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EAA 80 Wants YOU!

Well, it's that time of the year, again. We need a vice-president, secretary, web editor, Young Eagles co-chair, and membership people. If you haven't been on the board before and want to be involved with the organization, hop on board. If you have been on the board in the past and it's been a few years, it would be great to have you back! There will probably be some phone calls prior to the meeting to get a few nominees lined up. If you can serve on the board, it would be greatly appreciated by the members and me. It does take some time, but volunteering makes you feel good. I read it on the internet!

And if you missed Plattsmouth Young Eagles, you missed the chapter flying 72 Young Eagles! That was a quite a few, but we cranked them out! You also missed the picnic. Our very own VP, Chris Beran, was the grill master. The third thing you missed watching many of us make a lot of ok-ish landings. The wind was right down the runway, but it was still more interesting than most would have figured it would have been. All in all, it was a great day to get kids in the air.

Chris

Smashing Success in Plattsmouth

The Plattsmouth Young Eagles rally and the Chapter 80 picnic was held at KPMV on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The day started off with a pretty decent pancake breakfast put on by the Plattsmouth Eagles. It was a good way to fuel up the pilots for the next few hours of showing school aged kids that not all airplanes have over 150 seats, not all pilots are behind locked doors, and you don't always have to be treated like a convict to fly. When the smoke cleared we had flown 72 Young Eagles.

Afterward it was time for some relaxation and food! We all gathered in and around Kevin Faris's hangar for the Chapter 80 picnic. Chris Beran manned the grill, cooking up a pile of brats and burgers to feed the crowd. There were plenty of sides and desserts brought by chapter members as well. If you were there and you went away hungry, it wasn't anyone's fault but your own! If you weren't there, you missed a great day of flying, eating and socializing. Try to make it next year, it's a lot of fun and the weather over the past few years has been pretty much perfect for both flying and socializing.

September Meeting Minutes

The September general membership meeting was held as usual at Oracle Aviation in Millard, on September 12, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Chris Halfman.

Meeting minutes: The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Bob Cartwright presented the treasurer's report. According to Bob, we have \$11,679.81, and we made just under \$343 from the Tri-Motor visit. That is a preliminary total, pending any funds from EAA sales. The report was approved, though a motion to use the money as down payment on a DC-3 failed to gain traction.

Membership: Jerry Ronk reported that we have 122 members in the chapter.

Tech Counselor: Nothing to report.

Young Eagles: Chris Halfman reported that we had a very successful YE rally in Plattsmouth, with a total of 72 kids flown.

Tools: Jerry Ronk reported that all tools are in his hangar, with the exception of one jack and the brake bleeder kit which is in use.

Builders reports: There were several builder's reports. Ken Bahr reports that the vertical stab and rudder is nearly complete on his Sonex; Larry Glaser's L4 is flying, and Chris Halfman has his wheel pants off and is contemplating painting them. There was a report on the progress of a Berkut as well. Unfortunately, your Secretary didn't catch the name of the Berkut builder. There is no builders meeting scheduled for September.

Flyouts: Mike Howard and Eric Stadjuhar reported that they flew out to Poplar Grove, IL to pick up Eric's new RV-4.

Social coordinator: Chris Beran reported that the RSVP rate for the picnic was quite good, and the amount of food was just about right.

Old Business: Mike Howard reported that we made about \$343 from food sales during the Trimotor visit. We may get some more from the sale of EAA and Trimotor items. We sold roughly 500 rides, which was a lot. We had no sponsors, so we didn't make money from the rides themselves, but it's looking good for sponsorships for next year, possibly from multiple Ford dealers. There is also a Model A convention in town during June, which could bring a lot more interest.

Everyone involved, including Ch. 80 and Oracle Aviation, were very pleased with the publicity, the media coverage and

the turnout for the event. If we get to work on it before advertising budgets are set for next year, there is a good chance we can make it even bigger and bring in some additional funds for the chapter. A quick show of hands showed that most in attendance were in favor of running a Trimotor event again next year and would volunteer to help.

New business: Next month (October) will be nominations for chapter officers, with elections in November. Available positions include President, Vice President, membership, Young Eagles co-chair (Jim Beyer will provide administrative support), secretary, newsletter editor, web site editor/administrator and others. If you're at all interested or think you might possibly be, let Chris Halfman know.

Chris reported that Evan Holly's wife Eileen passed away recently, our condolences to the family.

We have some Young Eagles credit dollars still available to spend before the end of the year, on YE related items.

Tom Wieduwilt reported that we now have a genuine home-built experimental hamburger spatula, built by Rick Bernardi to AC43.13 standards.

Those in attendance took some time to look over Eric Stadjuhar's "new" (to him) RV-4 and enjoying some tasty treats (thanks, Mark!) before watching a couple of EAA chapter video presentations.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Botkin
Secretary

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Bob Dyer will be talking about the Omaha Soaring Club at the October 10 meeting and Mike Howard will present to us about aviation fuels at the November 14 meeting.

Lost & Found

Mike Howard's engine compression tester has gotten lost or grown legs. Can you help him find it? Mike would appreciate the help.

About the Newsletter...

You may have noticed the newsletter being sent out a little later each month. It's not intentional, I assure you. Unfortunately, the demands of my day job have been steadily increasing to the point where it's becoming more and more difficult for me to get it out on time.

I took over as editor when Lester needed some help, and it's been something I have enjoyed doing over the past year and a half or so. I would, however, welcome the opportunity to pass

the honor on to someone who would be interested in carrying it on for a while.

Upcoming Events

October 8—Fly-in breakfast at Grinnell (KGGI) 0600-1100 and another at Winterset (3Y3). 0900-1700.

October 10—EAA 80 chapter meeting, 7 PM at Oracle Aviation at Millard Airport. Nominations for chapter officers will be made. Bob Dyer will speak about the Omaha Soaring Club.

October 15 — Young Eagles rally at KMLE. 0830 pilot briefing, 0900 first flight. Jim Beyer will send details to the YE email distribution list; contact him directly if you want to participate and are not yet on that list.

October 15 — EAA 569 fly-in breakfast in Crete (KCEK)

November 14—EAA 80 chapter meeting and elections! Because you'll still be in a voting mood, right? Mike Howard will speak about aviation fuels.

EAA 80 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT

Oct-16

Checking

Acct. 310

Opening Balance \$11,679.81

Receipts

Dues-
9/28/2016 50/50 \$27.00

Expenses

9/12/2016 Mtg Refrest
Mark Miller \$26.32

Ending Balance \$11,680.49

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