



CHAPTER 81

SKY WRITER

December 2009 Newsletter

Meeting Notice!

*Holiday Dinner – 9 December at El Corral
Next Chapter Meeting - 16 January at 10AM
(Meeting details in January Newsletter)*

Chapter Notes

This is an abbreviated newsletter, issued early as a reminder for the Holiday Dinner. No chapter meeting this month.

2010 EAA 81 Dues are Due!

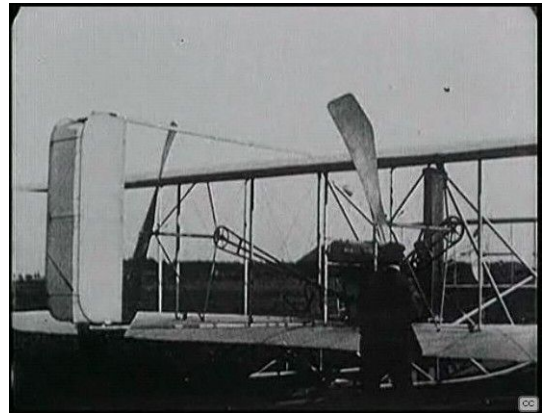
Annual dues are \$20. Checks should be made payable to: EAA Chapter 81 and sent to Mick Myal, 2900 E. Weymouth, Tucson, AZ 85716, or brought to the Holiday dinner or to a chapter meeting.

Newsletter Changes

The chapter printer needs new toner cartridges, costing almost \$400. In the interest of economy, future printed copies of the newsletter will be black and white. The newsletter will continue to be published in color and posted on the website for viewing or printing in color.

Interesting Historical Information

Buck Clippard forwarded a note from a friend regarding a video of the WRIGHT BROS from 1909:



The film clip is from the Austrian archives about the Wright Brothers demonstrating their plane in Italy in 1909. What is even more fantastic is there was an on-board camera on the Wright plane, shown in the last part of the film. Wilbur Wright is at the controls on both of the flights. It's a GREAT video considering it is 100 years old and the quality/weight of the equipment of that day.

This film clip is fascinating and in very good condition for its age being as it shows the Wright Bros demonstrating the Flyer to a group of European officers and officials in 1909. Only runs for 4 minutes. The shots of the plane in flight are the best I have ever seen of this machine showing a degree of speed and smoothness I did not think would have been possible. Excellent starting sequence with the linen covered props and easy start but the

outstanding sequence: being the take-off along the rail. You can't see the actual weight drop to pull it along the rail but in some shots you see the tower. The small piece of string on the forward elevon was put there by the Wrights to ascertain degree of side slip as you are aware the plane basically turned flat, and although they eventually put in a form of wing warping it was always a difficult plane to handle in turns, so they kept it as flat as possible because any side slip over a certain angle was unrecoverable. This was the two seat version as you can see and designed for a hopeful military use. It could only fly in very calm conditions.

The in-flight shots were something else again and possibly the earliest aerial movie shots ever taken. When you think he had to fly the plane and also hand crank the camera, I think it must have been fixed in position as the camera stays motionless and in any case cameras were heavy in those times and the plane had little spare capacity but I could be wrong. Note the take off ramp. Loved the ancient Italian Roman ruins in the final shots the approach speed was very slow in deed.

When you get to the site, just double click on the picture of the flying machine, it loads automatically. The other vintage videos are entertaining, too.

http://www.europafilmtreasures.eu/fiche_technique.htm?ID=322

2001 Express S-90 Odyssey For Sale



\$80,000 (Trades Considered)
 Continental IO-550-G (280 HP)
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 (Both 140 Total Time Since New)
 190 MPH, 12 GPH, 90 gallon fuel capacity
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 (<mailto:newsletter81@eaa81.org>)
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HP 2550L Laser Printer for Sale



The chapter's color laser printer is for sale to the best offer. The black and yellow cartridges require replacement. The drum has significant life remaining. Information on this model can be found at: http://reviews.cnet.com/laser-printers/hp-color-laserjet-2550l/4505-3159_7-30911303.html

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