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JUNE 2007

Chapter Activities 2007

June 2007

20 Membership Meeting
20-22 Rocky Mountain EAA Regional Fly-in
23 Flyin Breakfast at Payette Airport

July 2007

18 Membership Meeting
11-15 Northwest EAA Fly-in
23-29 AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI
27-28 Wings Over Baker Airshow

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Presidents Message

Summer is just about upon us. Well, I guess it already has been to some extent. We've been having some interesting weather lately. Most of which is not very conducive to flying. I apologize for not getting a newsletter out last month, but it's been extremely busy.

I sold my Glastar to a fellow in Alaska. He put almost as many hours on it for the trip back as I did in the two years I owned it. I've also moved out of the hangar I was renting since I don't plan on getting another plane anytime soon. I still plan on flying. I'm already checked out in the Cherokee 180 at Hinkle Aviation in Caldwell.

The biggest news--I've changed jobs. I'm not sure how much of an impact this change will have on my free time in the future. It will require me to be out of town periodically including the day of the June meeting. The meeting will again be at the Payette Airport and we tentatively have a guest speaker.

We have a Flyin-Breakfast coming up on June 23rd. Final details need to be discussed at the June meeting. We've also invited the Snake

River Valley Modelers to set up a display and possibly a flight simulator. It will be great to have one or two activities at these so we can draw people. We want to have fun, but one of the main purposes of these events is to raise money for the hangar project.

I was hoping to have some news about the hangar by the time I sent this newsletter out, but not yet. I did receive a call from Mary Cordova a few days ago with a couple of questions. She thought it would only be a few days more to have some type of lease agreement. If I hear something by the time of the meeting I'll make sure to get that word to one of the Chapter officers.

For long term planning, the Ontario Airfaire is scheduled for September 15, 2007. It would be great if we could have a presence at this event. We did have some brochures and such at last year's event, but no one to discuss what we do. Remember, we're an all volunteer organization. The more people join, the less work each of us have to do. Happy Flying!

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2007

Meeting called to order by Ken Simmons at 7:40.

The treasurer reported checking balance is 8408.16 and there are 5308.21 in the savings account with a check for 76.22 for grill cleaning supplies.

Old Business:

Cheryl Cruson announced that the Oregon Corporation annual fee is due and now would be a good time to transfer to Idaho. She is also looking into getting the 501C3 tax-exempt status for our hanger donation.

Ken Simmons gave an update on the hanger. He said it is on track and waiting on the City of Payette's permission to obtain a permit to build. Mary Cordova said they were checking on clearance from the road in front.

Friends of the Payette Airport would like a date for the June breakfast. After a discussion June 23rd, 8:00 to 10:00AM was selected.

Bob Troxel said that the Veterans of Parma is having a ceremony at 9:00 or 10:00 on July 4th at the football field and would like to have a flyover of a few airplanes. We would like to get some RV's or some military airplanes

to do the honors and said that we could do it.

Ken Simmons asked Burt Harger if he would like to be the hanger manager of the Payette hanger and Burt accepted.

New Business:

Ken Simmons said he received an E-mail from Roseburg Air-Fair and June 29th and July 1st are the dates for the Roseburg Air-Fair. Ken said there would be more information available on their website, Roseburgairfair.com.

The EAA B-17 Aluminum Overcast is scheduled to be in Caldwell on June 5th and 6th. EAA Chapter 103 contact person is Loyd Thompson, contact him to get current information.

Memorial weekend will be Watsonville Fly-In and Dave Koeppen usually takes his Cherokee 6 down so if anyone wants to go contact him.

Arlington Fly-In is July 11 to 15th.

There is also a Mustang roundup in Ohio in September.

The Ontario Air-Fair is going to be on September 15th this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted Dale E. Cruson

ATTENTION

Please note the following runway closure at BOI.

Partial closure of runway 10L/28R between 7/15/07 through 11/1/07.

4,500' of runway 10L/28R open for day-light and VFR conditions, (10L restricted to departure only, 28R available for arrival and departure).

For up to date information, contact:
Larissa Stouffer, Boise Airport 208 383-3110

Q & A:

Question of the Week

I'm getting close to finishing a Bearhawk. I have an A&P and was not going to apply for a repairman certificate. Do you know of any reason why I should apply for a repairman certificate since as an A&P I can do the condition inspection each year, make repairs as necessary, and sign the log books?

Answer:

We recommend that you go ahead and get the repairman certificate for the aircraft even though you hold an A&P mechanic certificate. The reason is this; Unlike your A&P certificate, there is no currency or recency of experience requirement for a repairman certificate. So if you ever choose to no longer keep your A&P certificate current (see FAR 65.83 for the recent experience requirements) you will still be authorized to perform the condition inspection of your amateur-built aircraft.

AOPA GETS RELIEF FOR IFR-CERTIFIED GPS OWNERS

Older IFR-certified GPS receivers (and many new ones) are OK to use as they were intended, thanks to a clarification of the rules sought by AOPA. A previous interpretation by the FAA had caused a panic among some 26,000 users. The FAA has begun tying up a number of loose ends created when it revised policies that instruct pilots on how to use GPS receivers when flying under IFR. In a letter to the FAA, AOPA had drawn the agency's attention to the consequences of the combined changes to the *Aeronautical Information Manual*, an advisory circular (AC 90-100A) on terminal and en route area navigation (RNAV) operations, and an associated list of compliant GPS units. "The bottom line is that pilots can continue using their IFR GPS receivers like before," said Randy Kenagy, AOPA senior director of strategic planning.

**Come join us for the
June meeting on
Wednesday, the 20th,
7:30 PM at the Payette
Airport. Sam Puentes is
providing
refreshments.**

05/16/07 - EAA'S SPORT PILOT INSTRUCTOR DATABASE SURPASSES 600 INSTRUCTORS

Aspiring sport pilots seeking dual instruction in their area should look no further than EAA's ever-expanding sport pilot instructor database, which now lists more than 600 flight instructors authorized in airplanes, weight-shift, powered parachutes, gliders and gyroplanes. Chances are there's a qualified flight instructor nearby.

Any current certificated flight instructor who is a member of EAA or NAFI is eligible to be listed on the site, said Timm Bogenhagen, EAA Aviation Services. "We've seen a tremendous growth in the number of people interested in receiving sport pilot instruction, and that is translating to increased activity for instructors willing to provide it," he said. "I would encourage flight instructors who are current EAA or National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) members to complete the online information form and be included in our database."

ANTICIPATED HOUSE FAA FUNDING BILL COULD DIFFER FROM SENATE ON USER FEES

May 24, 2007 - User fees continue to be the major sticking point regarding FAA funding and reauthorization legislation, and it's looking more and more like the ultimate decision could be hammered out from opposite sides of the table in conference committee this summer. Last week the Senate Commerce Committee narrowly defeated an amendment to remove user fees for turbine aircraft and set the stage for a floor vote on the Lott-Rockefeller bill (S.1300).

Meanwhile, the House Aviation Subcommittee has been drafting its own version of a reauthorization bill in the hopes of completing it before the Memorial Day recess. What emerges may be very different from the Senate version, which includes a \$25 "Modernization Surcharge" for instrument flight plans filed by operators of turbine-powered aircraft. Wide, bipartisan opposition to user fees and sharp tax increases met FAA's original proposal at House subcommittee hearings held earlier this year, foreshadowing a more moderate House bill with regard to user fees and GA fuel tax increases.

At issue is not so much the dollar amount of the modernization surcharge or who it impacts as much as it sets in place an FAA billing and collection apparatus for user fees that would very likely spread in future years to other users of the national airspace system.

"It is clear to us that the implementation of any user fee system, regardless of who it targets, would set a dangerous precedent," said Doug Macnair, EAA vice president of government relations. "The temptation by FAA and Congress to increase the breadth of these fees in future budget cycles, casting an ever wider net to raise additional revenue, would be overwhelming. We cannot stand for that."

Actions by EAA members contacting their elected representatives are clearly having an effect, and EAA urges everyone to keep up the pressure. "Frankly, there's never been a more important time to contact your Senators and Congressional representatives and let them know why you're staunchly opposed to user fees in any form," Macnair said. "Our voices are making a difference in this debate."

For more information on contacting your elected officials, visit www.eaa.org/govt/index.html.

**Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2007**

Recorded by Jerry Waggoner

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by President Ken Simmons.

Old Business:

Ken Simmons gave an update report on the proposed chapter hanger. He is still waiting for City of Payette to finalize the lease agreement language before making a final commitment.

New Business:

The president brought up the need for someone to oversee the operation and use of the new hanger when erected. The person would be responsible for renting hanger and scheduling its use. It was suggested that the person probably should be a board member. Ken Simmons said that he would approach the vice president, Burt Harger about taking the position.

Discussed having a breakfast flyin in June and coordinate it with Friends of Payette Airport. Date to be finalized at FOPA meeting on April 28, 2007.

Guest speaker from homeland security had to cancel his appearance due to not having clear understanding about whether he had authorization to make presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Membership Application / Renewal Form
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