

Winds Aloft



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Chapter Fly-out to Prairie Lake Resort November 4th

by Mike Perkins

The north-south runway was a fairway between trees, the wind from 280 at 18 gusting to Oh My. A total of four 790 airplanes arrived within a half-hour of one another containing the breakfast-hungry souls of (clockwise from left) Schuyler Bucher, Mike Perkins, Deb Christmann, Ole Sindberg, Rich Oleszczuk, Jim Pratt, Tom LeGates, and Tom



Photo: Tom Solar

Solar (photographer). There was no competition between golfers and pilots for the fairway and enough east-side tiedown space for a small airshow. Hot chocolate seemed to be the choice drink for the day with a continuous supply of good flying talk. No one seemed in a hurry to discover for themselves what was obvious by looking outside - that the crosswind had not abated. When the checks came to our table, we all got a pleasant surprise - reasonable prices, plus a 10% fly-in discount. Tom Solar took more photos before our departure and no one's hair was staying put. The four takeoffs were all just as interesting as the landings, requiring some rather lively stick inputs. A few radio-checks were made just to see if everyone made it up ok, with one crew reporting they'd made good use of their four-point seat belts. A repeat to Prairie Lake Resort is definitely on our agenda for next year, but maybe before the Gales of November come early.



Photo: Tom LeGates



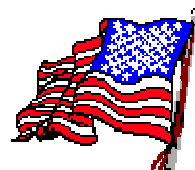
Photo: Tom Solar

Top - all the parking you could want, and all to ourselves. Right - the intrepid aviators prepare to tackle the winds and flying golf balls to make their way back home.

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President's Message



Young Eagles Events for this year were completed under a gorgeous fall day. Don Jenerick has taken over the reigns of our Young Eagles Chairman. Don is no stranger to these events and has helped out on almost every one. Robert

Skalany transitioned the position smoothly and now he can spend more time restoring his 170. Thanks Don for stepping up to this position, one of the most rewarding events our Chapter Members experience. And Robert - thank you for all of your efforts over the years, championing these events.

Our first "After Young Eagles" committee meeting was held last Wednesday at Lake in the Hills Airport, hosted by Dave Morrow of Blue Skies Aviation. Mike Perkins, Ole Sindberg, Elton Eisele, Don Jenerick,

Dave Morrow and myself were present. Lot's of ideas flowed, along with some delicious pizza from Nicks. Our next meeting will also be at Blue Skies, either the 28th of November or the fifth of December, pending member availability. This is a reach out to those with a passion for aviation or sparking that passion. More will be reported as we move further along in the discussions.

A fly out was held the fourth of November to Prairie Lakes Resort. Most of the attendees had never landed on a golf course before and it was an enjoyable yet windy event. Some interesting take offs and landings.

Our next General Meeting we are proud to host Adam Smith on November 27th. Adam will talk about Chapter volunteerism at Air Venture and updates at EAA HQ. Adam did not know whether he would have a report yet on Chapter Camping, but he stated he is working the issue.

Until then, keep the frost off the wings and a smile on your face!

Tom

November 6th EAA Chapter 790 Board Meeting Minutes

EAA 790's Board meeting was held at the Schaumburg airport. The meeting began at 7:45. Attendees were Glen Brisson, Lon Danek, Herb Gottelt, Tom LeGates, Ron Liebmann, Mike Perkins, Ole Sindberg, Jim Pratt, Rob Skalany, and Tom Solar.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held December 4 at the home of Ole and Eva Sindberg.

Upcoming Speakers: Tom Solar reminded us that Adam Smith from EAA headquarters will be our November speaker. We'll check with him on his travel plans to see if we can assist with hotel reservations, etc. We also discussed possible speakers for the banquet, as Clay Lacy has been unresponsive. Al Englehardt was suggested, as well as Vern Jobst. Ole will pursue.

Young Eagles Chairmanship: Rob Skalany indicated that Don Jenerick will be the primary person running the Young Eagles program next year. Don headed up the October rally very successfully, with 31 Young Eagles flown. Rob will continue to be the weather guru for the rallies and run the phone line. Rob indicated he would check if Paul Ranieri will continue with publicity.

Chapter Trailer: Tom Solar indicated that Ron Palascak had done some repairs to the trailer and had registered it to make it road-worthy. It is currently at Poplar Grove, but should make its way to the Algonquin Commons storage site, courtesy of Jim Pratt.

Chapter Financials: Lon Danek discussed our financial position, indicating that our monies were adequate. So far 18 members have renewed for 2008.

EAA Ford Tri-Motor: Tom Solar discussed an opportunity we could have, along with Chapter 1414, to host the Ford Tri-Motor in 2008 or 2009. This would involve a 4 day event at the Poplar Grove airport, promoting rides in the Tri-Motor. This could be a good opportunity to raise funds for the Chapter. The board felt this was worth pursuing, and Tom will have further discussions on it.

Chapter Web Site: Webmaster Jeff Wilson could not attend the meeting, Tom LeGates offered to contact Jeff concerning the addition of a Flickr interface to the web site.

Holiday Party: We briefly discussed the December meeting/holiday party. This will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at the Barrington library. No speaker is planned, and members are encouraged to bring a food item to share.

USO Dance: Tom Solar indicated that Chapter 1414 will again be hosting a hangar dance early next year with a USO theme. 10 pairs of tickets have been reserved for our Chapter.

Banquet: Ole Sindberg has confirmed our banquet at the Crystal Lake Country Club. The menu items will be the same as last year. The board approved Ole's recommendation on meal pricing, so pricing will be the same as well. The event will be held on the 23rd of February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted, Tom LeGates, Secretary



Flying West



I hope there's a place, way up in the sky,
Where pilots can go, when they have to die.
A place where a guy can buy a cold beer

For a friend and a comrade, whose memory is dear;
A place where no doctor or lawyer can tread,
Nor a management type would ere be caught dead;
Just a quaint little place, kind of dark, full of smoke,
Where they like to sing loud, and love a good joke;
The kind of a place where a lady could go
And feel safe and protected, by the men she would know.
There must be a place where old pilots go,
When their pain is finished, and their airspeed gets low,
Where the whiskey is old, and the women are young,
And songs about flying and dying are sung,
Where you'd see all the fellows who'd flown west before,
And they'd call out your name, as you came through the door.
Who would buy you a drink, if your thirst should be bad,
And relate to the others, "He was quite a good lad!"
And then through the mist, you'd spot an old guy
You had not seen in years, though he taught you to fly.
He'd nod his old head, and grin ear to ear;
And say, "Welcome, my son, I'm pleased that you're here."
"For this is the place where true flyers come,"
"When their journey is over, and the war has been won."
"They've come here at last to be safe and alone"
"From the government clerks and the management clone,"
"Politicians and lawyers, the Feds and the noise,"
"Where all hours are happy, and these good ole boys"
"Can relax with a cool one, and a well deserved rest;"
"This is heaven, my son..... You've passed your last test!"

~ Mr. Michael A. Titre ~

Safety Corner

Winter Checklist

by Mike Perkins



This isn't quite a printable checklist, but maybe these could be on our minds as the seasons change:

Induction-system icing – can come from impacted ice in the air filter or intake system. If carb heat does not smooth a rough engine, go mixture rich (just standard practice). If the engine still runs rough, a possibility of induction-system icing exists, so descend immediately with a landing spot in mind.

Fuel valves – can freeze in place in flight. Switch tanks frequently enough to insure you have enough fuel in the selected tank to land should the valve freeze there.

Shock cooling – is more serious in cold weather. Whatever you do in warm weather to prevent it, do more of it in winter. These might be leaving some power on during descent and richening the mixture in steps to keep the EGTs higher.)

Sparkplug frost-over – can happen when at low power settings for a long time, leaving one or more cylinders without fire in them. Frost-over is more of a factor below 0°F. Keep a little power on and clear your engine frequently on descent.



Survival kit – is very important.

- A forced landing might put you out of cell-phone range.
- At least have a handheld radio or an ELT with a microphone input. Use it immediately upon landing - help may take a while to arrive.
- Be dressed or have enough layers for six hours of exposure to outside temperatures. Keep in mind it might get dark and cold while you wait.
- You should have gloves, extra socks, and perhaps space blankets for each person aboard. All this stuff doesn't take much space and can be tucked into a small bag.
- Flashlights should be handy at all times. A forced

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October Meeting

Our last meeting saw Ole Sindberg give his presentation on A Better Fuel System for low-wing aircraft. Ole explained that it's better to push fuel than try to suck it, that three pumps are better than one, and that a system for detecting low fuel pressure at the pump output on *each* tank is essential to insure constant, reliable flow of fuel. His redundant fuel-system schematic



Photo: John Vlastic

is simple, inexpensive to install, and yet very much like the Boeing 737's. Mike Perkins spent a few minutes afterwards surveying our membership for their thoughts on the marketability of a kit that would implement Ole's concepts.



Worthy Websites

For the visually-inclined, this is a graphical forecast for 3CK: [LITH graphical](#)

(<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?w0=t&w1=td&w3=sfcwind&w5=pop&w6=rh&AheadHour=0&Submit=Submit&FcstType=graphical&textField1=42.23190&textField2=-88.33050&site=all>)

The following link is the kind of weather forecast you can get almost anywhere, but the links at the bottom of the page are somewhat unique (under the heading of Additional Forecasts and Information): [Crystal Lake Forecast](#)

(<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Crystal+Lake&state=IL&site=LOT&textField1=42.2319&textField2=-88.3305>)

Blown in From the Winds Aloft

Our November's guest speaker is **Adam Smith** from EAA home office. President Tom Solar invited Adam to visit with us to address issues and concerns that directly affect Chapter 790. Please join us on our usual meeting date, the 4th Tuesday of **November, the 27th**, at 7:30 pm to hear Adam and have him answer your questions. You might recall a few years ago Adam spoke at our banquet as the EAA Museum Director. Adam has since been given new responsibilities at the EAA and is in a position to provide us useful answers and bring issues back with him.

December's meeting will be held on the *third Tuesday*, December 18th at the Barrington Public Library. We're planning a pot luck dinner with just social time. Please mark your calendars now.

Ole Sindberg will be hosting our **December 4th Board Meeting** at his home in Cary. Everyone is invited to attend. Directions to his house are easy – [To Ole's House \(from 3CK\)](#)

From Russ Lassetter, EAA# 0448996, Cleveland, Georgia - - Russ is helping a fellow (Jerry Yagen) locate World-War-One era engines/airframes or replicas. Hispano-Suiza, Mercedes, Hall-Scott, Liberty, OX-5, Siemens-Halske, Oberursel, Clerget, LeRhone, Gnome, other rotaries, etc. For more information on this, visit <http://www.fighterfactory.com> . If you know of anything for sale or trade, Russ would appreciate any information. Contact him at rblasset@alltel.net or 706-348-7514.

Annual Banquet – 790's **Annual Banquet** is slated for Saturday evening, **February 23** at the Crystal Lake Country Club, the same location as last year. Those who attended last year will remember the excellent food, terrific service, and the snowfall view out the dining room window. Social time will be at 6, dinner at 7:15. Thanks much to Ole Sindberg for setting this up.

Remember that it's time to pay **chapter dues**. Regular dues are \$25. Please see Lon Danek at the meeting, cash or check. Or mail a check to EAA Chapter 790, P.O. Box 1206, Barrington, IL 60010.



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landing will almost certainly scatter your gear about the cabin, so keep one on your person at all times. High-quality LED flashlights (spelled Christmas wish-list) can be much more durable and are much more battery-efficient, but are only useful if you can *find* them.

- Keep an *extra*, unused high-intensity flashlight to help search crews find you.



IT'S RENEWAL TIME AGAIN!

The new year is almost here! It's time to pay our dues, so we don't miss out on any of the Chapter fun in 2008!

Dues are staying the same as 2007:

- \$25.00/year: single/family membership
- \$25.00/year: out of state (U.S. mail)
- \$10.00/year: out of state (Email)
- \$10.00/year: for students

As in previous years, we will provide FREE official 2008 EAA calendars for those who renew early. The plane photos are outstanding as usual. The first 40 regular membership renewals at a membership meeting will receive the calendars. Also, if you don't have a name tag, it can be ordered at the same time. The cost is \$5 per tag. You may, of course, renew at any time via U.S. mail. (Sorry no calendars for student or out-of-state renewals either.)

Whether renewing in person at a meeting or via U.S. mail, please include the form on page 10. Filled out completely, it allows us to keep our Chapter records up-to-date and expedite delivery of your Newsletter each month.

THANKS

Contact [Don Jenerick](#) for information or suggestions regarding Young Eagle Rallies.
Phone: (847) 526-6187
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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 6:30 with a social hour. The Library is located on Highway 14 between Main St/Lake Cook Rd., and Highway 59 (Hough St) in Barrington, Illinois.



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.

Email: Oleeva@sbcglobal.net

FAA Wings Program



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

Phone: (815) 547-9574

Email: abbienair@sbcglobal.net

Tail-Wheel Endorsement

Bob O'Quinn, CFI, is offering tail-wheel check-out and endorsement in a Piper J-3 and/or Cessna 140.

Phone: (847) 358-7554

Email: roquinn@Turfgrassod.org

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: Shoulder harness and lap belt for pilot and co-pilot. Blue, good condition. From C-182E. \$110. **Call Barbara Rapchak (815) 356-1767.**

For Sale: C-182 Pilot Seat. Very good condition. Blue tweed fabric and vinyl, professionally cleaned. From C-182E. \$500. **Call Barbara Rapchak (815) 356-1767.**

For Sale: Wittman W-8 Tailwind, VFR panel, transponder & intercom, 1298TTAF, 559SMOHE, restored in 1995, C90-12F Continental. Slick mags and harness, auto gas. Plane has always been hangared and is in very good condition. 135 mph @ 5.9gph, 170 max. **Contact Dick McClung, (815) 397-8091.**

For Rent: At Poplar Grove airport, an insulated newer T hangar. Heat & electric available. Rent is \$220 monthly. By owner, who has built another hangar attached to the home. **Call 815 979 8123 or 815 544 1751.**

For Sale: 1995 Subaru boxer, 4 cylinder, liquid cooled engine. Taken from car with 35K miles. Would need overhaul for airplane use. Engine located in Elgin at Ball St. & Ludeka Pl. Available for \$500 OBO. **Contact Mark Elliott @ 847 628-3922 days, 847 742-2857 evenings.**

For Sale: RV-4 empennage kit purchased May '04 & untouched except for assembling the horizontal stabilizer spar & ribs. All of the skins are untouched & are still wrapped in blue protective covering. Price if purchased from Van's is \$1,200 plus freight. Asking \$600 FOB Cary, IL. A very nicely constructed jig is included if you pick it up in Cary. **Contact [Elaine Knoedler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Elaine.Knoedler@sbcglobal.net)**

For Sale: Lancair project, pressurized option, horizontal stab completed, wings 70% completed, fowler flaps, speed brakes, wing tip extensions for high altitude, plus many other parts & extras. Superior work-

Calendar of Events

2007/2008

November 27 (Tue).... Members Meeting, Barrington Library, 7:00 p.m.

*December 4 (Tue).... Board Meeting, at the home of Ole & Eva Sindberg, 7:30 p.m.

*December 18 (Tue)... Members Meeting, annual holiday party, Barrington Library, 7:00 p.m.

February 23, 2008 (Sat) Annual Banquet, Crystal Lake Country Club @ 6:00, speaker TBA

* Event added this month

manship throughout. **Contact Marv Jensen, (817) 573-9011 or email: kmlancair4@aol.com.**

For sale: Magellan Skystar Plus hand held GPS, complete with carrying case, aux antenna, aux power supply & mounting bracket. A good starter GPS at a very low cost. \$100. **Call Lon Danek 847 381-4286.**

