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President's Message

Thanks to all who came and to those whose efforts made it happen for a successful Annual EAA 837 Banquet in February. I thought our speaker was terrific. It is important for us to remember and honor men like our speaker, Martin Luther. The sacrifices made by his generation who fought and won World War II were truly awesome.

For our March meeting we will be showing a 45 minute movie about four pilots who fly their powered hang gliders on a 6-day, 1400 mile adventure. They start at Lake Tahoe, go south as far as Death Valley and back via different route. Some of you may consider trading in your A/C and switching to one of these machines after watching this movie!!

In the upcoming events department, Saturday, 15th of March we will be doing a breakfast for an IAA fly-in at the Payette airport. We'll be looking for volunteers to do the setup, cooking, and cleanup. A poker run is planned for April, the Saturday after our regular April meeting. A Young Eagles day is planned for the 29th of March with April 12 a rain date. Contact Dale Alexander if your A/C is available.

See you all at the March meeting.--Burt



Martin Luther

ETHANOL FREE FUEL

I am writing to the presidents and publicity folks of each of the EAA chapters in Oregon to urge them to help increase communication among pilots in Oregon. Because of the debacle with ethanol being added to gasoline in the state, which apparently nobody knew about before it happened, I decided to start a listserver to try to increase the diffusion of knowledge about this problem and other problems we as EAA members in Oregon, and soon Washington, are going to face trying to get fuel for our airplanes. I especially would like to raise awareness among LSA pilots. If they are depending on getting unleaded fuel for their Rotax engines, they are going to be in a heap of trouble soon.

I am especially interested in getting pilots and FBOs to communicate about the availability of unblended fuel suppliers. As some of you may know Larry Knox at Lebanon Airport has committed to making premium unleaded available for LSA, homebuilts and those of us with STCs. Amy Anderson at Redmond Air is looking into adding a self-serve mogas tank for the coming LSA vendor locating at KRDM. I know there are other state airports that are very interested in adding mogas availability. We were able to get the mandatory E10 law changed so that airplanes and airports are exempt from the E10 requirement but the language was "permissive" and it may turn out that there really won't be any unblended gasoline available anywhere in the state of Oregon.

I urge you to look at <http://www.iflyit.net> and let others know about it. I urge you to register and use the listserver to get information out to EAA members at other chapters about your chapter activities. When we first heard about the ethanol problem nobody at my chapter 1345 in Bend knew how to contact other chapters and spread the word. Hopefully this is the vehicle to do that.

I look forward to meeting you on the listserver. Let me know if you have questions. Additional Board topics are easy to add.

Regards -- Dean Billing / EAA (Chapter 1345 Bend, OR) / AOPA / OPA Sisters, OR

NEW MEMBERS!

We have two new members this month:

Earnest (Ted) Jacques from McCall, ID
Martin Luther from Ontario, OR

I'm sure one of them looks familiar to most of you. Please welcome them when you get the opportunity.

FAA Issues Final Rule On Airmen Certificate Replacements

February 29, 2008 — The FAA this week issued a final rule that will require all pilots to replace their paper airmen certificate with a counterfeit-resistant plastic certificate by March 31, 2010. After that date paper pilot certificates may no longer be used to exercise piloting privileges. Three years after this date, certain other paper airmen certificates, such as those for flight engineers and mechanics, may no longer be used to exercise the privileges authorized by those certificates. Student pilot certificates, temporary certificates, and authorizations are not affected under this rule.

These changes are in response to concerns raised in the FAA Drug Enforcement Assistance Act. The purpose of this rule is to upgrade the quality of data and documents to assist federal, state, and local agencies to enforce the nation's drug laws.

EAA has supported changes to more secure and counterfeit-proof certificates consistently since September 11, 2001.

EAA encourages its members to replace their paper certificates soon, keeping in mind there is currently a slight backlog at the Airmen Registry branch with many pilots seeking replacement certificates to comply with the new ICAO "English Proficient" endorsement requirement.

To make the replacement process as quick and easy as possible, the FAA has set up a system that allows certificate holders to request a replacement online at

<https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/amsrvs/Logon>.

Meeting Minutes

No minutes this time because there wasn't a regular meeting in February.

EAA ASKS MEMBERS TO URGE FAA: PRESERVE RIGHTS FOR ALL HOMEBUILDERS

The rights and privileges enjoyed by homebuilders over the past half-century have not only given citizens the freedom to build and fly their own aircraft, they also led to innovations that have found their way into type-certificated products and created an entire industry of suppliers, designers, manufacturers, making all of aviation stronger. Recent developments, however, have caused considerable angst in the homebuilt community about whether or not that freedom will exist in the same form after the FAA unveils its new policy regarding amateur-built aircraft certification, which will occur later this year. Any substantive changes could cause negative effects to ripple throughout the homebuilt industry.

EAA Launches New Online Calendar of Events It's the world's largest aviation calendar!

There is now one comprehensive listing of aviation activities that is designed with the pilot in mind: EAA's new online calendar of events - the world's largest - featuring more than 1,000 events from throughout the aviation community. This calendar, open to all aviation events and available at www.eaa.org/calendar, features everything from EAA chapter meetings, pancake breakfasts and Young Eagles rallies, to local fly-ins, safety seminars and airport open houses.

"Gentle" Persuasion

Submitted by Ivan Kaiser to Chapter 515 newsletter Jan. '04

As the crowded airliner is about to take off, the peace is shattered by a five-year-old boy who picks that moment to throw a wild temper tantrum. No matter what his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him down, the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him.

Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, a man in a Marine uniform is seen slowly walking up the aisle. Stopping the flustered mother with an upraised hand, the courtly, soft-spoken Marine leans down, motioning toward his chest, and whispers something into the boy's ear. Instantly, the boy calms down, gently takes his mother's hand, and quietly fastens his seat belt. All the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause.

As the Marine slowly makes his way back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants touches his sleeve and asks quietly, "Excuse me, sir, but could I ask you what magic words you used on that little boy?" The Marine smiles serenely and gently confides, "I showed him my pilot's wings, service stars, and battle ribbons, and explained that they entitle me to throw one passenger out the plane door, on any flight I choose."

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