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Faster Than A Speeding Bullet

Those are the words that come to my mind when I look at the aircraft that Jerry Ronk has built. I missed Jerry's presentation to the membership about his most recent project, so he agreed to speak with me one on one. We met at his hanger where the aircraft is partially disassembled due to being in the middle of a conditional inspection, but it looks fast. I thought it was a Harmon F1 Rocket, but Jerry tells me it is a hybrid of a Harmon, a RV-4, and Team Rocket. Those of you who know Jerry, know that he likes to build, fly, sell, and then build again. When I asked him



about selling this time, he hesitated and stated that he was not sure how long he might retain this particular airplane. The plane has a 300 hp engine and a Garmin GTN 650 touchscreen for avionics. He claims 200 knots will cost you about 13 gallons per hour but

you still have lots of throttle left if needed. You can almost get to the Atlantic Ocean from here on one tank of gas. It is truly a great airplane. Jerry purchased this aircraft as a project in California and had it shipped back to the Omaha area. He had some re-work to do and then went forward with finishing the build. I believe he told me it was 8 months from the time he got serious until he was ready for inspection. Currently he has over 40 hours of time in the aircraft.



Now this Rocket is not Jerry's first build. Early in life, he and his brother repaired an Aeronca Chief and eventually sold it. Same



thing with a Piper Pacer. He has built a RV-6, RV-7, and a RV-12. As a matter of fact, he sold the RV-12 to get the seed money for the Rocket. Building is in his blood. Jerry has owned a house building company, started a regional airline, and

spent thousands of hours as a charter pilot. So I guess we will just have to wait and see if Jerry decides to put the F1 on the market and tackle some other exciting challenge. It'll be fun to see where he ends up.

**Next meeting October 13th, 2014,
7:00 PM, Millard Airport, Hanger One.
"Unmanned Aircraft Systems in
Agriculture" will be our Program.**

Chapter Meeting Minutes September 8, 2014

Meeting was called together by President at 19:00.

Minutes: Motion made to accept the minutes from the previous was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Membership Report: A motion was presented and approved to purchase 100 pin back name tags and vinyl decals for future membership name tags. Craig will coordinate this effort.

Tool Committee: All tools accounted for.

Young Eagles: Last outing in Plattsmouth was very successful. We flew 30 kids and 4 adults. Newspaper reporter was onsite and spoke with the pilots and kids and published an article which was in the newspaper on 9/20/2014. Last rally is October 18,

2014.

Tech Counselor/Fly-Out: A fly-out is scheduled for October 4th with the destination being Stearman Field (1K1) which is about 15 miles northeast of Wichita, KS and 210 miles nm south of Millard. Plan your flight so that we will meet at the restaurant, Stearman Field Bar & Grill, at 12:30. Communicate on 122.75.

Old Business: Hanger One is scheduled to close December 1 unless a new FBO is found. We may need to find a new place to meet if a new operator is not in place by then.

The membership passed a resolution to present Jack Jackson with a \$150 gift card in appreciation of his hosting us at Hanger One all of these years.

New Business: We will have elections in the month of November. The offices that will need to be filled are: President, Vice President, Membership Coordinator, and Social Coordinator. We are looking for someone to step up and fill these positions.

Program: Jerry Ronk shared his experience building doing the F1 Rocket. See front page story.

Dave Silchman, Secretary

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Plattsmouth Ground Crew



F1 Rocket



Commemorative Air Force
Red Tailed Tuskegee Airman
P-51 at Council Bluffs – Sept 2014



Experimental Aircraft Association
- Chapter 80 C/O Hangar One
12916 Millard Airport Plz.
Omaha, NE 68137-4280

SportAir Workshops

EAA SportAir Workshops, Peachtree City, GA, Oct 4-5, 2014

EAA SportAir Workshops, Corona, CA, Oct 4-5, 2014

Courses offered: Fabric Covering, 2 Days, \$349/\$389

Sheet Metal Basics, 2 Days, \$349/\$389

Electrical Systems & Avionics, 2 Days, \$349/\$389

Composite Construction, 2 Days, \$349/\$389

What's Involved in Kit Building, Evening, \$25/\$25

TIG Welding, Griffin, GA 2 Days, Oct 11-12, \$349/\$389

Register: <http://www.sportair.com>

PIREPS

Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

York Airport (JYR), EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-in breakfast (free will donation) on 1st Saturday of every month, 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

Crete Airport (CEK), EAA Chapter 569 Fly-in breakfast on the 3rd Saturday of every month 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

Seward Airport (SWT), Midwest Aerobatic Club has a luncheon open to all pilots who are interested in aerobatics. Meeting on 3rd Saturday of the month until weather turns cold. For more David Moll at Davidmoll66@gmail.com.