



CHAPTER 81

SKY WRITER

April 2012 Newsletter
Notice!

Next Meeting - Saturday April 21 at 10AM
A special chapter meeting
at Lightning Southwest in Marana
(See page 4 for directions)

2012 EAA 81 Dues Payment Status

Annual dues are \$20. As of 15 Apr, 84 of 118 regular members are paid-up. 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. **Please do not send payment to the newsletter editor!**

EAA Chapter 81 Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chapter President Duane Boyd at 10:00. Treasurer's report – current balance is \$12,418. No secretary's report, as Bob Miller is reportedly in the Cayman Islands checking on his money. Previous month's minutes were provided in the newsletter.

	Calendar of Events (Please send event info to the editor)
Apr-21	EAA Chapter Special Meeting at Southwest Lightning in Marana at 10AM. Location information on page 4 of April newsletter
May-19	Meeting in conjunction with Ryan Airfield Centennial Celebration – Details TBD
Jun-16	Presentation on Powder Coating metal parts at a local shop, details TBD
Jul-23-29	EAA Airventure 2012 Oshkosh
Oct-17-21	International Cessna 120-140 Association 37 th Annual Convention- Ryan Field
Oct-25-27	Copper State Fly-In (Casa Grande Airport)

We proceeded to an introduction around the room for members and visitors to identify themselves and describe their project progress (or excuses for lack thereof).

- Erik Fjerstad – some progress on his RV-6A, with recent motivation by the cost of the recent annual for his Cessna 150.
- Joe Seibold – happily flying his Czech Aero LSA
- John Harlow - Lancair ES with Corvette LT-1 V8, recently completed his annual condition check at zero expense. Also noted his Chevy engine uses no oil.
- Jary Wesley – noted his RV6 project is stalled.
- Mel Bina – has sold his Velocity.
- Phil Peery – his RV7 kit is efficiently collecting dust, and grandson Dylan just had his 1st airplane ride as part of the 99's 20-cent per pound event this morning. Another Peery noted he soloed a Luscomb about 60 years ago.
- Johnny Thompson – reported he had built 2 Mustang II kits years ago.

- Chuck Valade – one of our tech counselors, made a suggestion to anyone with a Sensenich ground adjustable composite prop, to not rely on the “setting pins”, but to use a protractor. Some significant vibration problems have been thus resolved.
- Ed Davis – has a Fisher Celebrity biplane with Jabiru 3300A
- Bing Bingham – building a Zenith CH750
- Bruce Newlan – has sold his Luscombe, still has his tailwheel Express with the IO-540 3-blade Constant Speed prop for sale, only 200 hours since new! See ad in the April newsletter.
- Buck Clippard – related that he soloed a J3 about 65 years ago, bought it for \$325 which didn't please his father at the time.
- Tom Koscinski – a visitor from Michigan, has built an RV-9.
- William Arnold – a visitor, has been in the EAA since 1961, currently looking for someone to help with aircraft projects and to fly his airplane (supplying the gas!). He's a resident of Flying Diamond Airpark.
- George Snyder – Semi-retired, restoring his Swift for the 2nd time. 1st time he made one airplane from two about 30 years ago. This time, he's making major mods installing a 350 hp TIO 540 from a Malibu, which is entailing customizing the engine installation, relocating the wings farther forward, major fuel system modifications for increased capacity, etc.
- Dean Wheeler – continues to amaze with his construction speed. Having started last fall, he has completed the tail, the fuselage, interior, instrument panels, etc., probably on his way to flying this year.
- Gary Roberts – progressing with his Europa project, with Rotax 914.
- Bob Sutherland – his Titan T51 project is on hold, currently building an engine stand to test the engine.
- Bob Olden – projects underway include a ¾ scale Stearman N2S, and a full-size "Fokker DR1 Tri-Plane" which he hopes to have flying by 2014 for the 100th anniversary of that type.
- Jim Moss – related that he is the “custodian” of a PJ290 Senior Aero Sport.
- Dewey Fish – a visitor, related that he had military flight training at Pinal air park about 50 years ago.
- Bill Ditsler – retired engineer, has been building instruments for some of the local NOAO telescopes on Kitt Peak
- Hal Burlingame – a chapter officer, reported he has acquired a travel trailer for possible conversion to support the pancake breakfast activities. He also has acquired a double-decker English bus as a coffee shop project.
- Mick Myal has finished his wing tip tank design project and is actively marketing kit plans.
- Duane Boyd – confessed to no progress on his Champ. Said something about chasing cats (you

had to be there).

- Some names missed, or badly garbled in my notes included one visitor who belongs to 5 EAA chapters, winters in Arizona, and flies Twin Otters on the North Slope in Alaska in the summer. My apologies for misspelled or missing names.

Old business – None

New Business – Decision made for next (April) meeting to be a “meeting only” with a tour at the Lightning Southwest facility in Marana, the regions dealer for Arion Lightning aircraft. Details in the April newsletter. The May meeting will be in conjunction with Tucson Airport Authorities Centennial event to be held at Ryan Field, and the chapter will plan to provide a pancake breakfast for the event as a fundraiser.

A raffle was held for some aviation memorabilia – winners collected books on the T34 Mentor, the U2, the Northrop Flying Wing, and a “Leatherman-like tool” (only aviation relevance would be if it had been confiscated by TAA!).

Respectfully Submitted by Erik Fjerstad

Buried, Crated, Spitfire Mk XIV's Found!



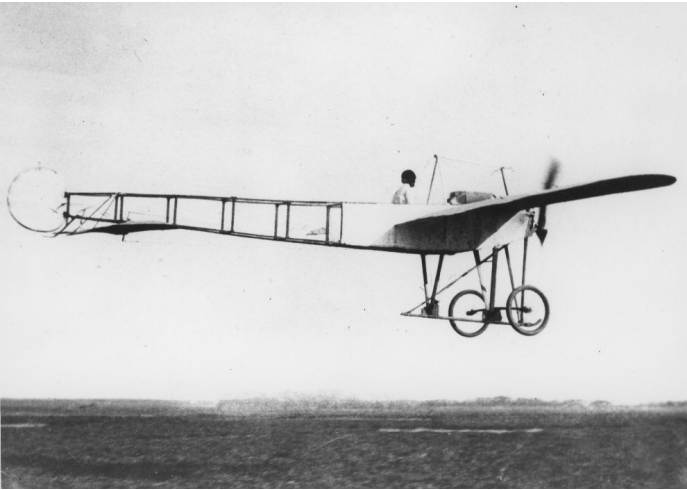
British farmer David Cundall has been on a many-year quest to track down rumors of buried new-in-crate Spitfire Mk XIV (with Rolls-Royce Griffon engines) aircraft in Burma, buried upon arrival in the last few weeks of the war. Recently, with the help of ground penetrating radar followed up with test boring, he has found them. Could be as many as 20. The crates were tarred, sealed, protected with beams, and buried. Read all about it at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/asia/burma/9204921/British-farmers-quest-to-find-lost-Spitfires-in-Burma.html>

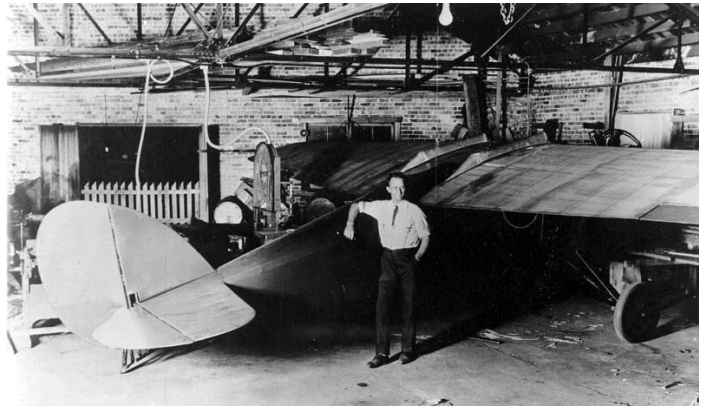
If you want to see Spitfires in action, view this video <http://vimeo.com/26432070> and make plans for Duxford on 6/30/2012 for the airshow!

<http://www.military-airshows.co.uk/ven2.htm#dux2>

Vintage Cessna Photos



Cessna monoplane in flight. Date: 1911



Clyde Cessna Date: Unknown



Clyde Vernon Cessna, 1879-1954, founder of Cessna Aircraft Company of Wichita, Kansas, and spectators with his aeroplane at Burdett, Kansas. Date: 1914



Clyde Cessna & his 1916 airplane; The first built in Wichita, KS; Photo taken at Beaver, OK with part of the Beaver Oklahoma Boosters. Date: 1916

Classifieds

2001 Express S-90 Odyssey For Sale



\$49,900 (Trades Considered)

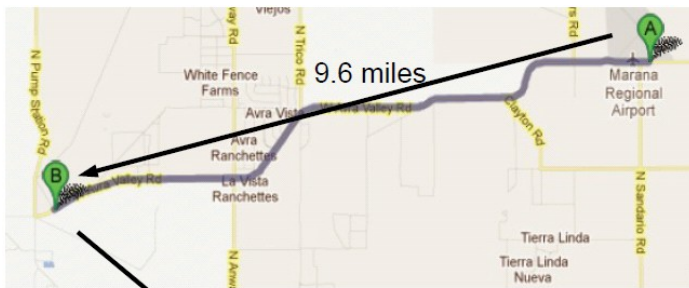
Continental IO-550-G (280 HP)
McCauley B2A34C225 paddle-blade Propeller
(Both 140 Total Time Since New)
190 MPH, 12 GPH, 90 gallon fuel capacity
1140 pound useful load, 4 passenger
For more information and specifications,
go to: www.chamberlainaviation.com
and click on "Express For Sale"

Contact Bruce Newlan,
520-531-8571(H)
520-907-7534(C)
bnewlanwine@earthlink.net

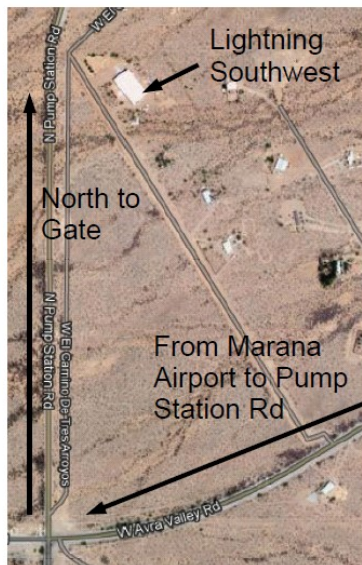
**EAA Meeting Saturday April 21, 10AM
at Lightning Southwest**



Lightning Southwest is located at 18750 W. Avra Valley Road, Marana, AZ 85635, located about 9.6 miles west of the Marana Regional Airport, turn right N Pump Station Road. Turn right and head North to gate on right. We will be parking just inside the fence on the West side of the North end of his strip and walking across the strip to the building. For anyone flying in, utilize 123.42 mhz.



Detail



**Please send items of interest, classifieds, etc to
Erik Fjerstad – Newsletter Editor
(mailto:newsletter81@eaa81.org)
or to Erik's address on front page.
Check out the Chapter Website at
<http://WWW.EAA81.ORG/>**

Chapter Officers & Staff

Duane Boyd, President (931) 472-4700
<mailto:citationpilot60@hotmail.com>
Hal Burlingame, Vice Pres. (520) 977-8600
<mailto:eea81@theriver.com>
Bob Miller, Secretary (520) 322-0677
<mailto:rmiller88@msn.com>
Mick Myal, Treasurer (520) 881-2232
<mailto:mick22@cox.net>
Bruce Noon, Webmaster (520) 760-5925
<mailto:Webmaster81@eaa81.org>
Joe Seibold, Director (520) 818-0603
<mailto:seiboldj@aol.com>
Eric Witherspoon, Director (520) 572-1332
<mailto:eric626m@yahoo.com>
Erik Fjerstad, Newsletter (520) 578-2005
<mailto:newsletter81@eaa81.org>

Tech Counselors:

Gil Alexander (520) 544-8191
<mailto:gilalex@q.com>
Eldon Helmer (520) 665-9341
<mailto:mirage@copper.net>
Norm Radtke (520) 308-5343 (920) 921-5125
<mailto:redbarn82@gmail.com>
Chuck Valade (520) 579-6235
<mailto:bd4flyer@netzero.net>
Eric Witherspoon, Director (520) 572-1332
<mailto:eric626m@yahoo.com>

