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20 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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From the Editor

As you can see, this month's newsletter is a little light on content. In fact, the past several newsletters have been light on content. This not meant as a complaint, just a request. The newsletter is only as good as the content I receive. We need you input!

The input doesn't need to be anything fancy. A short note and perhaps a couple of pictures about your project or flying aircraft would be great. Another favorite—at least one of mine—is cross-country flight stories. I really need some help on this one since I don't fly as much as I used to since selling my airplane.

These pictures I mentioned earlier are also great for the website. If you've looked at the website lately, you've probably noticed that the content hasn't changed much other than the calendar and the newsletter page. I could use some help there as well.

Next time you go on that flight, take a camera with you and jot down a few notes on the trip. It doesn't have to be a flight. Maybe you saw an interesting aircraft at the airport or heard some news about an interesting aviation topic. Remember, an organization like ours thrives on information and exchange of ideas. Let's see what you have.

Ken Simmons

THIS MONTH'S REFRESHMENTS

Ken Simmons

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2008

Guests: Dave Walters

Meeting called to order by President Burt Harger at 7:30. October minutes were read by Secretary Dale Cruson and were approved.

The treasurer report was 14,407.83. Treasurer Cheryl Cruson said she changed our savings to a better interest bearing checking account. We have earned 2.31 dollars more already. Pete Morgan moved to have Cheryl Cruson, Dale Cruson and Ken Simmons as signatories, seconded by Jerry Waggoner and was passed.

Old Business:

A sign-up sheet was passed around to arrange programs for 2009.

President Burt Harger suggested that we not have meetings in the summer as they are not attended as well. After some discussion it was tabled for later but the general idea was that we need to continue to meet.

Burt opened the floor for nominations for officers. After some discussion Jerry Waggoner volunteered for President. Dick Strawn volunteered to be Vice president Dale Cruson agreed to continue as secretary and Cheryl agreed to be treasurer. Pete Morgan moved and Dick Peugh seconded that we cast a vote by acclamation. It passed.

December 14, 2008 on Sunday will be the traditional Sunday potluck. Ken Simmons said the train room in Fruitland would be available so 1:00 was set for the start time.

Burt said we need a banquet organizer. Cheryl said she would check for availability of dates at Sizzler if that was ok with everyone. No objections. Pete said he would ask Clay Morgan if he could be the speaker that night.

New Business:

Possible fly outs: Garden Valley
Idaho City again
Joseph
Lake Owyhee on Mother's day
McCall
John Day

Ken Simmons asked for pictures of current projects even finished airplanes for the news letter.

At 8:16 the meeting was adjourned for Dick Peugh to show and tell about his carbon fiber cowl.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dale E. Cruson

From the EAA Hotline

A Hands-on Newsletter for a Hands-on Community

Be on the lookout next week for the *Experimenter* e-newsletter, EAA's newest member benefit! This monthly e-mail publication focuses on homebuilders and their projects, but also includes priceless information of interest to restorers, craftsmen, or aspiring homebuilders. You'll get articles, how-to info, helpful links, and other resources every month, right at your fingertips!

All members who have an e-mail address registered with EAA will receive the first copy, but to continue receiving it, you need to sign-up. Those who register to receive *Experimenter* will also receive a bonus e-book, *Custom Aircraft Building Tips*, for free!

GA Says TSA Security Program Unreasonable

Scores of aviation enthusiasts and industry representatives spoke in opposition to the Transportation Security Administration's proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP) on Tuesday, January 6, during the first of this month's five scheduled TSA hearings at Westchester County Airport in White Plains, N.Y. Joe Gauthier, EAA 31860, of Cromwell, Conn., attended and spoke before the panel of TSA representatives and a standing-room-only crowd of about 200 people.

White Knight Two Makes First Flight

White Knight Two, the 'Mothership' for SpaceShipTwo, completed its maiden flight on Sunday, December 21, moving Virgin Galactic one step closer to becoming the world's first commercial "spaceline." The twin-fuselage aircraft being developed by Scaled Composites reached an maximum altitude of 16,000 feet during the 59-minute flight, which took place at the Mojave Air and Space Port at 8:16 a.m. PDT, following successful taxi trials earlier this month. White Knight Two is scheduled to appear next summer at [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#).

JANUARY IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

You can pay at the next meeting or use the form below to mail them in.

THANKS!

RV NUMBER 6000

Van's Aircraft, Inc, of Aurora, Oregon, now boasts 6,000 completed RVs. Louis Palmenteri finished and flew an RV-10 from his home airstrip at Heritage Airpark near Rhome, Texas, finishing the 4-place airplane in three and half years working from a Van's standard kit. 6,000 represents an average of one new airplane in the air every other day for the 33-year history of the company. "We have shipped starts for more than 1200 aircraft in the last two years, and with the reduced building time required to build our newer designs like the RV-10 and the light-sport RV-12, we look forward to seeing the next thousand RVs fly in an even shorter time than the last thousand," said company founder Richard VanGrunsven. Learn more at www.VansAircraft.com.

FLYING 'SKYCAR' BEGINS ADVENTURE



A flying car created by a British inventor and his engineering team took off from London on Wednesday, January 14, on what's being billed as "A unique journey from London to Timbuktu." Their invention, the Parajet "Skycar," is a street-legal, four-wheeled vehicle resembling a dune buggy, powered by a 140 hp Yamaha R-1 1000cc motorcycle engine that gets lift from a flexible parachute like those used by weight-shift trikes. A continuously variable transmission powers either the rear wheels on the ground or a large pusher propeller for flight. The vehicle also has a ballistic parachute system for added safety. Makers claim a top ground speed of 110 mph and 70 mph in flight, with a cruising altitude of 2-3,000 feet. Skycar is the brainchild of Giles Cardozo, inventor of the Para-motor aircraft that made a world altitude flight over Mt. Everest in 2007. Pilot during the expedition is well known adventurer Neil Laughton. The planned route from London will run through France, Spain, across the Straights of Gibraltar, Morocco, the Sahara Desert, and on to Timbuktu - more than 3,700 miles total. They hope to arrive in Timbuktu by late February. Learn more about the Skycar and follow the journey at www.skycarexpedition.com.

NIGHT VISION FOR GA FROM NIVISYS

Nivisys has produced the NVAG-6, the first night vision goggles certified by the FAA for civilian use. Designed for use with fixed and rotary winged aircraft, the company foresees wide use in many after-dark flight operations, such as offshore oil rigging, logging, power line and high-rise work, and search and rescue. Powered by two AA batteries, the lightweight unit is made of anodized aluminum and can be mounted to a variety of helmets. The eyepieces work for operators wearing prescription glasses or contacts and are individually adjustable. The goggles automatically turn off when the helmet mount is flipped up, which prevents tube damage in case of exposure to bright lights. Learn more at www.nivisys.com.

Membership Application / Renewal Form

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