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I am lost

I thought that would get your attention. I am not really lost, I'm just in Florida on business and do not have my computer or any of my notes, pictures or EAA Chapter 80 stuff. However, I did manage to find a copy of an old newsletter on the thumb drive I brought. This is what happens when your flight is delayed and you get home at 11:30 pm on Sunday and then leave the next morning. I am lucky to have packed toothpaste, now if I could just find the toothbrush. Oh well....

Talking about being lost - what about those two Northwest pilots who overflew Minneapolis? Here is some web reaction.

Senators press for laptop ban in cockpit Several senators say they are dismayed that FAA regulations do not prohibit personal electronic devices in aircraft cockpits, and they intend to introduce legislation to correct the perceived shortcoming. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said his bill should be introduced in about a week and could be folded into a larger aviation bill currently awaiting passage. (Aviation ebrief, Nov 3, 2009) (*I am so happy congress is working on the important issues of the day!*)

Expert: Northwest incident highlights issue of boredom in cockpit One industry expert says that the recent case of Northwest Airlines pilots overshooting their destination because they were busy on laptops shows that the extent of automation in the cockpit, though immensely useful, has created a problem with boredom and fatigue among pilots. "There's so much automation in the cockpit that, literally, an aircraft taking off from Los Angeles and landing in New York can have very little attendance by the crew," said aviation consultant Michael Goldfarb, a former chief of staff at the FAA. (Aviation ebrief, Oct 30, 2009) (*So, get rid of all your gadgets or you might get bored!*)

Below is the list of permanent displays at the Strategic Air & Space Museum, our meeting destination this month.

Clayton Anderson: Heartland Astronaut

The Heartland Astronaut exhibit highlights the rise of Clayton Anderson, an Ashland, NE native, who used his determination and passion for science and space to propel him through the NASA astronaut training program. When his number was called, Clayton traveled aboard Shuttle Mission STS-117 to the International Space Station in the summer of 2007. Clayton has been assigned to the Space Shuttle Atlantis Mission STS-131, targeted for launch February, 2010. The STS-131 mission will deliver research and science experiment equipment and a new sleeping area.

This exhibit outlines his early life in Nebraska, as well as the intense training undertaken prior to his launch. Artifacts include flight suits, a flown shuttle tire, and cameras used by Gemini astronaut, Wally Schirra.

Vietnam Memorial Wall

In honor of those who fought and died in service to their country during the Vietnam War, the "Individual Reflections from the Wall" exhibit displays photographs, letters and personal mementos left at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.

Linebacker II

The Linebacker II display outlines the men and machines of the U.S. Seventh Air Force and U.S. Navy Task Force 77 that took part in the bombing missions on Haiphong and Hanoi, North Vietnam during the last two weeks of December 1972. Here B-52 bombers flew large numbers of attack missions as a means of bringing the North Vietnamese government back to the table for peace talks.

9th Air Force

During World War II the mission of the 9th Air Force was to gain air superiority, deny the enemy an ability to replenish or replace losses, and offer close air support for the troops on the ground. This display highlights some of the missions undertaken by these brave men, as well as showcasing some of the equipment utilized in this endeavor.

Doolittle's Tokyo Raiders

This exhibit celebrates the memory of lifelong Lincoln, NE native, Richard Joyce, who took part in the 1942 attack on Tokyo, led by Jimmy Doolittle. After the disastrous events of December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, the United States military pushed for a retaliatory strike on Tokyo. Though many said it could not be done, Col. Doolittle managed to devise a plan that took 16 Army Air Force B-25 bombers from the deck of the USS Hornet.

Martin Bomber Plant

One of the primary elements of American victory in WWII was the use of heavy bombers. The Strategic Air and Space museum commemorates one of the most productive heavy bomber plants, the Martin Bomber Plant, at what is now Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. It was here that both atomic bombers Enola Gay and Bock's Car were manufactured. Highlights are detailed models of the plant, as well as original wooden floor bricks, tools, and an engine piston from the bomber Enola Gay.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting,

Will Kroeger

November Meeting Time & Location

This month's meeting is at 6:30 pm at the Strategic Air & Space Museum, exit 426 on I-80.

November Program.

Fellow chapter members will be talking about the aircraft they flew that are now on display at the museum. Hear stories about the SR-71, B-52, etc.....
Hopefully you answered your ping.

Talking about pings - I hope you answered yours concerning the December meeting "**Annual Christmas Party**" at Piccolo's on the 14th. Please let Jim Ratte know if you can attend so we can 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)

York, NE

3rd Sat Chapter 569 (B) (0800-1000)

Crete, NE

YOUNG EAGLES — Millard Airport

14 November 0900

Call Jim Ratte or Kathy Callahan if you can help or answer your ping.

Did you know that Phillips 66 has increased their fuel rebate to \$2/ gallon when you fly Young eagles and fill up using your Phillips 66 card? Millard sales Phillips 66.

2010 calendars are in. See Don Meyer at the meeting if you ordered one. Please bring \$10 if you ordered and have not paid.

AVweb's "**FBO of the Week**" ribbon goes to the FBO at **Beatrice Municipal Airport** (KBIE) in Beatrice, Nebraska. (AVweb, Nov 2, 2009) *(If you have ever been there you know this is well deserved.)*

FAA toughens up on pilot alcohol-related offenses

The FAA has tightened up its treatment of pilots convicted of alcohol-related driving offenses. In the latest issue of the Federal Air Surgeon's Medical Bulletin, AMEs are advised that first-time DUI and DWI offenders don't necessarily escape the agency's scrutiny as they have in the past. Under the new rules, anyone whose blood-alcohol content (BAC) was measured at higher than .15 percent or who refused to provide a sample will automatically have their case referred by the AME to FAA headquarters. The FAA medics will then insist that the pilot applicant undergo a substance abuse assessment. Previously, on first offenses, AMEs had to review court records and make the call on whether the applicant had a problem. It's been suggested the tougher rules might tempt offenders to lie about it on their medical but that will likely make things worse. (From AVweb) *(I think that BAC may be a mistake because you would have to drink 8 beers in a hour as a 200 lb person to blow a .15. Nebraska's limit is .08)*

EAA Chapter 80
October 12, 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: \$2,292.30, Money Market Account \$4,825.38, CD Balance: \$2,990.81. Total Cash Assets: \$10,108.49.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Young Eagles:

- 422 YE flown, a record number for our chapter.
- Next event at Millard, NE on October 17th.

Builder's Reports:

- David Strabbing building an RV-6
- Kevin McGrew building a Zenith 601XL
- TW test ran his engine in his RV-6 on Oct. 7th

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- Looking for pacer rebuilder information.

Fly-Out Report:

- None

Old Business

- Officer nominations:

Jim Ratte	President
Bill Stromenger	Vice President
Don Meyer	Secretary
Ed Haffke	Treasure
Leonard Lawton	Membership Coordinator

Nominations are still open.
- Membership Directory will be on disc and may also be on our web site.

New Business:

- November Meeting will be at the Air and Space Museum. The evening will be for our chapter and guest only. Contact Jim Ratte with your plans to attend.
- Chapter Christmas Party will be 12-14-09 at Piccolos Resturant. \$30.00 each and please sign up for this event.

Librarian Report:

- None

Membership Report:

- None

Tool Report:

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

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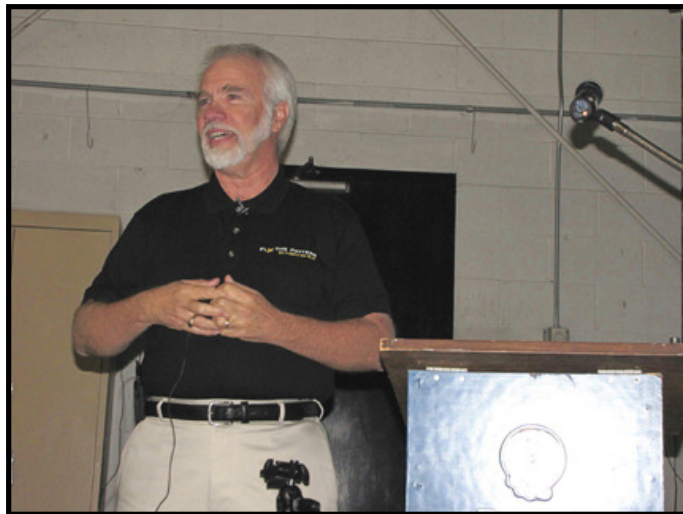
Program:

Ron Burgher developer of "Fly the Pattern" web site gave a presentation demonstrating what his site offered. Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer
Secretary



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Ron Burgher, founder and owner of the web service
FlythePattern.com, our quest speaker for October.
(photo by Dick Austin).