



Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 135

News



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Presidents Position

by Dave Kalwishky

It's hard to believe that June is already upon us, just a few short months and it will be time for our annual flight breakfast. The date is Saturday August 21st, if you'd like to help please contact Ralph Briggs at 515-554-8187 or by e-mail at rbriggs55@gmail.com. Remember, many hands makes light work for everyone.

We also have a Young Eagles event coming up on June 12th at the Boone Airport; we'll be introducing about 35 Jr. High kids to the joys of flight. I'm looking for pilots and volunteers to help out. Please let me know if you can be there.

I would also like to extend my gratitude and thanks to Dave & Mary Alice Hill who have served as board members. Due to some schedule conflicts outside of the chapter both have resigned. We have two open board seats if you are interested in serving on the board.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

will be held

Saturday - June 12, 2010

POT LUCK

Grill fires up at 5:00 p.m.

In Chapter Garage

In the Charlie row on the North West side

See map on page 4

*Condiments, drinks, plastic wear provided,
bring meat for grill and a dish to pass around*

Program 6:00 p.m.

Slide Show - Pazmany PL4

by John Kennelly

Upcoming Events:

- **June 12, 2010:** Open House, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Roger Bocox house address -10746 NW 103rd Court, Granger, IA 50109
Phone: 515-991-6610
- **August 21, 2010:** Annual Flight breakfast, Ankeny Regional Airport

Board Meetings are every 4th Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Exec 1 Aviation
They are open to all members

Two Stories

Submitted by Ray Robinson

I found this very interesting and never knew the history. Hope you enjoy it too!

Two Stories BOTH TRUE - and worth reading!!!!

STORY NUMBER ONE

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block.

Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object.

And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was.

Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done.

He decided he would go to the

authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine.

The poem read:

"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

STORY NUMBER TWO

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare.

He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank.

He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship.

His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet.

The American fighters were gone

on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent.

Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly.

Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction.

Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier.

Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor.

A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man.

So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial

displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son.

"Place your clothes and weapons where you can find them in the dark."

-- Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988) American writer

Shirts

We have a selection of grey polo shirts and grey T-shirts embroidered with the stylish Chapter 135 logo. Polo shirts are \$20, T-shirts \$15 (blonde co-pilot not included.) Come to a monthly meeting at the chapter garage at the Ankeny airport to buy a shirt from the display rack.



Government Advocacy

Half a million strong: Pilots must stick together

By AOPA ePublishing staff from AOPA website

When it comes to general aviation pilots' right to travel, Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) told 100 aviators at Waterloo Regional Airport, "don't compromise ... you should be able to decide how you want to travel." Grassley's passionate plea to pilots came May 22 during the first of a series of GA community events sponsored by AOPA this year.

The GA community event coincided with a fly-in/drive-in pancake breakfast that drew pilots and airport neighbors despite early morning fog that prevented some from flying in as early as they had planned. AOPA selected Waterloo Regional for its first GA community event after pilot Al Carr, who is based at that airport, won an AOPA Fly-Out at Oshkosh last summer. Waterloo is one of 121 airports in Iowa. GA supports more than 2,200 jobs in Iowa and accounts for 4,000 aircraft in the state's air transportation system.

Before an enthusiastic, committed crowd of pilots, AOPA President Craig Fuller stressed that the way to protect GA is to get engaged in improving GA safety, upgrading its image, protecting airports, and restoring the pilot population.

"Think of what an impact we can make—415,000 AOPA members—if we all take part," Fuller said. "Everywhere I go I am encouraging pilots to get more engaged with general aviation."

He noted the impact AOPA members had on GA's big win this year—preventing user fees from entering the House and Senate FAA reauthorization bills. Grassley played an important role in that win as well. A ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee and a member of the newly formed Senate General Aviation Caucus, Grassley voted in favor of the Senate FAA reauthorization bill that excluded user fees.

During the GA community event, Grassley echoed Fuller's call to action. "You are half a million pilots in America, and that is significant," Grassley explained. "AOPA can't get the job done unless you act when Craig Fuller tells you how you can help."

In honor of Grassley's work for GA on Capitol Hill, Fuller presented him with a Friends of Aviation award, telling Iowa pilots, "Fortunately for all of us, your senior senator—Senator Charles Grassley—has been a great friend to the aviation community and continues to work on our behalf to keep general aviation strong here in Iowa and nationwide."

Scales Rental Info

All scale rentals require check for \$200.deposit (Will be returned, uncashed, upon timely scale return).

Three day rentals. May be extended for three additional days at no charge, if there are no other conflicting requests for their use, with notification by phone. Otherwise late fee of \$100 per day applies.

All checks to be made out to "J.M. Abrahams / scale rental".

Chapter 135 members (must be member 3 months prior to rental date.) ..\$25.00 for 3 days

National EAA member but not Chapter 135 member\$75.00 for 3 days

A&P or FBO rate\$125.00 for 3 days

Copy of rental agreement available by fax or email by calling Mike Abrahams at 515-287-3840 or email to ppmike@hotmail.com

Scales are kept at Phil Patterson, Corp. / 4214 Fleur Dr., Suite 11 / Des Moines, IA 50321 (two blocks north of N.E. corner of the Des Moines Int'l Airport.



Membership Dues

Name _____

EAA No. _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Dues are \$20.00 per year
Dues are due July 1 and run through June 30.
(After January 1st you may pay \$30.00 for 1½ years)
You must be a member of the National EAA.

You may mail your dues to our treasurer:
Donna Bocox
10746 NW 103rd Court
Granger, IA 50109

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

from the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Aviation web site

June 2010

Saturday, June 12

Chariton Municipal Airport
2nd Annual Fly-In Breakfast
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Fly-ins eat free
641-774-4059 (Evelyn Hull)
E-mail: charitonchamber@iowatelecom.net

Sunday, June 13

Northwest Iowa Regional Airport - Spencer
Airshow and fly-in breakfast
7 a.m. Fly-in breakfast
10:30 a.m. Airshow
712-262-1000 (Gayle Brandt)
E-mail: spencerairport@smunet.net
Web site: www.spenceriowaairshow.com

Sunday, June 13

Albert Lee, MN Municipal Airport
Airshow and fly-in breakfast
Flight breakfast
7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
E-mail: edhubbard@deskmedia.com

Thursday, June 17 -
Saturday, June 19

Mason City Municipal Airport
American Barnstormers Tour
641-421-3397 (Pam Osgood)
Web site: www.americanbarnstormertour.com

Saturday, June 19

Keosauqua Municipal Airport
Fly-In Breakfast - Fly Van Buren
6 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Fly-ins pilots eat free
800-868-7822 (Villages of Van Buren, Inc)
319-293-7111
E-mail: info@villagesofvanburen.com
Web site: www.villagesofvanburen.com

Sunday, June 20

Maquoketa Municipal Airport
Optimists' Fly-In Breakfast
7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Fly-ins pilots eat free
563-652-6517 (Brian Wagner)
Web site: maqcity@maquoketaia.com

Sunday, June 20

Harlan Municipal Airport
65th Annual Flight Breakfast
7 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Fly-ins eat free
712-744-3366 (Randy Pash)
E-mail: randy.pash@gmail.com

Sunday, June 20

Dodge Center, MN Airport
EAA Chapter 100 Father's Day Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast
7 a.m. - noon
Pilot in command free
507-266-8572 (Tom Hall)
Web site: www.eaa100.org

Sunday, June 20

Eagle Grove Municipal Airport
Fly-in breakfast
7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Pilots in command free
515-851-8031 (Rod Rasmussen)

Saturday, June 26

Creston Municipal Airport
Annual fly-in/drive-in open house
7 a.m. – 11 a.m.
641-782-2383 (Larry West)

Saturday, June 26 -
Sunday, June 27

Quad City Air Show
Davenport Municipal Airport
563-285-7469
E-mail: info@quadcityairshow.com
Web site: www.quadcityairshow.com

Sunday, June 27

Pender, NE Municipal Airport
Annual fly-in breakfast
8 a.m. - noon
Pilots in command free
402-380-9882 (Paul Peters)
E-mail: ppeters@skyww.net

Sunday, June 27

Fairmont, MN Municipal Airport
Lions Fly in breakfast
7 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Pilots in command free
507-236-3604 (Wayne Kahler)
E-mail: wkahler@kaco.net

Sunday, June 27

Marion Airport
Annual fly-in breakfast
6 a.m. – Noon
Pilots in command free
319-377-9437 (Jan Walton)
E-mail: wkahler@kaco.net
Web site: www.fly-iowa.com

July 2010

Sunday, July 4

Corning Municipal Airport
Flight breakfast
6 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Fly-ins and passengers eat free
641-322-3243 (Adams County Chamber of Commerce)
E-mail: acedcadmin@frontier.com

Sunday, July 4

Iowa Falls Municipal Airport
Flight breakfast & Annual River Bend Rally
7 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Pilots in command free
641-648-3191 (Jane Knutson)
E-mail: fourwindsaviation@prairieinnet.net

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Saturday, July 10

Zangger Vintage Airpark

Fly-in supper and events
Events begin 2pm
Supper 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
605-370-1139 (Jim Zangger)
E-mail: jrzangger@alliancecom.net
Web site: www.zanggervintageairpark.com

Saturday, July 17

Sibley Municipal Airport

Fly-in, drive-in breakfast
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
712-754-3212 (Sibley Chamber of Commerce)
E-mail: chamber@hickorytech.net

Sunday, July 18

Monticello Municipal Airport

Fly-in / drive-in breakfast
7 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
Pilots in command free
319-465-5488 (Teresa Bader)
E-mail: monticelloaviation@qwest.net

Sunday, July 18

Forest City Municipal Airport

Annual fly-in/drive-in breakfast
7 a.m. - Noon
Pilots in command eat free
641-581-2880 (Theresa Trimble)

Wednesday, July 21 -
Sunday, July 25

Keokuk Municipal Airport

ILPA-IBDA L-Birds Convention - Fly-In
All warbirds welcome
319-524-6203 (Donna)
E-mail: donna@lindneraviation.com
Web site: www.lindneraviation.com

Thursday, July 22 - Sunday,
July 25

Clinton Municipal Airport

International Cessna 150-152 fly-in
E-mail: confabquestions@gmail.com
Web site: www.cessna150152flyin.org

Saturday, July 24

Iowa City Municipal Airport

8th Annual Fly-In Pool Party
3 p.m.– until over
Alexis Park Inn (adjacent to airport)
Jay or Mary Honeck
E-mail: alexisparkinn@mchsi.com
Web site:
www.alexisparkinn.com/iowa_city_pool_party.htm

Monday, July 26 - Sunday,
Aug. 1

EAA Airventure

Oshkosh, WI
920-426-4800
E-mail: communications@eaa.org
Web site: www.airventure.org

August 2010

Sunday, Aug. 1

Cresco Municipal Airport

Fly-in / drive-in breakfast
7:30 a.m. – Noon
Pilots in command and passengers eat free
563-547-3434(Cresco Chamber of Commerce)
E-mail: director@creascochamber.com
E-mail: aradtke@mchsi.com
Web site: www.crescochamber.com

Sunday, Aug. 8

Humboldt Municipal Airport

Humboldt Rotary Flight Breakfast
7 a.m. – noon
Fly-in pilots eat free
515-332-4012

Sunday, Aug. 8

La Crosse, WI Municipal Airport

2nd Annual fly-in/drive-in breakfast
7 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
E-mail: becbrock@aol.com

Saturday, Aug. 21

Ankeny Regional Airport

EAA Chapter 135 Flight Breakfast
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Pilots in command eat free
515-554-8187 (Ralph Briggs)
E-mail: info@eachapter135.org

Sunday, Aug. 29

Iowa Aviation Museum

Greenfield Municipal Airport
18th Annual Wings Fly-In
7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Pilots in command eat free
641-343-7184 (Lee Ann Nelson)
E-mail: aviation@iowatelecom.net

Sunday, Aug. 29

Iowa City Municipal Airport

32nd Annual Fly-In Breakfast
7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
319-338-9222 (Jim McCarragher)
E-mail: jamesm@mearndonlaw.com

September 2010

Saturday, Sept. 4

Council Bluffs Municipal Airport

Council Bluffs Municipal Airport
Great Plains Wing Museum open house
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fly-in breakfast
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Pilots in command free
712-366-3505 (Dale Standley)
E-mail: dales51503@cox.net
Web site: www.greatplainswing.com

Sunday, Sept. 12

Dubuque Regional Airport

EAA Chapter 327 Fly-in / drive-In breakfast
7 a.m. - noon
Pilots in command eat free
815-747-2594 (John Eink)
E-mail: jeinck@jcwifi.com
Web site: www.eaachapter327.org



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