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EAA Asks Members to Urge FAA: Preserve Rights For All Homebuilders

(I know I promised to do an article on using the AOPA medical form, but I thought this article from EAA Headquarters was more important)

February 28, 2008 — The rights and privileges enjoyed by homebuilders over the past half-century have not only given citizens the freedom to build and fly their own aircraft, they also led to innovations that have found their way into type-certificated products and created an entire industry of suppliers, designers, manufacturers, making all of aviation stronger. Recent developments, however, have caused considerable angst in the homebuilt community about whether or not that freedom will exist in the same form after the FAA unveils its new policy regarding amateur-built aircraft certification, which will occur later this year. Any substantive changes could cause negative effects to ripple throughout the homebuilt industry. The FAA affirms that it wants to preserve the 51 percent rule and 14 CFR part 21.191(g), the homebuilt aircraft regulations. The agency is questioning whether “quick-build kits” result in aircraft that are compliant with the original regulations, even though the agency has consistently approved such aircraft. To help the FAA have a better understanding of what it takes to build even a “fast build” aircraft, EAA is asking homebuilders to write the FAA and urge policymakers to maintain and protect the rights of ALL amateur builders. When the agency announced its intentions to re-examine 51 percent regulations at EAA AirVenture 2006, it appointed an industry-government aviation rulemaking committee (ARC) to come up with recommendations on the amateur-building issue. (EAA's Earl Lawrence was ARC co-chair with Dick VanGrunsven of Van's Aircraft.) FAA published those ARC recommendations in the *Federal Register* earlier this month and also announced a temporary suspension of amateur-built aircraft kit evaluations, meaning it will not add any new kits to its “51 percent approved list” until the new policy is published. Not included in the ARC report was EAA's position, shared by the kit manufacturers: Protect the current rights of builders to build the “quick-built” aircraft kits that FAA has included on the 51 percent approved list, and that our members have been building over the last decade. The FAA has to recognize that for more than a decade it has set precedent regarding the various kits and practices that they have said meet the standard. The FAA needs to honor its precedent and continue to approve those kits. Protect the 51 percent rule and with it, the builder's ability to build an amateur-built aircraft of any complexity, power or size.

A Call to Action

With these points in mind, EAA asks its members to get involved and write to the FAA. **If you're a homebuilder:** Write and share your experience as an amateur builder with those who are spearheading the new policy. Share with the FAA your experience of building your aircraft, why you consider yourself a true amateur builder in every sense of the word, and that



Feb speaker—Tim Ryan from Omaha TRACON/ATC.
Photo by Dick Austin

you advocate preserving the precedent established by the FAA when it approved today's fast or quick built kits as 51 percent-compliant. EAA has provided a sample letter with topics for you to consider including in your letter to the FAA. **If you're not a homebuilder:** We sincerely hope that this issue is important to you, too. If you believe in the homebuilt movement and all the innovation that comes from it, be ready to act when the FAA publishes its new policy as to what qualifies under the amateur-built regulations. Watch the EAA website for further details.

To learn more about this critical issue, visit www.EAA.org/govt/building.asp.

Will Kroeger

March Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be on Monday, March 10th at **6:30PM** at Central Cylinder Service. Central Cylinder is located at 6315 Lindbergh Drive, Riverfront Industrial Park Omaha NE (North road around Eppler airport).

Did I mention that pizza from the famous Orsi's Italian Bakery will be served along with coffee and soda—all for \$5 per person.

March Program is at 6:30pm.

Our program is Omaha Central Cylinder. George and his people will provide a tour and let us walk around and look at all the neat stuff.

March Project Tour: Stay tuned for a separate email and an announcement at the meeting concerning this event. It is scheduled for March 29th. I believe Doug Humble has planned some other activities in conjunction with this tour.

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

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (0730-1030)	Crete, NE
19 April	Young Eagles (0900)	Millard, NE
17 May	Young Eagles (0900)	Millard, NE
19-20 June	American Barnstormers Tour	Council Bluffs, IA
21-22 June	American Barnstormers Tour	Hastings, NE
26-30 June	B-17 Tour HERE!!!	
16-17 Aug	Offutt AFB Open House	Bellevue, NE

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

Advance Ticketing Now Available

Get set for the 'World's Greatest Aviation Celebration' with EAA AirVenture Advance ticketing now online.

Admission to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is now just a click away with a new advance ticketing system available at www.airventure.org. The 56th annual edition of "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" will be held July 28-August 3 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh. Buy online before June 15th and save \$2 a day or \$5 for a week ticket.

Experience the Complete 'Oshkosh: The Spirit of Aviation'

Video, Now Online You can now see the complete, 17-minute version, which is available for viewing or download through the AirVenture website. Stream it online through EAA's embedded video player or download to your own system and view whenever you'd like.

SPORTY'S INTRODUCES NONPILOT'S GUIDE TO FLYING DVD (from AOPA epilot)

Have you always wanted to take your significant other for a ride? But she (he) isn't a pilot, and they just aren't sure about the whole idea of going flying with you. Here's an opportunity to introduce them to the joys of flight with a DVD designed specifically for non-pilots. "Introduction to Flying: A Non-Pilot's Guide" from Sporty's explains everything in layman's terms, not pilot jargon, with the intention of "taking the mystery" out of what you do and why you do it. The 56-minute program is available on DVD or for direct download for \$29.95, and it can be ordered online or by calling 800/SPORTYS.

EAA Offers 16-Hour E-LSA Inspection Courses (From EAA) EAA is offering SportAir Workshops for people to earn their E-LSA Repair/Inspection Certificate. By completing one of the 16-hour courses offered, you'll be authorized to perform the annual condition inspection on your airplane. EAA SportAir Workshops are offered at the following locations

Denver, Colorado, April 25-27

Oshkosh, Wisconsin, March 7-9 and May 16-18

Lantana, Florida, March 14-16;

Riverside, California, March 28-30

Successful completion of the FAA-approved, comprehensive course earns you the Repairman/Inspection certificate for your own airplane certificated in the E-LSA category. Tuition for this two-and-a-half day course is specially priced at \$299 for EAA members. Class sizes are limited, so don't delay! If you'd like to register or need more information, call 800-967-5746, or go to www.sportair.com. Go to this website for a list of more workshops offered by SportAir.

THE B-17 IS COMING. THE B-17 IS COMING. We have been in contact with the home office and it appears they would like us to host the B-17 June 26-30. Kevin Fairs has volunteered to work this project and is currently discussing which airport we could use. Plattsmouth meets the min runway required and offers us an opportunity to host a Young Eagles event in association with the B-17. Stay tune, but keep these days open on your calendar.

Going to Sun-N-Fun? Need a ride?

Mike Howard has an empty seat in his RV-6. He plans to leave on Monday April 7 and return on Friday April 11, weather permitting. The ride is free. He has a motel room and rental car if you are interested in sharing those or you can work out some other arrangements with Mike. Call Mike at 991-0403 or email acepilot59@cox.net.

EAA Chapter 80
February 11, 2008
Official Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wieduwilt at 7:00 at Hanger One, Millard Airport, Omaha, NE.

- Tom Wieduwilt, President
- Jim Ratte, Vice President,
- Don Meyer, Secretary
- Jan Daniels, Treasurer
- No guest present

Treasurers Report:

- No report due to treasurer illness.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Young Eagles:

- 2008 dates are in newsletter and on website.

Builder's Reports:

- Bob Cartwright reported he is cutting the canopy for his RV7.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- None

Fly-Out Report:

- No Report

Old Business:

- Doug Humble reported on the Project Tour planned for March 29, 2008 which will incorporate a poker run and lunch to follow.
- New Years Lunch; no chapter money used and donations exceeded cost by \$30.00.
- Membership dues are now due. If dues not paid by Feb. 29th no more newsletters will be sent to delinquent members until current.

New Business:

- Executive committee met and discussed plans for 2008.
- Wireless microphone was purchased for \$200.00. Approved by chapter.
- By-laws require a Finance Committee be formed including Treasurer, Vice –President and 2 additional chapter members. Jim Ratte will seek volunteers.
- Tax status of chapter discussed to make donations tax deductible. Subject tabled.

Librarian Report:

- We need to clean out our magazine supply. Please take any you are interested in or the will have to be disposed of.

Web Site:

- www.eaa80.org

Program:

- Tim Ryan from the Omaha TRACON presented information regarding restructuring of the area approach control and offered that tours are available along with Q & A from the members.

Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer

Secretary

For sale — Extra Stuff left over from Jerry Mason's L-3 (Champ) rebuild. All are new and unopened.

Stits Poly Spray	2 gallons	\$66.10 each when purchased
Stits Poly Brush	1 gallons	\$67.20 when purchased
Stits Poly Fiber RR 8500	3 quarts	\$9.53 each when purchased
Air Tech RT4085 Rev4 Reducer	1 gallon	\$47.08 when purchased
Air Tech PCU2030F Primer Filler	1 quart	\$57.38 when purchased
Air Tech PFU1030F Primer Filler	1 gallon	\$120.41 when purchased

Listed price or make offer. Email: mason.jerry@cox.net or Phone: 393-0361

1966 Cessna 150F commuter for sale. Total time about 6000 hours. Engine about 250 hrs (SMOH). Original paint, good interior. VAL 720 com, KT76 transponder with altitude encoder. Wheel pants and back seat (very rare option). Alternator, Autogas STC. Current annual, no problems. \$13K or so. Hangared at Blair. Contact Terry Wilwerding 342-2795 tmjw@creighton.edu

Cessna 150 for sale. Ron Wood is selling his Cessna 150 for \$20,500.

Would you like to fly a Cessna 172 for \$20/hr.? We are looking for additional members in our flying club. Call Ed Haffke @ 935-0803.



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Dick Austin sent this picture from the Feb meeting, but since I was not there I have no idea what TW and Mike Howard are doing. Any guesses?



The "crooner" from the Chapter holiday party. John Fuller is on the right. Hopefully you saw the article about him in the World Herald on Monday March 3rd.
Photo by Scott Laughlin