



CHAPTER 81

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Meeting Notice!

February Chapter Meeting:

20 February - 10 AM - A project meeting at Dennis Hall's Hangar at Ryan Field to see his Pietenpol Aircamper, Baby Ace, and Hatz CB1 biplane project. Hangars D5/D6 at Air Center West, at the north end of Aviation Lane (next to Southwest Avionics).

Plenty of parking along Aviation Lane.

March Chapter Meeting: *due to the DM Airshow on the 20th, the chapter meeting is moved up a week to 13 March at Ryan Field Administration Building*

Chapter Notes

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 a chapter meeting.

EAA Chapter 81 Meeting Minutes

16 January, 2010, at Ryan Airfield

Meeting called to order at 10am at the KRYN meeting room.

Treasurer's report: The chapter will be paying \$177 to the EAA national organization for liability insurance. The chapter will be paying \$50 to the EAA national organization for chapter membership. Last checking account statement showed \$3417.05, though this is from a few weeks ago. The bank holding the cd changed, and the new bank set the cd rate at 0.6%. This can be cashed out at any time. Other cd's are available in the 1.5% range (6 month cd), so Mick will look into moving the balance into a different cd. The cd has a value somewhere between \$7000-8000. Several EAA calendars were available for sale at \$10 each. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made, seconded, and approved.

Secretary's report - Bob was at a fabric covering class, and the last meeting was the Christmas dinner, so the report published in the newsletter was not reviewed. (Eric Witherspoon acting for Secretary Robert Miller at this meeting)

New Business - Duane requested everyone to stand and say something about themselves. I did not get everyone's information, so following are an excerpt of this part of the meeting. Eldon Helmer - is selling plans for several wood and composite airplane designs, see www.mirage-aircraft.com. Richard Reinbull is a visitor from Portage, Wis. He built and flies a Challenger II. Jackie Thomas is a

visitor from Detroit. She is a partner with Joe Siebold in the Light Sport Cruiser, which was outside on the ramp today. Chuck Valade (tech counselor) inspected a plane recently and wanted to point out that a single safety wire can be used for up to three bolts only. A single wire through all the prop bolts doesn't count. Most safety wires tying multiple bolts will tie two bolts together. Pat Halloran is a visitor from Colorado Springs. He bought and is flying a Lancair 235 with an O-290. He also owned "Loving's Love" and a Mustang II. He also has flown many replica antiques, is retired USAF, and was a U-2 pilot. He's passing through Tucson on an annual "golf course inspection" tour. Ron Miles is working on a Zenith 750, and is building a Wynne-style Corvair engine for it. Bob Sutherland has owned a Navion and Decathlon, and is building a Titan T-51. Bob Olden of Green Valley is working on a wood-based P-51 replica, a 3/4 scale Stearman replica, and flies a Challenger II on floats. Roger Evenson has an RV-7A at Ryan that is nearing completion. Bruce Noon can add our own photos to the chapter web page, and is looking for someone to support the coffee making and supplies for the meetings, as he has found he often doesn't get to the meeting as regularly as he would like. Larry Noon is a visitor, Bruce's brother.

Duane presented some awards from EAA for chapter service. I believe these were for the chapter officers, technical counselors and flight advisors. Not everyone receiving an award was present.

Duane was contacted regarding a Young Eagles flight, and requests anyone able to make a flight to contact him. For the immediate request for a flight, he will provide information for the Casa Grande and Sierra Vista chapters, as they seem to have people actively making flights right now.

Discussion of project meetings. Need approximately 4 more volunteers for project meetings this year. The February meeting is tentatively planned to be a tour of Pinal Air Park (more info in will be available for the newsletter). The March meeting, Joe Siebold is working to provide a special topic presentation (may be a guest speaker). Bob Sutherland volunteered his T-51 project for April (at KRYN). Hal mentioned that we may want to consider a variation on the project visit theme which might consist of breakfast at someone's hangar, if they don't have a project currently, as well as to provide a different kind of activity.

Discussion of activities that may provide publicity or membership to the chapter: Joe Siebold mentioned an idea he had seen at other chapters to spend some chapter money providing food for a local soup kitchen, as well as providing volunteers to distribute what was provided. He also mentioned funding a scholarship at the local aviation college.

This sparked some discussion of whether the chapter also might fund an engineering-related scholarship at U of A. Jackie Thomas mentioned that the Ninety-Nines sponsor scholarships, and that the chapter could use their forms (or a variation thereof) for collecting information from students through the school administrations.

The portable P.A. system for the meeting room was brought up again. Hal will identify some existing hardware that can be used for that.

Board meeting - Hal offered the use of his office at Grant and I-10. Duane to determine a date and time, with the plan being that the Board will have met prior to the next regular meeting.

Duane requested starting the meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. There is no flag in the meeting room, so Bob Sutherland offered to donate a flag in his father's memory. We will need to see if this flag can be properly displayed and stored in the meeting room, and provide a staff for it.

Meeting concluded with a drawing for door prizes including 2 books and the EAA calendar. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted for Bob Miller,
Eric Witherspoon

2001 VAN's RV-6A For Sale



**Lycoming IO-360 D2A, 260 Hrs engine and
airframe, Sensenich fixed pitch metal prop, fuel
injected, electronic ignition, Dec 09 condition
inspection.**

**Price: \$54,000,
or 1/2 share for \$27,000,
or 1/3 share for \$18,000**

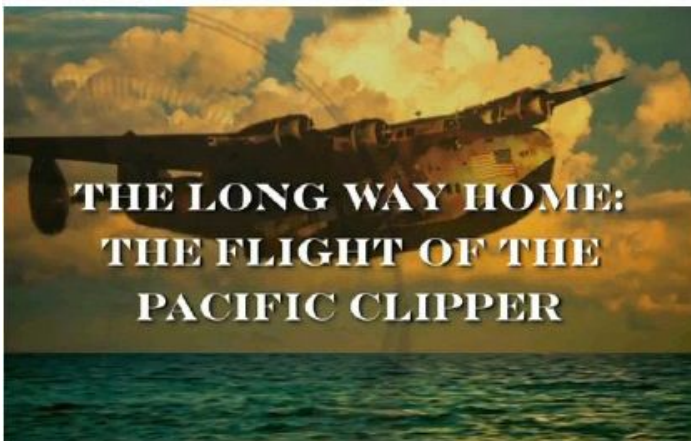
Contact Bill Pryde for details (520) 975-8828

Interesting Historical Video Clips

Buck Clippard sent me a link to an interesting video "The Long Way Home" about a Pacific Clipper getting caught in the Pacific at the start of WW2

(Click on the link below each picture)

The Long Way Home-The Pacific Clipper.m4v



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ms84WfJwall>

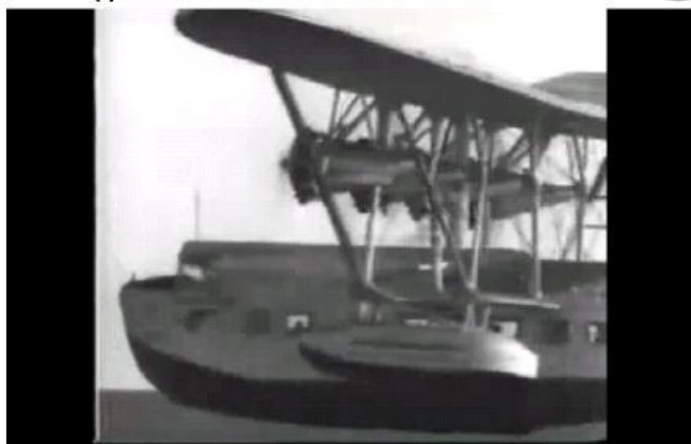
That got me interested in "flying boat" history, so I found and included a few additional video links on the Boeing 314 Yankee Clipper, the China Clipper, and the Short S23.

Boeing 314 Yankee Clipper NC18603



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRYzFjift2Q&feature=related>

China Clipper Air Service



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqOSQ5qSHXl&NR=1&feature=fvwp>

Short S23 C Class Empire Flying Boats Part 1



(Part 1 of the Short S23 Video)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9CVbDaXWnY&feature=related>

(Part 2 of the Short S23 Video)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-63lBn6c_M&feature=channel

A good history of the flying boat can be found on Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flying_boat

In case you thought the excitement of flying to China became boring after the end of the flying boat era, take a look at this video tribute to Hong Kong Kai Tak Airport (1925 – 1998). Where else in the world were 747 drivers banking 45 degrees at pattern altitude to line up on final, sometimes followed by a badly misaligned landing?

Hong Kong Kai Tak Airport (1925 - 1998) □□□□□□



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PCOcyt7BPI&feature=fvw>

Here it is in a spectacular modern simulation.

Kai Tak Extreme Landings



Old Kai Tak

"A ballet with the wind"

by ManBird

Music by: Ryuichi Sakamoto
'The Last Emperor'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVy6cgbF3F4&feature=related>

For Sale: ICOM Handheld Nav/Com Package

- ICOM-A20 Nav/Com Transceiver w/new battery
- CS-10 Transceiver amplifier w/power cable and BNC plugs and cable
- REALISTIC mike and speaker attachment
- Push-to-talk switch
- Radio Shack voice activated head set w/vox

Sale price for the package: \$300

Contact Franklin Utech
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Check out the Chapter Website at
<http://WWW.EAA81.ORG/>

That's all for now.

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PERSONALITIES and their PROJECTS



Byron Eskesen
And his Lancair 360

This month we introduce long time member of Chapter 81, Byron Eskesen, one of the increasing numbers of Lancair drivers in our chapter. Byron was born and raised in northern Minnesota and upon graduation from high school he enlisted in the Navy where he eventually became a radio man on a Martin P5M2 Mariner. (He was surprised to learn there is one on display at Pima Air Museum here in Tucson.) Upon his discharge he used his GI Bill credits to get his tickets for private, instrument, CFI, and commercial ratings. For a little over a year he flew for a crop dusting concern in southern Colorado while studying civil engineering and upon completion of his studies took a job in Flagstaff and was there for some years. He is currently self employed as a professional building inspector. While in Flagstaff Byron decided to give up flying to devote more time to his work and family, and settled here in Tucson in 1972, but just couldn't give up on flying completely and in 1984 bought a 1959 wood wing Mooney. He decided that rather than spend time restoring the Mooney he would build a plane of his own and bought a Long Easy project which he completed in 1988, but again had to put flying aside for personal reasons and sold the Easy. After 3 years without wings he again opted to build and this time chose a Lancair 360 and completed it in 1999. He still flies the Lancair and has about 400 hours on it, enjoying cross country as well as local and breakfast flights. He hangs his plane at Mobil Air West, Ryan Field. To date he has accumulated something over 3000 hours in his log and has been a member of Chapter 81 for over 15 years.



Note: Profile Text and Photos by Joe Seibold.
We will feature a new profile each month. Please contact Joe to have your project profiled!
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