \$500 to the EAA Summer Camp scholarship fund earmarked for Rick and Nancy Jacobsen's grandson Rick Russ. She is also donating a number of magazines for both the chapter and YE events.



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Bob Streba and his Cessna 182.
He was one of the good people. Whether as the Chapter Secretary or doing ground control for Young Eagles, Bob was always there with a smile willing to lend a hand. Bob, we will miss you..