

Winds Aloft



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AirVenture 2005

Chapter members dined together on Wednesday evening, sharing a great spaghetti dinner, good spirits and stories of their adventures. We all have wonderful memories from this year's AirVenture. Check out the articles from Ron Liebman (below) and Dana Holladay (p. 5&6) who share some of their memories from their Oshkosh experiences.



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Ken Kresmery's big Wednesday Night Dinner. Photo by Jay Friddell

Carts at AirVenture 2005

by Ron Liebmann



This year's Ambassador Cart Program was undoubtedly the busiest one yet. For the first time since we began the program, we kept eight carts on the run all day long, starting Sunday the 24th around 8am and finishing up some days as late as 3am. I estimate that we gave at least 2500 to 2800 assists.

We had one real drenching rain storm in the evening but that didn't deter four cart drivers one bit. They stayed out past 10 p.m. while soaked to the skin and cold for sure. There is just no way that we can knowingly let EAA folks struggle in the rain or darkness when we have carts to serve them well. And as

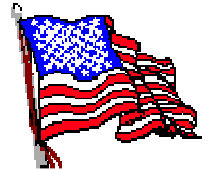
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From Dana.....

by Dana Holladay

How many days until Airventure 2006? I'm already

counting as my Airventure 2005 recovery period has past. It usually takes no more than 24 hours. It's amazing how fast I go from "I'm ready to go home" to "How many days 'til Oshkosh?". If you missed it, you missed a great one. Between the GlobalFlyer, the White Knight, SpaceShipOne, the Glacier Girl, whatever that 3-engine Dornier thing is called, and everything in between, no one can call this year's convention "just another Oshkosh". We had a funnel cloud pass almost directly over the campsite and dissipate just before it touched down just to the south of us, and I found myself unexpectedly helping overturn an Avid Flyer on floats that flipped while attempting a takeoff at the seaplane base. That a whole 'nother story!

Another notable event was a surprise birthday party for Rich Aspell's son, Alex. Rich and I schemed this up and hid Alex's cake in Ken Kresmery's land yacht. Unfortunately, the box it was in also hid the fact that

the contents was a cake and it was innocently laid on its side for the better part of a day. Needless to say, the beautiful 790 logo and the "Happy 11th Birthday, Alex!" looked like the aftermath of a Three Stooges food fight, but this little mishap didn't change the taste of the cake or icing in the least!

Thanks once again have to go out to Ken Kresmery, Wally Rupert, Rob Strickland, and everyone else who helped run the chapter kitchen. The food was great and the spaghetti dinner on Wednesday was fantastic, guys! We also need to thank Ron Liebmann and company for the great work done with the carts program, and Abbie and Jay Fridell and their crew for their work in the pavilion. Ron would probably shoot me if I didn't mention the incredible effort put forth by four of our youngest members, Timothy Alfeld, Benett Gray, Garrett Hupke, and Wes Raney. These four logged more hours in carts and dispatch than you can imagine. Great job, everyone!!! Can't wait 'til next year!!! ✈



Photo by Raj Upadhyaya

August 2 EAA Chapter 790 Board Meeting

Airventure Campground:

- Limited camp sites provided for Ambassador volunteers
- Members bought their own campsite passes
- Carts take up one site alone
- Need to discuss issues at upcoming review meeting at Oshkosh.
- Ken's large tent needs repair. Sites paid by Ken and covered with Kitchen funds. Will review later if a new tent will be purchased.
- Suggested we award Certificates of Appreciation for those Ambassadors that excelled.
- Suggested we write an article highlighting the Ambassador's efforts.
- Carol Thompson, NW Tribune, to contact Airventure volunteers from Cook County.
- Received already 5 responses from Ambassador comment cards

Young Eagles Rally:

- Poplar Grove Aug 27th Lon Danek coordinated with Tina.
- Dwight Zeller to contact Rob Skalany
- Suggestion by Abbie Fridell to do more roadside promotion in advance.
- Need ground staff and pilots

- Next Lake in the Hills rally; 20 kids already signed up.

Poplar Grove Airport:

- EAA Chapter 1414 Pancake breakfast Aug. 13th
- Ken's Corn and Sausage Hanger Party on Aug 20th
- Poplar Grove Open House on Aug 21st

Treasurer's Report (Lon Danek):

- Though no anticipated income for remainder of year; balance is in good shape and ahead of last year at this point.
- Barrington Library meeting room reserved through May 2006. Will coordinated for balance of year.

Newsletter Award:

- 790 newsletter awarded 2nd place. Tom LeGates and Mike Perkins received propeller award.
- Venue not as well attended as last year's evening program.
- Board thanked Tom and Mike for their hard work on the newsletter.

Programs:

- John Vlastic will be contacted as to next meeting's program.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Strickland, Co-Secretary



Meeting Notes

Last Meeting

Our last meeting was held one week earlier than normal because of AirVenture. Final arrangements for AirVenture were made.

Next Meeting

For the August 23rd program Jim Sweeney will be discussing transitioning to, or starting flying in, the Sport Pilot Category and Light Sport Aircraft for Sport Pilot Category. He conducts Sport Pilot ground schools via the internet at www.sweeneycorp.com and has Sport Pilot links and information there. Jim is the North American Powered Parachute Federation (NAPPF) President, USUA Board Member and on the Illinois Ultralight Advisory Council (IUAC). He participated in the ASTM committees defining the new regulations for Light Sport Aircraft (LSA), and has over 2,800 hours flying light aircraft.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2005, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Board meetings will be held at the Elgin Workshop unless otherwise noted, located at 219 W. Highland Avenue, Elgin. All chapter members are welcome to attend.

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all drivers know, it sure is rewarding for us to meet so many fine folks in need of help. Every cart driver has heard these great words from our WWII vets: "I would not have come back to AirVenture if it were not for your carts helping me out".

Before AirVenture began this year we received requests from HQ to give personal assists to Erik Lindbergh, Ret. Air Force General Robin Olds, and from the US Postal Service Washington office to transport a bunch of WWII fliers to the big stamp presentation in AeroShell Square. And, a few lucky guys along with Nancy Eisele, got to bring the Glacier Girls most days to and from their booth.

I want to give special mention to our five youth members. Wes Raney has been with us for 5 years now and is just great. He prefers being one of our dispatchers and he is #1 in my book at it. Wes put in 29 hrs. Ben Grey is just 16 yrs old and I found that he is

Blown in from the Winds Aloft

Rob Skalany is our new 790 Young Eagles Chairman. Rob volunteered to take over from retiring chairman **Dwight Zeller** who is following his career to Wisconsin. **Ron Palascak** has volunteered to act as Assistant Young Eagles Chairman. Congratulations to Rob and Ron.

Nearly 100 Chapter 790 AirVenture photos have been uploaded by **Raj Upadhyaya** into his photo gallery. If you're reading the electronic version of this newsletter, just click on the link <http://raj-up.smugmug.com/gallery/696889> Otherwise, type this link into your browser and click go.

Eight Ambassador Cart feedback reply cards have been received so far, all with accolades for the program and the carts staff. See **Ron Liebmann's** article on this year's Ambassador's cart program at Airventure elsewhere in this issue (p.1).

Go-Arounds: Please note in your membership directories that Robert Gerhold's correct email address is rgerhold@starnetdial.net.

Short Final: Saturday, August 20, 2005 marks **Ken and Polly Kresmery's 2nd Annual Day at the Hanger**, Poplar Grove Airport. Lunch is at 2 p.m.. Bring a side dish. *Directions:* Enter off Orth Road (museum entrance). Take the first left, look for Ryan Blvd, MD 4 & 5. (To drive to Poplar Grove airport, take I-90 west to Genoa Rd, Genoa Road north to Route 76. Go just past the airport to Orth Road. Turn right on Orth.) Also, the following day, Poplar Grove Airport is having its open house Sunday, August 21, 2005.



right up there with Wes when it comes to dispatching. His skill and professionalism on the radio can't be beat. He recorded 57 hrs. Tim Alfeld and Garrett Hupke, (both about 18) were out there driving every day and every evening. Garrett also assisted the security staff until well after hours. Tim logged 24 hrs. and Garrett put in 47 hrs. for us. And lastly is Bryant, my 16 year-old side kick who was up for his fifth AirVenture to work as an Ambassador. Bry completed every request that I had for him including getting the daily lunches and lemonade for the Cart Cen-

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Helping Out

by Dana Holladay

Airventure 2005 was particularly special for me this year. The best part was my wife, Jill making the trip and having a blast with the rest of us. It had been over 10 years since she had attended the convention plus the fact that we had a pop-up camper this year, making our stay that much more enjoyable. It was the first time I haven't floated around in a tent at least one night during the convention in I don't know how many years!

I had never seen a P-38 fly, so the Glacier Girl was one of the highlights for me this year. Unfortunately, its flights were limited to the first part of the week due to the pilot's availability. Throw in the GlobalFlyer, the huge 3-engine Dornier, SpaceShipOne, the White Knight, and myriad other cool aircraft and exhibits. It was truly an Oshkosh that I will never forget.

But the "file it under unusual" topper of this convention for me had to be helping a fellow EAA'er right his sunken Avid Flyer at the seaplane base. On Saturday Jill and I and several of our friends were eating lunch at Arnie and Ed's while sitting next to two Winnebago County Marine Patrol Officers. They received a call about a seaplane that had flipped over on takeoff at the seaplane base. We had planned to visit the base after lunch, but hearing this call made me a little anxious. I definitely didn't want to find out that anyone had been injured, and fortunately the pilot and his passenger were only bruised, confused, and very wet.

After lunch we headed down to the base and could see the bottoms of the Avid's floats in the distance and nothing else. I am no stranger to upside-down aircraft and I could empathize with the owner, who showed up at his forlorn little craft shortly after we arrived. He had been taken away momentarily and checked by EMS, given a clean bill of health, and was now trying to figure out what to do with his plane. I found it odd that he seemed to be all by



An example of an Avid on floats.
Photo courtesy Full Lotus Floats

himself, sitting on one of his floats and pondering his predicament. Dan Vormittag and I waded over and discovered two other guys, mostly under water of course, helping the pilot remove the 3-blade prop to save it from further damage during the flipping procedure. It took these guys over an hour to remove 6 bolts due to the lack of accessibility to the prop hub and despite gagging on the fuel-covered lake water they were ingesting when diving to access the prop bolts!

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Newsletter Awarded 2nd Place at AirVenture



Photo by Trella Perkins

In the national EAA newsletter competition for 2005, Chapter 790 won second place. Newsletter editors Tom

LeGates and Mike Perkins accepted the award during the Chapter Awards ceremony at AirVenture on Saturday, July 30. Last year, Tom and Mike accepted the fourth place national award. Also to be congratulated are Alex and Carol Von Bosse of Popular Grove's Chapter 1414 who accepted 3rd place.



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We also this year had Bruce King from Texas as a 6 to 8 a.m. driver daily along with new driver Roger Uselding who drove many hours for us.

Besides those Ambassadors specifically mentioned here, I want to thank every single one of us who showed their sincere dedication to EAA by helping out so many AirVenture guests. Let's do it again next year!



Oshkosh Encounter

by Dana Holladay

Many of you know Tyler Sibley, but for those who don't, he is a soon-to-be 21 year-old member of EAA Chapter 25 in Minnesota who has attended and volunteered at Oshkosh for each of the past 7 or 8 years. When Ty was 12, he boarded a bus all by himself and made the trek to Oshkosh for the same reasons we all go. It's sort of a "calling"! Ty is also one of several friends with whom I keep in touch but only see once a year when we attend AirVenture.

Young Mr. Sibley attended the University of North Dakota two years ago, but was forced back into the workplace after his freshman year, mostly due to the extremely high cost of tuition. He was about 5 hours from completing his primary flight training at UND when the school year ended in the spring of 2004, had given up hope of finishing in the foreseeable future, and decided to enlist in the Navy. Needless to say, getting so close to his check ride but not finishing left him extremely dejected.

I was fortunate to see Tyler in Chicago (Buffalo Grove, actually) about two months ago when he was visiting Dane Sheahan's family for a couple of days. Our conversation turned to his flight training and I could, for the first time, see in his eyes how much it hurt that he had not finished his flight training. After our visit, I was driving home well after midnight and it hit me like a ton of bricks. Someone had to get Tyler through his check ride, so I hatched a plan and made him an offer that he could take or leave. The offer was to help him complete his training by donating all of my time and paying for the flight hours on the condition that he repays me when he is able. He jumped at the offer and we put the plan into action.

In early July I called Chris Anderson, a designated pilot examiner in Janesville, Wisconsin and scheduled Ty's check ride for Friday, August 5th. I knew we had a tough assignment as he had not flown since September of last year and had never sat in a Cessna 152, much less flown one. In addition, I had budgeted 11 days for the finish up as Tyler had told me this was the amount of time he had between Oshkosh and boot camp. When his parents decided to throw a going away party for him on Saturday, August 6th in

Minnesota, our timeline was more than cut in half! We now had four days to finish his training!!!

Anyhow, we did some ground instruction at Oshkosh, although it was a minimal amount due to all the distractions. We overnighted a request to the FAA from the convention for a copy of his knowledge test report, which we discovered was lost somewhere in his house back in Minnesota. We even delayed the flight training another day until Tuesday, August 2nd, due to the adverse affects of a late-night party Ty was "forced" to attend on Sunday night in Oshkosh before driving to my house on Monday morning! Thanks to a big, fat dome of high pressure and some serious raw flying ability, I soloed Ty after 3 trips around the pattern on Tuesday morning!!! On Friday, August 5th, he passed his private pilot check ride with a grand total of 13.2 hours of flight time over the previous 3 and 1/2 days, including the flight time logged during the check ride! This story has a happy ending because Tyler was motivated and has flying in his blood. I was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time with the resources to get him done. I don't think I will have many challenges in the future that will make me as happy when met as this one! Congratulations, Tyler! We are all very proud of what you've accomplished!



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After dragging the plane into shallower water, on our fourth attempt we were able to right the plane and the owner disassembled it and trailered it home to Michigan. He now has quite a project on his hands, as the plane sustained substantial structural and water damage. On the bright side, he and his passenger came out of it relatively unscathed, and with one heck of a story to tell! Good luck with the restoration, Bill!

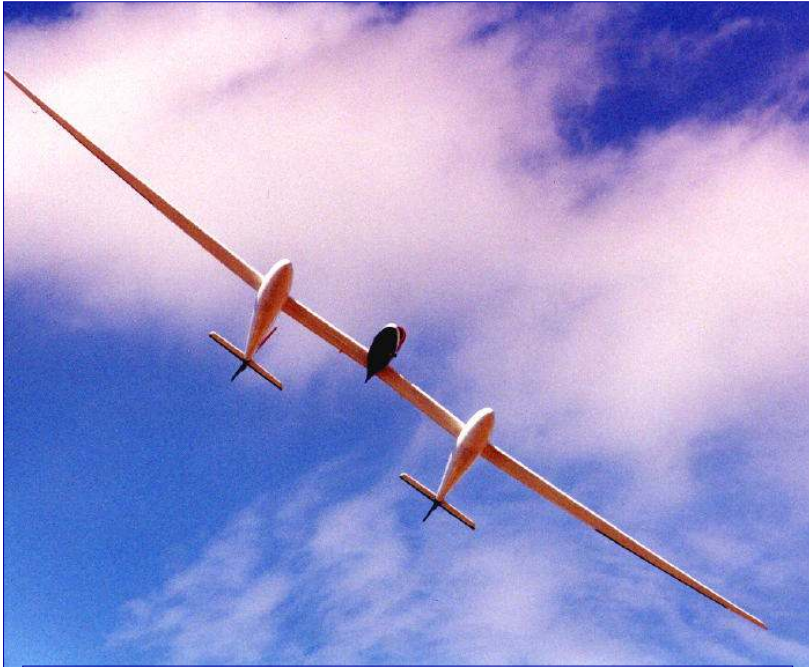


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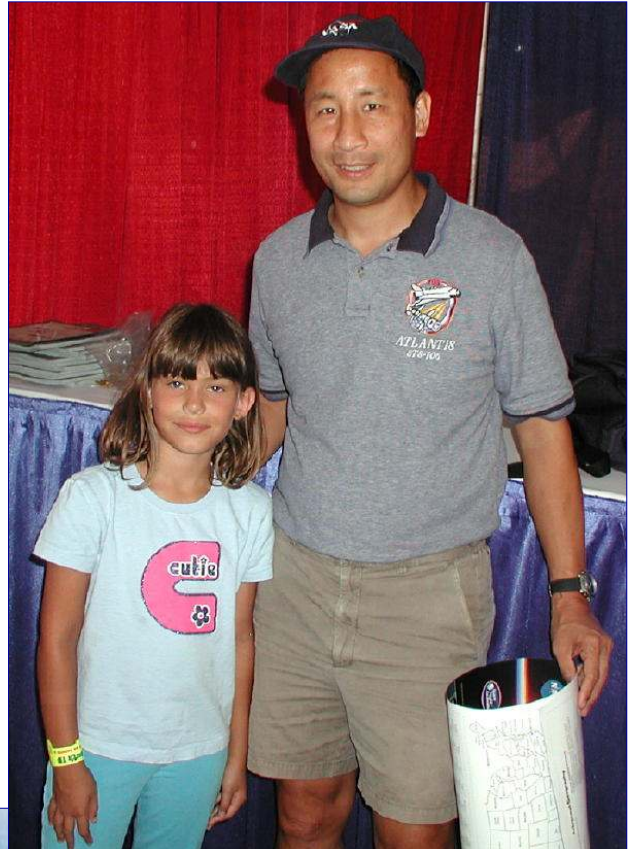
Janet Davidson from EAA sent me the following web site that is extremely useful for pilots and aviation enthusiasts - www.pilotfriend.com. It includes everything from weather and flight planning to aviation and specific aircraft history, specs., etc. Take a look, but be warned, it takes a while to get around the entire web site.

~Jay Friddell~

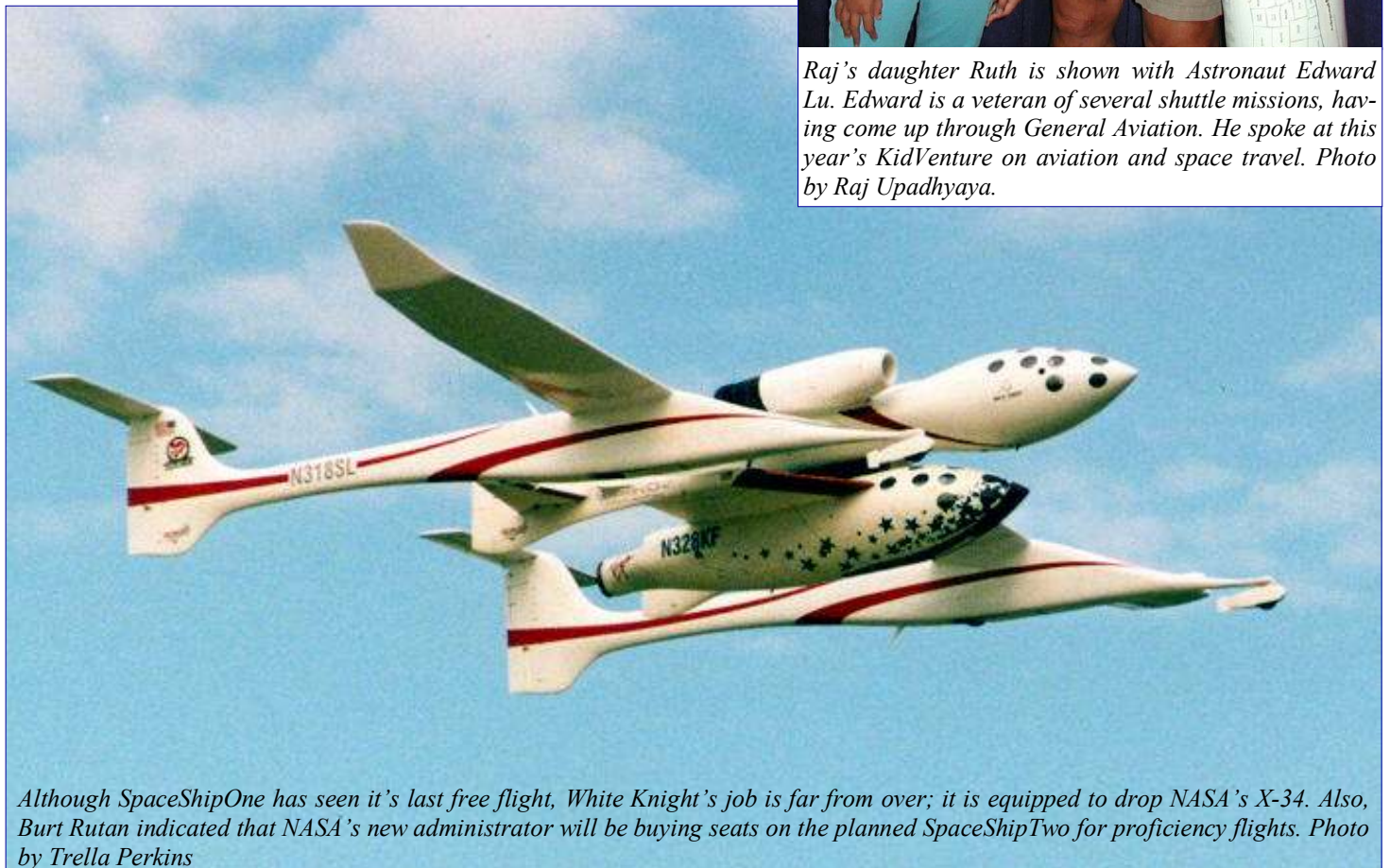
More Photos From AirVenture 2005



Off the ground, GlobalFlyer looks utterly graceful. Photo by Trella Perkins



Raj's daughter Ruth is shown with Astronaut Edward Lu. Edward is a veteran of several shuttle missions, having come up through General Aviation. He spoke at this year's KidVenture on aviation and space travel. Photo by Raj Upadhyaya.



Although SpaceShipOne has seen it's last free flight, White Knight's job is far from over; it is equipped to drop NASA's X-34. Also, Burt Rutan indicated that NASA's new administrator will be buying seats on the planned SpaceShipTwo for proficiency flights. Photo by Trella Perkins

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After years "on ice", P-38 Lightning 'Glacier Girl' is on display in AeroShell Square. Photo by Raj Upadhyaya



In the Warbirds area, Mike Titre visits with a P-47 Thunderbolt, similar to the aircraft he flew in WWII. Photo by Don Jenerick

Calendar of Events

2005

August 20 (Sat)..... Ken & Polly's Day At The Hangar, Poplar Grove

August 27 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Poplar Grove

October 1 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Lake In The Hills

October 25 (Tue)..... Chapter Auction, Elgin Workshop

October 29 (Sat)..... Young Eagles, Lake In The Hills

Contact John Vlasic for information, or to make suggestions for activities, i.e.: picnics, fly-outs, museum visits, etc. **Phone:(847)524-1857 Email: jvlasic@lunt.com**

Contact Rob Skalany for information or suggestions regarding Young Eagle Rallies. **Phone: (815) 462-3051 Email: bbbh2o@ameritech.net**

Recognizing Our Members

(Please let the editors know of any interesting recent activities! These might include solo's, new ratings, aircraft purchases, first flights of homebuilt aircraft, or any other accomplishments you would like to let the Chapter know about. Thanks! Eds)

New Member - Please welcome Jeffrey Bruce

Flight Reviews

BFR Special: Ole Sindberg is offering a Biennial Flight Review for any Chapter 790 member for \$50.00. Also available are flight instruction in single and multi-engine aircraft, helicopters, as well as high performance and complex airplane checkouts. Phone: (847) 639-5408.

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FAA Wings Program



Abbie Friddell, Master CFI, CFI is offering an EAA Chapter 790 special discount. 3 hours Wings Program Instruction for \$75.

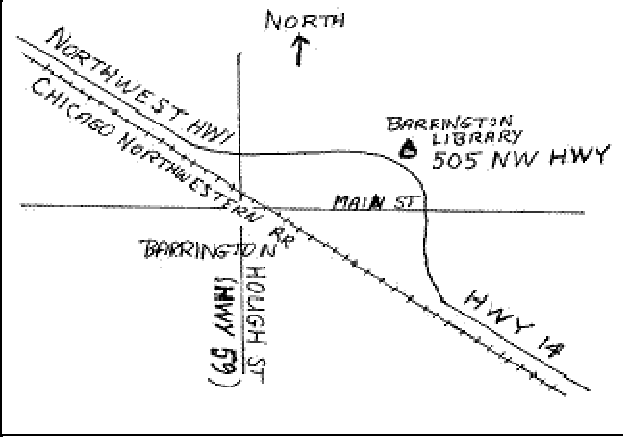
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DIRECTIONS, ETC

Regular Chapter meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month (except July) at the Barrington Public Library. Meetings begin at 7:30, with a social "hour" preceding. The Library is located on Highway 14 between Main St./Lake Cook Rd, and Highway 59 (Hough St.) in Barrington, Illinois.

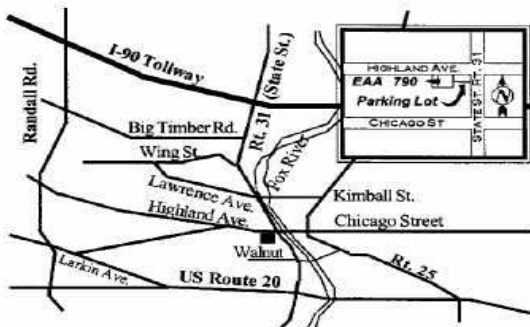


Elgin Workshop

The shop has stayed open this Spring & Summer because we are fabricating the T-Craft now, so that we can get it thru the primer paint stage while we can have all the doors open for ventilation. We need the heat of Summer to do the job right. The tail surfaces are thru the rib stitch stage and the ailerons are being stitched now. Next will be the fuselage after Air-Venture is behind us.

Workshop days will be Tue, Thu & Sat unless the weather is nice for flying. I still want to enjoy my Kitfox in the warm weather too. Call my house or cell to check if the shop will be manned on any particular day. Or better yet, call the shop directly at 847-608-0001. My home number is: 847-352-8282. Cell #: 847-997-0801. ~Ron Liebmann~

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Buy, Sell or Trade

Classified ads may be submitted by any Chapter member free of charge. They will run for about 3 months unless canceled or renewed. Non-Chapter members and sponsors may purchase a business card size ad for \$100 per year. Ads for shorter periods are \$10 per month

For Sale: RV-6 tail kit and wing kit with plans and instruction book. \$4400 invested, yours for only \$2000. **Contact Steve Flattum (815) 765-1849.**

For Sale or Rent: Portable paint booth exhaust system on wheels. Explosion-proof motor and lights, flexible ducting, great for hanger or garage. \$300 or rent for a small fee. **Contact Steve Flattum (815) 765-1849.**

For Sale: Aircraft sheet aluminum from small pieces to 12 ft long, thickness from .032 to .064, 50% off. **Contact Steve Flattum (815) 765-1849.**

For Rent: Poplar Grove, 50x50 shared, heated, well-lighted hangar, bifold electric door. For homebuilt, single, light twin or storage. **Call Lon Danek (847) 381-4286.**

Boat For Sale: 1998 Sea Ray Bowrider and trailer, 18 ft with 135 hp Mercruiser outdrive, P.S., 100 hrs. since new, swim deck, AM/FM, covers, many extras. Like new/mint condition. \$12,000. **Call (847) 639-7257.**

Free: Three four-bulb fluorescent light fixtures. Free to any Chapter 790 member. **Contact Bob Gerhold (847) 537-8391.**

For Sale: Bowers Fly Baby, Continental A65, Fuel (80-87/100LL) 11.9 gal, 3.5gph. Wingspan 26', Length 18'10". Hangared at Poplar Grove. Price \$16,500 or best offer. Empty Weight 686 lbs, Gross Weight 1,000 lbs. It looks and flies beautifully – no disappointments! **Contact : Wally Ruppert (owner) (262) 348-0279.**



Hangars For Rent: "The Landings" Huntley IL 3/4 mile North I-90 near Rt. 47. Three hangars, 44' wide, vertical lift door. Monthly or long term. \$295/month. Aviation fuel, A&P, IA available. **Contact Gary Grimmonpre's pager (847) 753-3699.**

For Sale: At Poplar Grove Airport. - 1 year old end T hangar with loft and full bath overlooking runways; 1968 Cessna 150 w/3800 TT, 530 SMOH. \$105,000 for all. **Call Ken Rentmeester (847) 372-9374.**

For Sale: Bargain price for Sitka spruce wing or tail spar material, 7/8"x10"x18.' Have 4 available. Also can be used for stringers or other structural uses. **Contact Lon Danek @ 847 381-4286.**

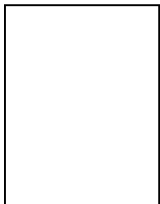
Pre-meeting Checklist

- ✓ Name Tags
- ✓ Raffle Items
- ✓ Chapter Videos to return to meeting
- ✓ Chapter Tools to return to Ole

The Newsletter is always looking for interesting articles and pictures by our chapter members. If you have written anything or would like to write something or have pictures that you believe would be of interest to the chapter members, please submit what you have. The newsletter staff prefer that you e-mail your articles to michael.perkins@rauland.com or trlegates@comcast.net. We prefer text written in Microsoft Word, however, you may submit the material any way that is easiest for YOU! We also accept hand-written copy, floppy disks (IBM format), Zip disks (IBM format), and CD's. Bring your article to the meeting or mail it to Mike Perkins at 17787 Sherwood Forest Rd, Havana, IL 62644.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

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