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Adventure Trip

By Dale McClure

A year ago, I decided that it would be great to plan an adventure trips with my grandkids. Last year I took my grandson, Jarred, on a trip to the Ozarks and my granddaughter, Mikayla, to Rocky Mountain National Park. Both trips were extremely memorable and I got to know my grandkids much better. I once read that what people remember most out of life are trips, as something always happens to make them unique.

Jarred and I started planning our trip from Omaha, Nebraska, when we returned from the Ozarks a year ago. He wanted to fly up to South Dakota to see Mount Rushmore. We have a rule that the trip must be 500 nautical miles from our home base MLE. I agreed, so we started planning our 2009 trip before we landed from our 2008 trip.

When I was at my local Chapter -80 - EAA meeting, it was announced that Ellsworth Air Force Base was having an Air show the last weekend in May. We typically attend the local USAF Air Show here in Omaha at Offutt AFB, so going to an Air Show in Rapid City, South Dakota, was not a big draw until they mentioned that you could fly into the base for the show. When I got home from my meeting, I immediately called my grandson to see what his response was to making this part of our trip to South Dakota. In an instant he was ready to make the trip!

The Air Force required that we sign a waiver of liability prior to May 20. That was all we needed for permission to fly in. Their website (dakotathunder.com) had a detailed download of the procedures to fly in and out. They handle the traffic fairly well, but Oshkosh has them beat in that department.

On May 29 we packed 286DM with our stuff and departed at 10 a.m. We had a terrific head wind and the Blue Mountain indicated a slow ground speed of 100-105 knots. We had the tip tanks full, so we were in good shape to make the 4 hour flight nonstop. However, as you get older you find that when nature calls, it is time to make an unscheduled stop in Mission, South Dakota. Without any further interruptions we arrived in Rapid City, South Dakota, in the early afternoon, got the rental car and found lodging in Keystone, we made a quick trip to Mount Rushmore and visited Bear Country before turning in for the day.

The next morning we reviewed the arrival procedure for departing RAP to RCA which is only 3 nautical miles apart. When you have a large amount of airplanes trying to do the same thing in a short period of time, it can be exciting! Of course you always have several that did not bother to download the procedures, so you hear "N1234...uh southwest ...uh.. airport..uh.. going to the Air Show". But overall most pilots were well informed and the procedure flowed well. Landing on the 13,000 foot runway was not a problem for the Glastar. However, the dark black areas where the jets deposit a lot of rubber are a bit bumpy. It was all well worth it as we got to taxi by the Thunderbirds! Without a doubt in all my flying experience this one is quite a thrill! And being a Vietnam Helicopter pilot I have experienced some thrills.

We parked the plane and were given a packet of information for a safety briefing prior to the show. It was all done in a very professional matter and of course on time. When the Air Show started they allowed the general public to view all of the general aviation planes. Being the only Glastar there we received a good amount of attention. This interest in the Glastar was very impressive to my grandson, who had previously not understood the uniqueness of the Glastar. The day went extremely fast, talking to Vietnam Veterans, homebuilders, want to be builders, and people who just love aviation. Of course we had great seats in the shade under the wing to watch the Thunderbirds.



After the show we all departed and it took about an hour to get back to RAP. It certainly beats driving to an Air Force Air Show!

The next day it was time to leave, but we needed to take one more look at Mt. Rushmore, but this time from the air! At the Air Show we were able to talk to local pilots to learn the procedure to follow when flying the local area.

In the park you can fly at 7,700 MSL above the monument or 3,000 feet from it. We flew beside the monument at the 3000 foot mark which is the edge of the parking lot and got several nice pictures. Then we hopped over a ridge to the Crazy Horse monument. There are no restrictions on Crazy Horse, but you had better check to make sure that they are not blasting! We got some nice pictures of this area also.

We had such a great time that my grandson wants to go back next year. Now my granddaughter wants to see the area, so we are going back again. You know this experience would not have happen if I had not built this wonderful airplane.

Thanks to Dale for this article

July Meeting Time & Location

This month's meeting is on Monday July 13th at 7:00PM at Hangar One at Millard Airport. The airport is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

July Program.

Bob Moser will be talking about Flight Certification Test, Biannual Flight Review and common issues in Flight Training.

Future programs:

Aug 8, Bo Meder; FASST Flight Safety, local issues. This session will be open to other local non-chapter 80 folks.

Sept 14, Rod Combs; Army Helicopter Pilot, Safety, Army Flight Program.

Dec 14, **Our annual Christmas Party** is at Piccolo's. Please let Jim Ratte know if you can attend...yes, this is early but we are trying to get a good head count. Party timeline is: 6-7 social; 7-8 dinner; 8-9 program (have not set a program, ideas welcome). We will introduce the new Chapter Officers, have a Cash bar, Poinsettias for the ladies, music and raffle prizes. Tickets will be \$30 per person for either a 8 oz Prime Rib or 8 oz Filet or Chicken Breast or Baked Halibut.

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

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B) (0800-1000) (not in June)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (B) (0800-1000)	Crete, NE
4th Sat	Aviator's Breakfast (0800-1000)	Chadron, NE
11 Jul	Chicken Days Fly-in (B)	Wayne, NE
11-12 Jul	CAF Air Expo	Olathe, KS
10-12 Jul	Fly Iowa 2009	Independence, IA
18 Jul	Fly-in (B)	Lee's Summit, MO
18 Jul	Chapter 80 Young Eagles	Millard, NE
18 Jul	Fly-in (B)	Crete, NE
19 Jul	Fly-in (B)	Forest City, IA
25 Jul	Fly-in (B)	St. Joseph, MO
26 Jul	Fly-in (B)	Mason City, IA
9 Aug	Fly-in (B)	Humboldt, IA
9 Aug	Fly-in (B)	Red Cloud, NE
16 Aug	Fly-in (B)	Elgin, NE
16 Aug	Fly-in (B)	Monona, IA
22 Aug	Fly-in (B) /Young Eagles	Chillicothe, MO
29-30 Aug	Offutt AFB Open House	

Wing Nuts Flying Circus EAA Chapter 1405 Fly-In

At Tarkio, MO, July 11, 2009, Fly-In Breakfast and Lunch 6:30am - end of show, \$5.00 per person, Airshow & Fly-bys 10am - finish, Many static aircraft on display!

EAA's Historic 1929 Ford TriMotor Airliner is coming to Lincoln, NE, Aug 27-30. Book your adventure at: www.flytheford.org or 1-800-843-3612. Information at www.airventuremuseum.org/fordtrimotor/ or www.eaa569.org or 402-274-7070.

YOUNG EAGLES — Millard Airport, 18 July 0800 & Wed July 22nd at Council Bluffs to support the IA Vision Services summer camp for the vision impaired.

Call Jim Ratte if you can help.

Here are the Young Eagle pilot totals so far for April through June:

Jonathan Fuller	8
Ed Haffke	6
Harlon Hain	4
Mike Howard	8
Will Kroeger	14
Gene Larsen	7
Dale McClure	10
Ronye McKay	21
Don Meyer	5
Tom Ostlund	7
Brian Peterson	6
Jim Ratte	31
Jim Rush	20
Steve Stevens	1
TOTAL	148

Thanks to these pilots and to the ground crew!!!

Barnstormers salutes Regis Urschler as part of their Salutes to Heroes Legends program. Got to: <http://www.barnstormers.com/eFLYER/2009/073-eFLYER-FA02-Legends-Urschler.html>

Flying to or Camping at Oshkosh? Tired of walking to everything or bumming a ride? Well, TW and Ken Bahr may have a solution for you. Mopeds - save your legs at OSK by motoring around the camp on a small light weight scooter. TW has a 50cc honda spree for sale \$300. Ken Bahr has a 50cc moped for sale for \$200. Both run and have a head lights and tail lights.

Going to Oshkosh? Well, a few things have changed - new Main Gate, location of the Fly Market, parking. To see the changes go to <http://www.airventure.org/siteplan/guidechanges.html>

GPS outages may start in 2010

Delays in the development and launch of new satellites could lead to interruptions in GPS service as early as next year, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report. The report warns that many of the older satellites currently in use could reach the end of their operational life faster than they can be replenished, resulting in a drop below the number of satellites needed to meet some GPS users' needs. See AOPA pilot.

EAA Chapter 80

June 8, 2009

Official Meeting Minutes

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

- Tom Wieduwilt, President
- Jim Ratte, Vice President,
- Don Meyer, Secretary
- Ed Haffke, Treasurer

Treasurers Report:

- Operating Account: \$1,977.11, Money Market Account \$4,822.80, CD Balance: \$2,971.90. Total Cash Assets: \$9,771,81.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Young Eagles:

- Need additional pilots for June 13th
- New business cards available with YE flight information.
- YE credits were used to assist Matthew Callahan in attending YE camp.

Builder's Reports:

- Bob Cartwright RV-7, manufactured a flap signal conditioner.
- Harlan Hain Epic, Replaced 5 blade prop back to the 4 blade due to better performance.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- None

Fly-Out Report:

- Poker run was a success, with prizes awarded for best card hands. Bill and Lavonne Tripp donated their winnings back to chapter. Thank You!

Old Business

- We discussed accepting nominations for next year's officers to give them a head start in running the chapter. The following are the nominations in place at this time:
- Jim Ratte-President
- Bill Stromenger-Vice-President
- Don Meyer-Secretary
- Ed Hafke
- Leonard Lawton-Membership

New Business:

- Christmas Party scheduled for December 14th at Piccilo Pete.
- Motioned passed to provide name tags for spouses if they would like one.
- Oshkosh, discussed a group camp out and also if we should have a Chapter 80 event for our members at Oshkosh.

Librarian Report:

- None

Membership Report:

- Need all dues paid asap!

Tool Report:

- Engine hoist in Ronye McKay's hanger
- Trailer: AHQ
- Scales: TW
- Jacks: Ron Wood
- Brake Bleeding Set: Ron Wood
- Grills: At AHQ

Web Site:

- www.eaa80.org

Program:

- Gene Larson shared his experience and planning for his trip to the Little Cayman Island. Flew his RV-9A via Florida, over Cuba to his destination.

Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer

Secretary

For Sale by Ralph W. Andersen - 402-572-0111

Headsets: Two Sigtronics Model 40, Noise Reduction, Electronic Mic and Transcom Model SPO22 Intercom - Play/Record, plus case - \$300
GPS Garmin III, Version 2 - purchased July 1998 - \$250.00
Two Italian 20 inch fold up adult bicycles - \$50 each.

For Sale by Herb Breitingner - 402-572-8093

B&C Alternator, Model 200G 14 Volt 12 AMP for Continental C85C90-0200

For Sale by Dan James - airplaneman@q.com or 402-331-8323

Apollo 820 GPS with manuals

Terra Nav/Com with indicator and manuals

Seeking Help

Tom Newell is rebuilding the Stearman he found in a barn. He is in need of help re-covering the plane. Is there anyone out there that can assist him with this fabric work? Tom says he is willing to pay for any help.



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Photo of the Crazy Horse Monument
from Dale's airplane.



Photo of Mount Rushmore
From Dale's airplane.