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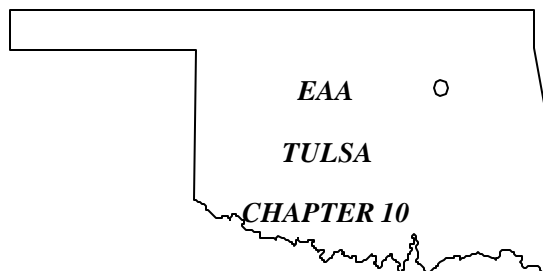
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CHAPTER HOME AT GUNDY'S

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Words from the President

by Bhrent Waddell

The annual EAA AirVenture was held in Oshkosh, WI from July 23 through Monday, July 29, 2002. This unique gathering of flying machines and the people that enjoy seeing them is a rare treat. Several Chapter 10 members attended and will have their own impressions and stories to share with us. One item that was not debuted was the final version of the Sport Pilot/Aircraft regulations. The proposed regulations were still presented to anyone that needed more information. Several aircraft kits that will comply with the proposed regs were displayed. Some of the Sport aircraft kits were SkyStar Aircraft's Kitfox Sport, Interplane's Skyboy, Zenithair's Zodiac, Pacific Aerosystem's Tecnam Aircraft (4 models), Sonex and many others. Many of these offer performance that equals or exceeds certified aircraft performance at lower operating expense.

AirVenture is a terrific experience. This enormous convention offers entertainment, history, training, and just plain fun. While everyone can't make the annual trip to Oshkosh, many people in the states surrounding Oklahoma will be able to get a good sample of a large fly-in on September 20 and 21, 2002 at the Tulsa Regional Fly-in held in Bartlesville, OK. Although last year's fly-in was cancelled, this year is expected to be better than ever. Chapter 10 supports this fly-in by providing tractor drivers, safety officers, aircraft parking assistants, and other supporting personnel. If you have enjoyed going to other fly-ins, this is a great opportunity to help others enjoy this fly-in. Volunteers are needed for all of the positions mentioned. Your participation will add to this event and help make it the continued success it has enjoyed in the Tulsa area for decades. Volunteer information will be available at the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report

by Craig Loomiller

Hello again. I hope everyone is doing ok now that it is finally summer here. I hope it's hot enough for everyone. I know I'm melting, but I guess that's nothing new. There are a lot of things going on this month at the Chapter.

Bhrent Waddell

I'm sorry to report that Bhrent's mother passed away suddenly on Sunday, August fourth. I am sure that I can speak for the membership in giving Bhrent our sincere condolences on the loss of his mother. If you have a moment, please say a prayer for Bhrent and his family. He will be spending the next couple of weeks wrapping up her affairs so he asked me to help coordinate the Chapter activities this month.

Watermelon Feed

The program for membership meeting for the month of August is the annual watermelon feed. This program is a favorite of many of the membership. In my opinion, there are more lies told at this meeting than any other event that we have. There's no way that many of these stories I've heard could possibly be true. This meeting will also include a report from Michael Thrasher. He was the winner of our EAA Chapter 10 scholarship to attend the Fight Academy up at Oshkosh this year. It will be interesting to hear about his experiences while attending this camp.

Oshkosh 2002

I hope most of you had the opportunity to attend Oshkosh this year. I rode up with John Nys in his RV8A. We flew up on Monday morning in 3 1/2 hours and we had to leave mid morning on Thursday to beat some weather over the state of Iowa. It took 4 1/2 hours to get back. We had to detour to just north of St. Louis with a headwind the whole way, before we were able to turn towards Tulsa. Man, was my butt sore!

While up at Oshkosh, I saw lots of Chapter 10 members all over the airfield. One morning, I ran into John Kurt running the Sun-N-Fun tent, Mary Wilkinson working in the 99's tent, and Craig Cooper

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displaying his airplane in the antique/classic area. I attended several forums and looked at all the new products displayed. I thought that the new electronic flight displays were unbelievable. I couldn't believe how much information that was included on the screens. Is this the 21st century or what!

We camped with the bunch on row 56 again this year, except they changed it to row 556 to confuse Bob Veit. Row 56 is now on the other side of the airport. We talked him into flying his RV6 to Oshkosh. He wasn't able to find us on Monday, so he ended up camping with a bunch of Mooney guys about 20 rows away from us that night. He met up with us the next day. The guys who arrived there on Sunday were the subject of an article in the EAA TODAY newspaper. That article is reprinted in this newsletter. We looked at airplanes all day and then sat down to a gourmet meal every night. John, Bob, and I prepared a meal of Cajun chicken breasts, grilled vegetables, and macaroni salad one night for the assembled guests. The weather was absolutely perfect for camping and airplane watching.

Chapter Banner

Roger White accepted the 50th EAA Anniversary banner for our chapter at a ceremony at the convention. This banner was presented to the first EAA Chapter established in each state. The banner is autographed by Paul Poberezny and his son Tom. Several Chapter 10 members attended and provided a cheering section for Roger as he carried our banner up to the stage. I thought we had the biggest and loudest group out of all the chapters present at the ceremony. It's always nice to receive recognition like this. The banner will be displayed next to the American flag in the Chapter hangar.

Poker Run

We haven't had any rain in a while, so a bunch of you approached me about scheduling another poker run. I talked it over with a few people and decided to have the poker run on this coming Saturday, August 17th. If we get rained out (HA! HA!), the rain date will be Saturday, August 25th (pancake breakfast day). We chose the 17th to coincide with the Cheat The Devil Fly Out. Rules and airports involved are outlined in the enclosed flyer.

The poker run is open to anyone, as long as they have five bucks for the entry fee. So come on out and have some fun!

Cheat the Devil Fly Out

It's time for the 4th or 5th annual **Cheat The Devil Fly Out**. This event is organized by Paul and Lynn, since they're the only ones crazy enough to do it. They fly out to Lake Tenkiller and spend the night on hopefully the hottest day of the year. This fly out will start after the poker run is over. If you have an interest in this, read Lynn's article in this issue or contact them at home. GOOD LUCK!

Officer Nominations

It's that time again. The Chapter is accepting nominations for all officers for the 2003-2004 term. They are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you would like to run or can talk somebody into running, please present your nominations at the September Membership meeting. The election of Officers will take place during the October Membership meeting. Im mentioning this now so that people have time to think about it. Our Chapter is only as good as the leadership that runs it. So please get involved and support your organization. If you have any questions, please contact an officer.

Bylaws Change

At our September 2nd business meeting we will be voting to change our bylaws. Six years ago, we voted to increase the term of office from one to two years at one of the membership meetings. However, this change was never incorporated into our by-laws. This vote on September 2nd will rectify this oversight. If you have any comments or wished to participate, please attend the business meeting in September.

Newsletter Editor

At the beginning of the year, Bob Minich took over the position of Newsletter Editor. Since that time, Bob has started to grow into the position and the newsletter gets better and better each month. Unfortunately, Bob has become a casualty of the WorldCom mess. There is a possibility that Bob will have to relocate to another city, and if he does, we'll

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really miss him. If anyone in the chapter has an interest in being an assistant to Bob and/or maybe taking over the position in the event he has to leave, please contact Bob or any officer for more details

New Members

Anthony McCutchan rejoined our Chapter last month. Anthony flies a RV8A and lives at Sandridge Airport in Collinsville. Welcome back, Tony. Our member count for the year now stands at 135 members.

Wow! I told you there was a lot going on this month. Come on out and join us!

Message From the Editor

by Bob Minich

Fly Young Eagles, Get Some Gas

I was informed that last month's newsletter item about getting \$10.00 gift certificate toward gas when you fly young eagles left out an important detail. We gave Roger Wieden the credit for this wonderful support but neglected to tell the world that Meri Wieden deserves at least half the credit. I hear she thought it up. Thanks Meri!

Contributors this Month

Thanks to John Forister and Lynn Coltharp for contributing the Row 56 and Cheat the Devil items in this month's newsletter. As always, I'll publish just about anything you send, so take a moment and write up a short story on you aviation adventures. I suspect we'll hear many good stories at the watermelon feed and it would be good to publish one or two.

Fly-in breakfast at Muskogee-Davis

There will be a fly-in breakfast at Muskogee-Davis field on August 31st from 7:00-9:00. The proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald's House. Note that this isn't related to the monthly Chapter 10 pancake breakfast, which will be going on as normal.

Airline seats for you RV?

Roger White has 2 airline seats free to a good home. I'm told they will "fit in an RV-8 with slight

modifications" and you can finely have an airline seat with enough room your knees.

Notes on last month's meeting

Last month we accidentally had a double program. As we announced, Jack Kirby told everyone about his SE-5A project and brought along some of the parts he had to custom build from plans and his extensive building log. It was clear to everyone there that his project is labor of love. Next we had 99's Carolyn McCullak, Francis Lukhard, and Joanne Bland (forgive the editor for surely butchering at least one name!) talk about the history of the organization founded by 99 women aviators to support each other in an avocation where women are underrepresented. The 99's are active all over the country and internationally, too. Among other activities, they fund scholarships.

Row 56

by John Forister

The Hole in the Wall

Lots of local folks showed up in Wisconsin late last month, but nine of us followed a relatively new "tradition", if we can call it that. We parked and camped in the North Forty just a couple of hundred feet from the "hole-in-the-wall". The "hole-in-the-wall" is a gate in the far northwest corner of the Airventure site. Actually there are two gates in this area separated by a short walk. These gates are unattended twenty four hours a day during Airventure and allow unimpeded access to a growing commercial area of Oshkosh; motels, convenience stores, grocery stores, upscale restaurants, home town cafes, big name fast food, pubs and of course WALMART. All of the shuttle drivers know where you want off when you ask for the "hole-in-the-wall". If you have camped at Oshkosh without a vehicle you can understand how attractive the freedom to escape the expensive bad food might be by the third day.

The Comrades

This year the Row Fifty-sixers included Paul Shireman and navigator Sam Dooley, Lonnie Halcumb and George Birdsong, John Nuys and Craig Loomiller, John Forister and Lynn Coltharp, and solo

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pilot Bob Veit. Bob did some marathon hiking since he parked his handsome RV in the RV corral and walked over to find us. Some unknown and unanticipated evolutionary need for management caused the row numbers to have a digit added. Row 56 is now row 556! Anyway, Bob was met with blank stares when he asked for Row 56, or he was directed to show plane parking. Gallant effort finally brought him success on the second day.

While the ability to escape is important, that's not the main reason that the same folks keep showing up year after year. The real draws are the "comradery"; including tales of superior airmanship, critiquing arrival management and techniques, tales of mediocre airmanship, meeting the neighbors, making fun of the neighbors, tales of pitiful airmanship (not your own, of course), relative quiet, and the dinner tradition.

The Dinner Tradition

The dinner tradition? Oh yeah! Packed in our tiny baggage allowances are compact gas grills, cooking pots, assorted spices, secret ingredients and full size tables plus the usual ice chests, paper plates, paper towels etc. Every evening one group, usually the occupants of one of the planes, prepares a gourmet dinner for the group. As you can imagine the dinner preparation is observed by all and provides an excellent opportunity to expand all of our "comradery" inclinations.

Dinner includes grilled vegetables, and roasted corn most every evening. Main courses are typically, grilled pork chops, grilled chicken, brats and onions, or sometimes steaks or ribs; or whatever the hosts think they can pull off successfully. I subscribe to the every-thing-is-better-when-you're-camping philosophy, but this stuff is really good!

Future Years

How much longer the unattended 'hole-in-the-wall' will last is anybody's guess. The TSA is on site and there are already pieces of tall chain link fence erected. There may soon be more of a hassle involved, but I can't believe that they won't continue to let us "off-base".

Join us next year. There's always plenty of help available if you're worried that your culinary talents might not measure up!

(Actually we were supposed to camp on Row 58 but Lonnie was the first arrival and he was confused, again.)

Aside: Ask Craig what kind of legs John Nuy's RV has.

Row 56 Makes Newspaper at AirVenture

by Jack Hodgson

Editor's note: this is a reprint from a clipping out of the EAA Today newsletter, which was brought back from Oshkosh. -- Bob

When you and your plane arrive at EAA AirVenture, the flag people direct you to park in the next available spot in the North 40. But every year a few trailblazers decline this offer and taxi off to the far reaches of the field. What's the story with that?

On the far side of the runway, abeam the Runway 9 numbers a group of pilots meet each year in their favorite parking place.

"Row 56, although the added a 5 in front this year and made it 556."

They fly to EAA AirVenture from Arkansas and Oklahoma, and on the back their "GAC" sign they write "Row 56." "The flag people are really cooperative once they realize what you want."

The three planes in row 56 this year carried six guys who have a variety of EAA AirVenture experiences. Lonnie Halcomb and George Birdsong came in Lonnie's red and white 1963 Mooney. This is Lonnie's fourth time to the fly-in, and it's George's first. George jokingly complains that he would have come sooner, but it's a long trip in his powered parachute.

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The 1961 Comanche brought John Forister and Lynn Coltharp. This is John's second time to the fly-in, and Lynn has been coming since 1981.

Last but not least, Paul Shireman's 1967 Skyhawk carried him and Dam Douley. This is Sam's fifth year and Paul has been coming for 20 years.

All six agree that their preferred parking location is superior due to its closeness to the stores north of the field as well as the excellent view of the activity on Runway 9-27.

No Jubilee This Year

On one of the camp-outs at Tenkiller we happened to coincide with the Cookson Jubilee, which provided entertainment and food adjacent to the airport. This worked out so well we began planning our date to fall on the same date as the Jubilee. This year the Jubilee was just too close to departure date for Oshkosh so we just took a guess and thought that August the 17th might have really miserable weather for a camp-out. So, come on down to Tenkiller and join us for a great evening of complaining.

Cheat the Devil Campout August 17

by Lynn Coltharp

Here we go again. The word you have all been waiting for. The "Cheat the Devil" campout is scheduled this year for August the 17th at the Tenkiller Airpark. Just arrive around 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. We normally pitch our tents just east of the Mary Kelly memorial on the south side of the field. We will sit around and swelter in the heat for a while before managing a ride into town for eats (we might have to walk if the airport car is not available).

Some folks think we are CRAZY for sleeping in tents on the hottest day of the year but, we had sooo much fun the first time we did it we just can't quit. Actually, this "tradition" started several years ago when we just thought it might be fun to have a mid-summer camp-out. We picked White Horn Cove for the first one and were sooo lucky to somehow pick the most miserable night in known to mankind in history. We had sooo much fun bitching about the heat that everyone, well maybe not EVERYONE, thought we should try to duplicate that horrible night. So far we have not even come close to the level of misery of the first one. On about the third attempt the runway at Whitehorn was under water so it was moved to Tenkiller and we have just left it there. Heck a couple of times it has been almost pleasant weather for our camp-out at Tenkiller. The people that live on Tenkiller somehow have decided that we are strange folks, for some reason.

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EAA Tulsa Chapter 10 New Member Application

CALENDAR

1st Monday Each month Board Meeting at the chapter hangar at Gundy's 7:00pm

2nd Monday each month Newsletter Folding at the hangar - Gundy's Airport 7:00pm

3rd Monday each month Chapter 10 EAA meeting at the hangar - Gundy's Airport

1st Saturday each month Ponca City Aviation Booster club Breakfast Fly-In.

1st Saturday after 3rd Monday - each month Pancake Breakfast - Gundy's Airport

August 19 – Chapter Meeting 7:30 (watermelon feed)

August 25 – Pancake Breakfast 7:30-9:00

August 31 – Flyin breakfast at Muskogee-Davis 7:30-9:00, proceeds going to Ronald McDonald's House

WHO BRINGS SNACKS????

January A-C

February D-F

March G-H

April I-L

June M

July N-P

August – watermelon provided

September Q-S

October T-V

November W-Z

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