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February 2008

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 2008

23 ANNUAL BANQUET AT THE ONTARIO SIZZLER

MARCH 2008

19 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 2008

16 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 2008

21 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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SAR 12-25-07

By Dale Cruson

Since it is snowing hard and not very conducive weather for flying I thought it might be a good idea to relate a little bit about the flying that has been taking place. Danny Cones, Alan Daniels, Cheryl Cruson and I have been able to help the Malheur County Sheriff's office find a few stranded motorists.

On Christmas Eve the County Sheriff's dispatch called and said they had a weak cell phone message from a man with his young son was stuck and out of gas. Could I help with the search? I couldn't turn that down so went out and jumped in with Danny Cones as he could get his engine to start in the cold. This was around 10:00 PM so it was pretty dark. The moon was up and the weather and visibility was surprisingly good.

We went out to Mitchel Butte and proceeded to the south toward Tunnel Canyon. We were having trouble with communications but we could talk to dispatch in Vale. We located some of the ground cars and headed south toward them. After contacting a sheriffs' car we noticed a vehicle behind us turning on their headlights. They did that a couple of times so we flew back to them and circled. Three sheriff cars came racing back and told us it was the pickup we were looking for.

It was not a problem as the headlights were easy to see at night. The visibility was so good we could see the lights of Caldwell, Homedale and Parma. Even see the reflection of the moon in the water of the canals. Danny landed about 11:00 PM and returned home about midnight. Pretty easy find but was lucky the weather allowed flying because the sheriffs were looking too far south.

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Burt Harger at 7:37.

Old Business:

Burt Harger opened with old business concerning the proposed hanger for Payette Airport. He has been looking into different avenues and listed the three most obvious.

1. All steel manufactured hanger. 40' X 40' from R&M Steel would run about low 20,000 dollars.
2. A 5 unit T hanger would be about 50,000 but we would probably realize more return from rent.
3. A 40' X 40' wood frame with metal cover would be about 15,000 dollars with a bifold door and all options would have a concrete floor.

Cheryl said the club has about 13,500 dollars right now.

Burt asked about Young Eagles and Ken Simmons mentioned helping with the Boy Scout badge at a later date.

Ken Simmons said that our annual banquet is to be February 23rd at the Sizzler at 6:00. Martin Luther is to be the speaker and will talk about his flying carrier in WWII. Cheryl encouraged everyone to bring a guest as Martin will be interesting to everyone.

Membership dues are due again and EAA calendars are in and available at the hobby shop. The price is still 10 dollars. The refreshment list was passed around.

Cheryl said she had raffle tickets available for the aircraft cleaning kits.

Ken Simmons presented Burt Harger with last year's Vice President award.

New Business:

Fly Outs: Bob Troxel, the new fly-out coordinator asked for ideas. It was agreed to go the Saturday after the normal Wednesday meeting. The first poker run would be in March or April depending on weather. An airstrip on Brownlee Summit was suggested as a good destination. It is 100' wide and 2600' long at 4800' elevation.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Ken Simmons presented a very good program about the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends 2007 he went to last September in Ohio.

Respectfully submitted Dale E. Cruson

FAA PLACES MORATORIUM ON NEW ADDITIONS TO 51 PERCENT APPROVED LIST

Amateur-Built ARC Report Published

The FAA today issued the final report of the Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) that it appointed more than 18 months ago to investigate and make recommendations regarding the interpretation and enforcement of the amateur-building "51 percent Rule." Concurrently, the FAA also placed a moratorium on its customary practice of providing to aircraft kit manufacturers and builders courtesy evaluations of new kits' compliance with the 51 percent requirement.

The moratorium means FAA has temporarily suspended amateur-built aircraft kit evaluations. No new kits will appear on the "51 percent approved list" until the FAA has completed its new process revision for determining the major portion (51 percent). The new policies will be printed in a future Federal Register notice. EAA estimates that notice will be published in the April-May time frame. That notice will provide the public an opportunity to comment on the various changes. (See EAA's Questions and Answers regarding the moratorium here, http://www.eaa.org/news/2008/2008-02-15_qa.asp)

New Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator

Though being a distance away and not knowing all in the chapter, (wanting to meet more of you), I am willing to be available as this year's YOUNG EAGLES Coordinator. I understand that if not for the pilots and plane owners, that volunteer your time, fuel, and planes first - (it's that that makes this program work) and the rest of us need to volunteer our time and smaller expense to backup you in this endeavor. I will need the help of an assistant for Pilot liaison, assistant for volunteer liaison, and whatever else we can come up with, which actually means we as a CLUB (a special group of persons) should work together for the young people that we need to serve in this program. We can do this -- as individual pilots or in groups (as in scouts, schools, etc.) or as a normal EAA rally similar to the Ontario Airfare. I would like to know how many rally's and dates the club would consider, (lets set a goal or record for the club), as well as who - as pilots would like to

fly - or volunteers on what dates available at least a month ahead of those times.

Please ask for ALL PILOTS and Sport Pilots (EAA National members) and VOLUNTEERS (ground volunteers can be non-EAA members) that would consider (even if only 1 time) and are ready to be a lively part of the YOUNG EAGLES program to contact me by e-mail or phone ASAP. We need to make a good list (with total pilot info as per YE registration forms) of people so I may contact you. I and others have asked that all Young Eagle personnel get together for an orientation get together before spring (maybe February or first of March) to go over the new EAA requirements and our needs for a good and SAFE year of fun with up and coming new aviation minded young people and their parents.

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Membership Application / Renewal Form

Required Information

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Renewable each January

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