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EAA CHAPTER 837 ANNUAL BANQUET

February 17, 2007

6:00PM

Ontario, OR Sizzler

Through-the-line style

Guest speaker: F. Willard (Robbie) Robinson

Following his military service as a Naval Aviator in World War II, **LT. ROBINSON** returned to the University of Southern California to earn his doctoral degree in Education Administration and Philosophy.

For three decades Dr. Robinson worked in public education as a teacher and as a secondary school administrator, culminating in his seventeen year tenure as Principal of Beverly Hills High School in Beverly Hills, California. There he directed and supervised the development of an educational program of excellence that received national recognition. He also contributed extensively to the improvement of education nationally by serving as one of the directors on the College Entrance Examination Board and chairing numerous accreditation teams for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Dr. Robinson is the author of the book *Navy Wings of Gold*, second edition published in 2004. This book contains the personal accounts of several World War II aviators including Dr. Robinson himself. The second edition added a story from Nat "Blackie" Adams who flew cover for President George when he was shot down over Chichi Jima. This is the first ever published account of this event.

Dr. and Mrs. Robinson now reside in Boise, Idaho where they celebrated their 63th wedding anniversary in 2006 and remain active in church and civic affairs.

Presidents Message

Hello everyone. I hope you are all looking forward to our Annual Banquet coming up this month. Dr. Robinson is a great speaker and has a great story. He should also have some of his books available at the banquet.

The banquet will be a through-the-line style at the Sizzler restaurant in Ontario like last year. We are going to do one thing a little different this year, though. The Chapter will take care of the gratuity to make sure the servers are taken care of. I think there was some confusion on this last year. If you want to contribute to the fund please give your donations to Cheryl.

The next event will be the

Airport Appreciation Day at the Payette Airport on March 10th. There will be another planning meeting on February 24th, 10:00AM at the Payette Airport. I was not able to attend the last meeting, but it sounds like they would like the Chapter to do a breakfast. We don't have a regular Chapter meeting before the event, but we can see what we can put together.

I don't have much of an update on the hangar situation. I finally did get a second quote for materials. It was a few thousand cheaper than the first quote, but this one didn't include the bi-fold door. I'm also waiting on a quote for the floor. We should have

more of an update at the regular meeting in March.

Speaking of the March meeting, we don't have a speaker lined up yet. I have one possibility, but if anyone has any ideas please let us know. That goes for any meeting. If you have ideas on things you want to see, let us know. We also need a volunteer for refreshments for the March meeting.

The Payette Airport Appreciation Day at the Payette Airport should be a good kick-off for the flying season. I hope everyone can attend and show their support.

Ken



We had two new members join the Chapter at the January meeting, Jeff Weiss from Weiser and Bill Steinbruegge from Nyssa, Please help me in welcoming them to the Chapter.

Q & A:

Question of the Week EAA Aviation Services

Can an experimental aircraft be used to give a 'free' airplane ride to the winner of a ticket at an auction? I know that experimental aircraft can not be used 'for hire' and can not receive more than 1/2 of the flight's operating costs. But if the airplane ride raises \$500 at the auction, which is clearly in excess of the entire flight's operating costs, is it legal to conduct the flight as long as all proceeds are paid directly to the non-profit organization?

Answer:

No, experimental aircraft may not be used for conducting charitable flights. Feel free to offer the raffle prize in a

type-certificate airplane, but an experimental aircraft is not allowed.

As a side note, even though the owner of the airplane is not receiving a penny for the flight, (when all proceeds are donated directly to the charity), the FAA still considers it a commercial activity. As such the pilot must either be under an FAA-approved drug-testing program or have an FAA-issued exemption for the charitable flight. If you elect to submit an exemption request to cover the FAA's drug-testing requirement, it is best to do it at [this web address](#) - just follow the "unregistered user" links.

From EAA's e-hotline

Meeting Minutes January 17, 2007

Meeting called to order by Ken Simmons at 7:30

Minutes were read and accepted; the treasurer reported no change in finances.

Guests:

Sam Puentes,
Bill Steinbruegge,
Jeff Weiss.

Old Business:

Ken Simmons reported on the progress for acquiring a hanger in Payette. He is getting bids for a 48' by 60' with a 42' x 12' bi-fold door and 2 man doors. Also it is to have a colored exterior and 4" of insulation.. Ken said he would get some comparison quotes to see if we can get a fair price for the hanger. He will then have a fair price to talk to the benefactor.

Next topic was the dinner at Sizzler. It is to be at 6:00 PM Feb. 17th 2007 at the Sizzler in Ontario. There may be a long line so find someone you like to talk to or would like to get to know as it may take a while to get ordered. Dr Robinson's presentation is about ½ hour so be ready with some questions and he will be available to autograph his book Wings Of

Gold" if you would like.

Duane Youngberg reported about the progress at the last Payette Council meeting. The appraisal for the value of the Payette Airport was estimated to cost about 10,000 dollars so that was considered out of the question. The 1 million dollar offer is now behind us and we can look forward to a decision. Georgia Hanigan is on the record to support the airport. The hanger is going to be rented in the next two weeks and the county is going to be invited to go into a partnership with the City of Payette for the airport. This should help the stability of the airport as the tax base would be spread over many more tax payers.

New Business:

March 10th 2007 will be a Payette airport appreciation day as the VFW is going to donate a flag and pole and will have a small dedication at 10:00 on that day. The EAA may provide a breakfast and the Idaho Aviation Association will be in support. An Old Buzzards fun fly may also happen. A good day is anticipated hopefully with good weather.

There will not be any raffles at the banquet unless someone has a suggestion. Kevin Horiup said he had some good DVDs of


a gyrocopter and will bring a few other videos.

Ken Simmons asked what the club would like to do this year; some ideas tossed about were, a "bald eagle fly", a progressive picnic, a program on "new or unusual tools", and possibly a program by our new member Bill Steinbruegge on aircraft maintenance. Dr. Mann suggested Jack Fields for a pilot to speak.

Kevin Horiup announced that Arlington will be July 11-12-13-14 this year and we could also do a progressive picnic.

Ken Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:52 for hanger talk and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted
Dale Cruson



It's time to renew Chapter dues. You can bring them to the next meeting or mail them in using the form on the last page of the newsletter.

Thanks!

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