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#### **JUNE 22 - UPCOMING MEETING**

This is one of those goofy months with five Tuesdays. Our meetings are on the **fourth Tuesday**, so be at the Barrington Public Library on June 22 when Dave Hooper will talk to us about how to get the most out of our GPS navigation aids.

Dave started flying at age 13, soloed at 16, but could not get his drivers license until age 17, so flew himself to the away football games. He graduated from The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina and entered the USAF in 1970. It was his privilege fly the T-41, T37, T38 in UPT, the C141 (Convair 240, 340, 440), T33, OV-10 in Thailand, and T-39 (Sabreliner) in the USAF. Afterwards for 2 years he flew Sabreliner 60 and B-727 for Pratt and Whitney. Then for American Airlines he piloted the 727, 757, 767, 777, domestic and international. Dave was also a check aiman for 5 years on 757/767. He retired after 29 years in Dec. 2006. But then he flunked retirement after a year and two years ago he started at Blue Skies. Dave is currently CFI, AGI, IGI and working on CFII.

#### **WORK WEEKEND JULY 10 – 11**

Get ready for Chapter 790's work weekend scheduled for the second weekend in July, arrival Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> and returning Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>. This is closer to AirVenture than our usual work weekend, so there should be a lot more excitement and activity. If you've not attended this weekend before, this would be a good one! Contact Bud Herod at (847) 639-6310, [herod225@comcast.net](mailto:herod225@comcast.net).

#### **CHAPTER STAKE-OUT CAMPING AT AIRVENTURE**

Jeff Wilson is currently in the process of updating the website to accept user registration for campsites (hopes to be done this week). If you're planning on camping with EAA Chapter 790, please let us know! Due to ever increasing crowds in the campground, we are making an effort to schedule our campsites as a group, so that we can all camp together.

Should you arrive on your own or use the Stakeout Service? What's the difference? If you want a guaranteed campsite with the Chapter 790 Folks, the Stake-Out Service is the way to go. To use this service, you will need to pay starting from Wednesday, July 21st through the end of the show. If you're leaving early, you can get a refund for the remaining days at the time of your departure.

Information we will need from Campers this year includes:

- Name
- EAA Member Number
- Arrival Date
- Departure Date
- Camper Type (Tent or RV)
- RV Size (if applicable)
- Credit Card Number (if participating in Stake-out)

For more information on the Stake-Out Service, click on: [AirVenture Stake Out Program](#)

Please note that to be able to participate in the EAA Stake-Out Program you must:

- Fill in the form on the website or email Jeff the above info (deadline of July 16th for Registration).
- Provide a credit card number to the Campsite Coordinator (Jeff Wilson) when contacted. (Complimentary Campers do not need to provide credit card numbers).
- Our usual campsite (between rows 37th and 38th south of Lindbergh Ave.) is now "Authorized Camping Only", so this year we are shooting for between rows 36th and 37th, south of Lindbergh. Registered Campers will be notified by email on or about July 21st for the final location.

### **VERY SUCCESSFUL FLY-OUT TO DAYTON - - - Wright Patterson Air Force Museum**

These outings help us to get to know each member better, especially when you have three people per airplane. Ole Sindberg flew Ron Liebmann and myself, Allen Short, in his Prescott. It was my first time in his plane. David Boone flew Ted Mueller and Mike Grodosic in his Cessna 182. One other plane was scheduled to go, but due to weather it had to cancel.

Our plan was to leave at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 22 and arrive at 11:00 a.m. Dayton time, but due to ground fog we changed our schedule and filed IFR. Dave left first and we left one half hour later. The clouds were at 4000 ft. and solid all the way to Dayton. Ole flew at 9,000 ft. at 191 knots. David was at 7,000 ft. at 140 knots. We arrived shortly before him.

The two rental cars were waiting for us. It was at this time we learned that the third plane had cancelled. After a quick lunch, we arrived at the museum. Someone forgot their GPS and ground charts, so we saw more of Dayton than we wanted to. The female members and our wives would be surprised that we asked for directions.

I have been to the museum several times, but always see something new. One day when I go back, I'm going to watch The Bob Hope presentation to the end. What a great comedian and American. No "F" words needed in his routine. Too bad today's comics can't do the same. .

After going through one hanger the first day, it was time to check into our hotel. Our chief negotiator, Ron, was able to get the rate reduced significantly. Dinner was at Chili's with some great margaritas.

Sunday just as the museum opened, we arrived to register for the bus ride to the Presidential and Research Hanger. We had to wear wrist bands and show a picture ID. We were only allowed 45 minutes, which was not enough time to see everything.

The Presidential Hanger had FDR's DC-6 thru Johnson's 707. The 707 was the one that Kennedy rode to Dallas and in which Johnson took the oath of office. The other hanger had all research planes from the supersonic commercial airlines to a flying saucer. Some had been flown while others hadn't.

We then split up and tried to see the rest of the museum. The Missile and Space Gallery had several large rockets and missiles and a mock-up of an ICBM missile control room.

The Cold War gallery housed a B-36 bomber, a B-47, F-104 and many other military airplanes of the day. The corridor leading to the gallery had a great presentation of the Berlin Airlift.

There were so many great planes and exhibits to see that it would take several days to see everything. My favorites were the P-40 and the B-52.

We decided to leave at 3:00 p.m., but reluctantly. We departed the airport at 4:00 p.m. and one hour and 50 minutes later we were back at Lake in the Hills Airport. The weather was VFR with "cotton ball" clouds. Ole flew at 12,500 ft and it was a very good flight.

Many thanks to Tom LeGates for planning our outing; it's too bad he couldn't make it. The six of us that went had a great time. Next month in the print-version newsletter there will be a complete photo spread.

- Allen L. Short

### **PRESIDENT ELTON'S MESSAGE**

School is out! For some of you that doesn't really mean anything but for some of us it's time to reflect back and prepare for the upcoming school year. Before all that, it's time for a break!

Young Eagles has had a hard time getting off the ground so far this summer. Inclement weather has kept us from flying in the months of May and June. I want to thank Rob Nelson and Nancy Blazyk for what they have done in organizing our Chapter's Young Eagle program this year. They've made the morning so it is very easy for those who come out and fly. Plan now to come out to our next event at Sky Soaring (55LL), Saturday August 14th in Hampshire, IL. We need to help them plan by letting them know who can help, so give them a call today. Rob can be reached at 847-962-9988 and Nancy at 847-226-0074. I'm sure you'll hear more about this event at our next meeting. You can find information at [www.young eagles790.com](http://www.young eagles790.com).

We have two meetings this month! Our regular Meeting Tuesday, June 22nd at the Barrington Library and after that, we have a joint meeting with EAA Warbird Squadron 4 on Sunday, June 27, 2010 from 11:00am - 4:00pm at Lake in the Hills Airport (3CK) Crystal Lake. Plan now to fly in or drive to the meeting. I'm hoping that a few members of Squadron 4 fly in their warbirds! We'll also have Mr. Tim Dunavin that will present "A Day in the Life of a P-47 Fighter Pilot". I'm sure that you will enjoy the day so mark it down! Squadron 4 will be providing the food and we are going to provide the pop, so plan for a fun day! By the way, you can find Squadron 4 on Facebook. Please email me at [elteis@niles-hs.k12.il.us](mailto:elteis@niles-hs.k12.il.us) by June 23rd, if you will be able to come so we know how many people we need food for.

We are going to have a hangar party at DeKalb Airport (DKB)! I want this to be a "take a member flying" event where those of us with airplanes fill our empty seats with fellow members who do not currently have an airplane. If you can't fly, you can always drive there. This hangar party will be Friday, July 16 from 6:00 PM to whenever. Bring a salad, dessert or dish to pass. Details will be handed out at our meetings this month.

AirVenture is just around the corner! There will be more on this at the meeting but you need to plan now if you are going to be camping with the Chapter. Let's make this the best summer yet at AirVenture!

See You and Safe Flying!

*Elton*

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

EAA Chapter 790  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2010

*The EAA 790 Board meeting was held at the Schaumburg Airport. The meeting began at 7:40 p.m. Attendees were Nancy Blazyk, Lon Danek, Brad Delisle, Elton & Nancy Eisele, Tom LeGates, Ron Liebmann, Rob Nelson, and Jeff & Barb Wilson.*

**Last Meeting:** Elton asked for feedback about the May meeting where Mike Perkins and Ole Sindberg spoke.

**Future Speakers:** We discussed possible speakers for future meetings. Jeff volunteered to give a presentation on working with fiberglass at the June meeting. July will be our "get ready for Oshkosh" meeting. No suggestions were made for August, and for Sept or Oct we will try to get Barbara Sellers, author of "A Moment In time". Also Lon read from David Boone's membership application (impressive!) and we decided to invite him to speak in the Sept/Oct timeframe as well.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lon recapped our current funds balance.

**Camping:** Elton recapped his discussion with HQ. Nothing will be done for this year's camping, however our request will be re-discussed later in the year. Jeff indicated he would discuss at the June meeting what was needed to participate in the regular stake-out program.

**Young Eagles:** Rob indicated he anticipates a large turnout for the June Rally, due to International Young Eagles day and our cancellation of our May rally. Planning is continuing with Sky Soaring for the joint rally scheduled for August 14. Takeoff/landing procedures are still under discussion.

**Work Weekend:** Elton indicated there are 6 members signed up to participate in the work weekend at Oshkosh, scheduled for July 10/11.

**Squadron 4:** Elton mentioned that he is looking for coolers for the event scheduled June 27.

**Grandpa's Farm Fly-in:** Elton raised the issue of our Chapter assisting with this event with the board. After discussion it was decided that we could not offer our support, at least for this year.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

Submitted, Tom LeGates, Secretary

#### **OVERHEARD**

*Out of the mouth of babes:* I was flying with a friend and his 7-year-old nephew. After take-off, I was talking to departure control on the radio and was given numerous vectors and altitudes in the busy DFW airspace. After a few minutes, the youngster piped in with, "Would you please stop talking on your phone and pay attention to your flying?"

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Tower: "Cessna 1234, cleared to land. Caution: banner-towing plane crossing in front of you."

Cessna 1234: "Cleared to land. And we have the banner on the right and the plane on the left."

Tower: [mickeyed, but only silence]

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## Pre-meeting Checklist

- ✓ **Name Tags**
- ✓ **Article(s) For The Newsletter**
- ✓ **Program And Outing Ideas**

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](mailto:michael.perkins@rauland.com) or [trlegates@comcast.net](mailto: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.



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