

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009



CHAPTER 81 SKY WRITER

March 2009 Newsletter

Notice!

The next Chapter 81 Meeting is a project meeting to see Erik Fjerstad's RV-6A project at his home on Saturday, 21 March at 10 AM (See Map on website <http://www.eaa81.org/>)



Skip Walker's Thunder Mustang at Ryan Field at Chapter meeting, 21 February

<http://www.thundermustang.com/Walker.html>

Also see <http://www.thundermustang.com/> for some cool videos and V-12 sounds!

(Online newsletter, click on the above links)

Meeting was called to order at the Ryan Field meeting room at 1000 by President Duane Boyd.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Bob Miller briefly summarized the combined meeting and Pancake Breakfast of the Tucson and Casa Grande chapters at the Casa Grande airport on 1/17/09. The minutes of this meeting were published in both the SkyWriter and the website.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mick Myal reported that as of 1/23/09, we have a CD worth \$3278.78. A Chapter 81 patch was provided to every member, either in person or by mail. Extras if desired will cost \$2 each. Mick investigated Chapter 81 ball caps: expensive and, besides, everyone has a surplus of caps. We are temporarily out of name badges, but will have more by the next meeting. Some folks are paying Chapter dues in advance; so far, 77 members are paid up to date.

Old Business: Vice President Hal Burlingame informed us that the Pancake Breakfast made \$350, \$200 after expenses, 1/2 of which went to Chapter 1145.

New Business: President Boyd was given some aviation-related items by Ken Modlin a local EAA member who was unable to attend the meeting. These were given away as door prizes during the meeting. Chapter member Bob Masterson had passed away; in lieu of flowers, it was suggested that a contribution be made to the Young Eagles program. Pima Air and Space Museum was having a presentation on February 21 and 22 on the SR71 Blackbird, the world's fastest airplane (mach 3+). The Golden West Fly-In will be held in Lincoln, CA on June 12-14. Joe Seibold is soliciting entries for his Personalities and Projects file, to be featured in the meeting room and also to appear in the newsletter. He will be at Ryan Field Saturday February 28 at 1000 to take photos of your project. He can do the profile by phone interview, and provide a copy of the photo to you. Joe also has a 20 foot flatbed trailer that needs to be re-decked. Hal Burlingame offered the use of his shop for workspace. Webmaster Bruce Noon is soliciting photos for the webpage. Newsletter publisher Erik Fjerstad suggests/requests that members take the newsletter by E-mail; it is in a format that one can print out if one prefers to read it off paper. This will save the chapter 50 cents per copy. He also is soliciting submissions. A member roster will be provided on paper at the next meeting,

rather than by E-mail or on the website, because phone numbers will be published (SPAM danger). The postcard mailing brought several members and guests to this meeting. Gil Alexander informed us that Skip Walker's Thunder Mustang is completed and has flown off 80 hours. Ed Justice informed us that IATA will be auctioning off everything, including office equipment, planes, and busses. Hal Burlingame suggests that we hold a Hangar Party, rather than a Pancake Breakfast; he will investigate airport restrictions on such an event.

Bob Miller made a presentation on a proposed replacement for 100LL: unleaded Avgas. In a nutshell, there is no reason that the same unleaded gasoline that is used for Autogas could not be modified to serve as Avgas. The added expense of replacing tetraethyl lead with another octane enhancer would be offset by the reduced cost of transporting and storing it (leaded fuel requires separate facilities for both).

Meeting was adjourned at 1110. Many of us then went outside to ogle the gorgeous F.8 Falco and Thunder Mustang on the pad.

Respectfully Submitted by
Secretary Bob Miller

EAA Chapter 81 Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2009

Meeting was called to order at the Ryan Field meeting room at 1200 by President Duane Boyd. Present were Duane Boyd, Hal Burlingame, Bob Miller, Mick Myal, Bruce Noon, Erik Fjerstad, Joe Seibold, and John Harlow.

Chapter 81 currently has 100 members. No change in officers will be required in 2009. Addresses and phone numbers of board members were confirmed.

Mick Myal, the Member Coordinator, made a status report: Bob Hasson has moved to Texas and will no longer be available as a Tech Counselor. Eldon Helmer is both a Flight Advisor and Tech Counselor. Gil Alexander is a Tech Counselor. It was discussed what the qualifications for each position are, and we will be actively recruiting other qualified candidates.

The Young Eagles program was discussed. Currently we lack the pilots (and aircraft) to have a Tucson program. A merged program with Casa Grand was considered, but no decision was made.

However, a Chapter 81 Memorial Fund, in honor of departed chapter members, will be instituted with contributions made to the Casa Grande Young Eagles program. In addition, Youth Education can be served with alternatives to Young Eagles, such as Chapter 81-sponsored trips to the Pima Air and Space Museum, hangar visits, or even sending a kid to Oshkosh.

The Chapter Renewal Agreement requires a \$10 fee paid to the State of Arizona annually for our non-profit organization. This was paid by Treasurer Mick Myal. Also paid was our Annual Chapter/Squadron fee of \$50 to EAA and our Annual Insurance Form (\$177 per year); this provides up to \$ 1M in liability coverage with riders for special events such as Young Eagles programs and Pancake Breakfasts at no extra expense. Chapter 81 badges, patches, and calendars were paid via Mick Myal's credit card.

Hal Burlingame suggests having a Chapter 81 credit card with Phillips 66, which would provide a \$1 per gallon discount at Tucson International Airport or the Casa Grande Airport, for Young Eagles programs. He will discuss it further with Casa Grand Airport Manager Steve Hulland.

Duane Boyd suggested a Chapter 81 tour of Evergreen Airpark; he will coordinate with Buck Clippard to set this up.

Joe Siebold has the means to recruit an A10 Thunderbolt (Warhog) pilot to speak at a future meeting.

Erik Fjerstad will host the March 21 Project Meeting at his home. He will also utilize the newsletter to recruit other Projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 1305.

Respectfully Submitted by
Secretary Bob Miller

NOTES OF INTEREST

Dennis Hall is offering his Corbin ACE project for a 2009 Project Meeting as well.

Eric Witherspoon's SONEX videos

Here are some youtube video links to Eric's project activities. From the on-line version of the newsletter you can click on the links directly.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOHc8O6BleA&feature=channel_page

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahPyQiJGDyA&feature=channel>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyQ56wNGqME&feature=channel>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meetings

- 21 Mar (10 AM) Ch 81 Project Meeting at Erik Fjerstad's residence (map on web site)
18 Apr (10 AM) Ch 81 Chapter Meeting at Ryan Field Administration building

Nearby SportAir Workshops with openings

Date	Workshop Description
03/21/09	Composite Construction 2 Days, Watsonville, CA
03/21/09	Fabric Covering 2 Days, Watsonville, CA
03/21/09	What's Involved In Kit Building Evening, Watsonville, CA
03/27/09	ELSA Airplane Repair-Inspection 2.5 Days, Riverside, CA
03/28/09	Van's RV Assembly 2 Days, Riverside, CA

(visit www.eaa.org for details)

Airshows

Mar 21-22, U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Luke AFB,
2009 Squadron "Thunderbirds" AZ, USA

Fly-ins

Lake Havasu City Airport (HII) "Fly-in at the Lake"
March 28-29 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Online newsletter version, click this link for info.

http://havasuairstar.com/about_future_events.html

Show and shine awards will be given to best in class. Safety Seminars are planned for Saturday, a USO style Hangar Dinner & Dance will be held Saturday Night. Memorial Wall Events during the fly-in weekend. (American Veteran's Traveling Tribute) The Traveling Vietnam Wall will be in Lake Havasu during the fly-in weekend, there will be many ceremonies for all veteran's and guest during the exhibits stay. This is truly a special opportunity for all visitors. Havasu Air Center will provide free transportation to the Wall during the fly-in.

Havasu Air Center is also sponsoring the Commemorative Air Force Arizona Wing Aircraft Museum. The Wing will be sending two aircrafts to the center. 'Sentimental Journey B-17 and its SNJ. Both aircrafts will be available to tour and rides will be available for purchase. The route will include a fly over the World Famous London Bridge and the Vietnam Wall exhibit. Registration cost are \$25.00 for each aircraft. This fee will be donated back to the Commemorative Wing. There is no ramp fee for this event. Please call or email us for more information on the event. You can register for the event online at WWW.HAVASUAIRCENTER.COM

Other Aviation Events

Arizona Aviation Hall of fame 20th Annual Induction Ceremony on Saturday, March 28

The **Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame** will host its 20th Annual Induction Ceremony on Saturday, March 28, 2008, at the Pima Air & Space Museum. There will be a registration and social hour commencing at 5:30 p.m. The dinner and program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125.

Three outstanding individuals will be inducted this year.

Kenneth H. Dahlberg is a World War II flying ace, credited with more than fifteen kills. After his time in the Air Force, he became the well known inventor of the Miracle Ear Hearing Aid.

Ruby May Sheldon learned to fly when she was thirty-two years old. She went on to become a pilot for the U.S. Geologic Survey where she flew UH-1 helicopters from a floating ice research station 400 miles off the northern coast of Alaska. In 1974, she became the first woman in the U.S. to get her rating as a flight instructor in helicopters.

Major General Carl G. Schneider flew over 100 combat missions in Korea. He spent several tours of duty at Luke Air Force Base, before he went to Vietnam where he helped establish a Forward Air Control/Air Liaison Officer Program working and flying with the Republic of Vietnam Air Force.

DUES ARE DUE!!

Chapter dues for 2009 remain the same, only \$20.00 a year. Personal checks are preferred, either in the mail or at monthly meetings. Full cash payment totaling \$20 is accepted at meetings. As of 3/13, about 13 of 109 members haven't paid their dues.

Make checks payable to EAA81

Mail to: Mick Myal
2900 East Weymouth
Tucson AZ 85716

CLASSIFIEDS

(Note: Classified will run for two months unless specifically renewed)

New Hangar Facility Opportunity

I am considering a project to build a T Hangar complex in NW Tucson. Looking for parties interested in leasing. Commercial enterprises possible. The actual configuration has not been finalized, let me know what you need. 03/09

***Serious inquiries only.
Jim Moss 602-684-0562***

Aviation Humor

(Send your favorite material to the editor)

Actual Exchanges Between Pilots and Control Towers

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"

Tower: "TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees."

TWA 2341: "Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

Tower: "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

**Check out the Chapter Website at
<http://WWW.EAA81.ORG/>**

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That's all for now.

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