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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

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McPherson Airport
Terminal Bldg.

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AVIATION HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE!

The GlobalFlyer took off from Salina and returned safe and sound. Four of our chapter members were at the Salina airport to help with security. They were Ed Jones, Mike Logback, Paul Flynn, and Jerry Driskill. Other members that were there as spectators were Tom Stinemetze and Mike Bailey. Yes, it's the same Stinemetze family you've heard of before. Tom has a son that helped with design of the WhiteKnight and SpaceShipOne.

Well, another month has flown by and the weather is getting warmer. Kinda makes one want to be out flying or working on whatever aircraft you have. In this issue, I'm going to have some of the members and their planes listed. If I missed you and your plane, please get with me so I can include you in a future issue.

First is Ron Miller. He currently has an Aero Commander Darter. I understand it's for sale and he's looking for an RV project. Ron recently attended a sheet metal technical training class that consisted of 15 minutes instruction by Jerry Driskill.

Mike Logback is working on a Wittman Tailwind and I'm told he has a basement full of parts from that online parts warehouse by the name of eBay. Now he just has to get them installed.

Ed Jones has the wings for his 1946 Luscombe 8A recovered and should have them back on the fuselage where they belong, hopefully, in the not to distant future. I'm sure he'll be glad to fly it again.

Eldon Akers' Hummelbird is gathering dust in the back end of the main hangar awaiting the prop Ed is carving and other needed TLC. The new prop will go on a 37 hp 1/2 VW.

Tom Stinemetze is procuring materials to replace what was recently turned to sawdust. During the construction of his Pietenpol AirCamper, I'm told he has learned the lesson to measure 3 times and cut once rather than to cut 3 times only to find out that the piece is still too short. Tom is also building a Corvair engine to hang on the nose of the 'Camper.

Russell Malm has what used to be a bright yellow Kolb, but it too, is covered with much dust in the back end of the main hangar. Mr. Malm, with all due respect, if you would teach me to fly your bird, I'd keep its blood circulating for you. ☺

John McDonald has a 1946 Taylorcraft BC12D-1 that is currently gathering dust in the hangar, too. But I'm sure that will be cleaned off as soon as John returns from SoCal where he has been wintering.

Jerry Driskill, of course, has the RV-8 that was pictured in the newsletter last month with the 'For Sale' sign. The reason for the sign is that Jerry and Ron Miller recently returned from Bangs, TX with an RV-8A project that is currently residing in Jerry's plane shop at his house. And to think that Jerry told me not so long ago that friends don't let friends buy planes with nose wheels. Wonder if that includes Ron.

RECENT FLY-INS

Jerry Driskill and Paul Teague attended an RV fly-in lunch in Great Bend. Paul, as it turns out, is so old and creaky that it took 4 other RVers

to get him out of the back seat of Jerry's RV-8. Boy, those back seats are really tight!

On March 5th Jerry and Tom flew to an airport booster breakfast in Ponca City, OK. Because of the large turnout and excellent food, Jerry and Tom had to stand in line for 30 minutes before finally getting some of the delicious food to pig out on. It was reported that there were approximately 100 other planes that flew in from TX, CO, KS, MO, and of course, OK.

NEGOTIATIONS

CONTINUE

Jerry is currently negotiating with the powers that be at the airport to secure the hangar space of the main terminal building for the exclusive use of EAA Chapter 1344. Should Jerry be able to come to an agreement with the airport management, then the hangar space will be available for storage of member's planes and also for building and repair of planes with technical assistance from Jerry, Ed Jones, and David Britting.

HELP WANTED

If anyone hears of, or sees advertised in print, any kind of fly-in within a 300 mile radius

of McPherson, please let me know so I can get it listed here in the newsletter. The more advance notice I have, the more time there will be for members to make plans. My email address is samf@EAA1344.com or call me at 620.245.0615.

Also, if you have any aviation related items for sale I'll include them in the newsletter. This month I am including an ad from a possible new member. He is currently involved with RC aircraft and wants to trade his motorcycle for an airplane.

Chapter Website

Last, but certainly **not** least, is the chapter website. Tom Stinemetze has it up and running and will add more to it as time goes along. Personally, I think he has done an **excellent** job with it this far. Keep up the good work Tom! The URL is as follows; <http://www.eaa1344.com/>

Check it out if you haven't already done so.



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Chapter Invitations

This first is from Matthew Brandes, EAA 1329 Chapter President:

This months meeting will be held at New Century Airport (IXD) on Saturday 06MAR05 at 10:00 a.m. and we will be getting an up-close look at the Radial Rocket, a new kit-built airplane designed by New Century Aerosport. (I hear it climbs 4,000ft/min!)

When you fly in, ask ground control for directions to New Century Aerosport.

If you want to drive up if weather won't allow flying, use these directions. -- From I-35, take the north Gardner exit (#210) and head west into town. About a mile in, you'll see the airport on the right side and an exit to the New Century Air Center (New Century Blvd.) Turn right onto the exit and follow New Century Blvd about 1/2 mile. Turn right onto Leawood Blvd.

Proceed into the airport boundary (ignore the "Keep Out" signs), the hangar will be on your left.

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This next is from Rodney Flinn EAA Chapter 15 President:

We want to invite to your chapters' members to attend Chapter 14 International Aerobatic Club fly in Saturday April 9 (weather permitting) at Ottawa, KS.* The fly in will begin about 10:00 and end when everyone gets tired of flying.

Editor's note: I presume this will be at Ottawa Municipal (OWI). I'll have more info later in the week if anyone is interested.