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MCW	1709	2121+16	2438+11	2534+04	2528-09	2332-19	203434	204844	19
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SPI	2028	1921+18	1911+12	9900+06	3611-10	3408-20	191034	161745	14



## *Winds Aloft*

### November 2013

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Dave Boone and his Citabria at our last Young Eagle's Day.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, November 26** – Regular meeting of Chapter 790 will be held at 7 PM in the office building of Lake-in-the-Hills Airport (3CK). Bring your best dessert-to-pass to the meeting. Read about the plans for the meeting in Elton's President's Column below.

**Tuesday, December 3 – 790 Board meeting** will be held with hors d'oeuvres in Nancy and Larry Blazyk's home at 4111 Steeple Run Drive, Crystal Lake. All members and guests of members are welcome at board meetings.

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

It's November and our meeting this month finds us back in the Lake in the Hills office. I know our meeting is just a few days before Thanksgiving but come out and share what you are thankful for with the membership of Chapter 790.

We are going to start the gathering as usual at 6:00 but this month we are going to start with a twist. Instead of grilling and because it's just a couple of days before Turkey day we are going to ask for everyone to bring their favorite dessert. We are going to have a door prize for the group's favorite dessert voted on by everyone one in attendance. So start planning your tasty treat now.

The meeting which starts at 7:00 will be all about EAA. We will watch EAA produced Chapter videos, discuss this past summer's AirVenture, and plans for the 2014 Oshkosh. We'll also bring you up to date on plans for Lake in the Hills Airport.

After the meeting we'll be going over to Nick's for your favorite beverage and pizza. Feel free to bring family members and friends and I really hope to see you at the meeting.

*Elton*

## **IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP!**

It's that time again, and we'll be taking dues for 2014 starting this month. Because of the benefits from our pancake breakfast, there will be no dues increase for next year (welcome news!) and we still plan to have our many activities as usual. The dues are still \$25 for individual or family membership for in-state members, and \$10 for out-of- state members who will receive the newsletter by e-mail. Dues can be paid at our monthly meeting or sent by mail (use the coupon below) to our PO Box: EAA Chapter 790, PO box 1206, Barrington, Il, 60010. We're looking forward to another good year of fun and informative aviation activities.

<b><u>EAA CHAPTER 790 2014 Dues Payment</u></b>				
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<b>The chapter newsletter will be distributed by email only.</b>				
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<i>Part of your dues payment may be used to support our Scholarship Fund</i>		<b>Mail check To:</b>	<b>EAA CHAPTER 790 P.O. Box 1206 Barrington, IL 60011</b>	
<b>Thank you for your support</b>				

## SLEEPY PLEASANT VALLEY AIRPORT

- By Mike Perkins

The faded windsock drooped under the pressure of 102 in the shade. Thirty miles away a lone cloud taunted us. August in the valleys of Arizona has its character. Seven-year-old grand niece, Olivia, nervously walked hand-in-tentative-hand on the gravel towards the first glider parked on the line. Seven faced the melting runway. Two recently flown, two obviously missing parts; the other three condition unknown.



It was Olivia's first visit to any airport not having at least a three-story parking lot and jetway; Pleasant Valley Airport, three parallel runways, two of them dirt. And I could see it was getting off to a solidly bad start. After all, any airport with aircraft who's landing gear seemed non-existent was certainly not fit to fly; that made the count in Olivia's mind all seven of them, and that was before we saw the towplane.

Our flightline tour guide was a sundrenched young man in his early twenties. A glider student and airport bum himself, on our arrival he'd been idling under the canopied office porch. He was gently seated next to a second airport bum, a resident of the adjacent trailer park, a warm heart who had long ago taken over care and custody of the airport mascot, a white clip-wing cockatoo. Some people refer to them as "Baretta birds" of detective-series fame. But as a bird person myself I object, insisting strictly on cockatoo. In any case, Olivia paced 20 feet away while the crown-adorned mass of feathers and walnut-crushing beak sidled up and down my arm.

While the cockatoo and his keeper remained in the porch shade as any sane man or beast would do in such heat, on the baking dusty ramp Olivia, our tour guide, and I tried our best to remain several yards ahead of her mother's constant flow of chatter in an attempt to soothe Olivia's innocent timidity.

Gliders, with cockpits able to be peered into from above, are naturally child-friendly. Our guide obliged us by opening the canopy on a two-seat tandem trainer for Olivia. The look on her face was as if he were opening a coffin's lid. Oven heat blasted out. She charged back several feet and said with somewhat extreme emphasis that she was not getting in, with emphasis on the word not. We assured her we weren't expecting her to get in.

We walked a dusty gravel walk to the retired radialed crop duster turned tow plane, while wiring and taped-on instruments seemed to drip from the dashboard. This inspired no

additional confidence in Olivia or her mother. Still, it looked sturdy enough to place Olivia on the wing for a looksee. But at the mention of the possibility, she shrunk greatly.

Curious about operations, I inquired about the return of two trainers that had been dancing on thermals since morning. Now, gliders in flight don't give away their positions easily. Our tour guide said it might be an hour yet. Olivia, unbelievably, made the internal decision to wait patiently and anxiously. After quite some time, we spotted one far-away glider that seemed to be thinking about losing some more altitude, and eventually, reluctantly forced its way down, in between all the thermal activity. The sighting was to Olivia like a castaway sighting land. From downwind to late final, she didn't blink. The silent touchdown was accompanied with a shrill cry and jumping up and down.

A golf cart drove out to serve to tow the glider and give rides to the instructor and student. As if on-cue, the second glider was spotted on downwind, and again Olivia didn't move except to swivel her head. Touchdown. More jumping and pointing.

After a shaded golf cart pulled both gliders off the runway, our aging bum-and-keeper-of-the-mascot had had enough fun for the day, having waited to watch the same two gliders to return. In the parking lot, he showed off his electric bike to us, powered by a scavenged portable drill motor and a brick-sized nicad battery with a switch on the handlebar. As he retired with a hum to his trailer park atop crunching gravel, with a grin Olivia told her mother and I that she'd really, really, really like to come back again.

## **THE MACHINE: PANCAKE GRIDDLE**



Many thanks to member Karl Singer for the construction of our new motorized pancake griddle. See it in action at our next pancake breakfast.

## **NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING**

### **EAA Chapter 790 Board Meeting Notes November 5, 2013**

*The EAA Chapter 790 Board meeting was held at the home of Ole Sindberg, and began at 7:30. Attendees were Lon Danek, Tom LeGates, Ron Liebmann, Mike Perkins, Joe Rossi, Ole Sindberg and Tom Solar. Absent were Glen Brisson, Nancy Blazyk and Elton Eisele.*

October/November meetings: The October meeting was briefly discusses and recapped. The low attendance number was noted, and generated discussion about our meeting content. The November meeting will again be inside at the airport office. Ole will bring the makings for coffee and cocoa and some snacks. Tentatively the program will include videos from headquarters, and Ole will also bring the AOPA safety discussion videos. Alternatively Ron will pursue having a WWII pilot who he knows come to speak. Also Tom Solar will work to get a 790 information poster placed at Blue Skies Pilot Shop.

Treasurer's Report: Lon indicated the treasury was still in good shape, though the past month showed significant expenses with the purchase of a new laptop computer and an overhead projector, as well as the cost of the very successful volunteer party. We discussed where to store the new projector but no permanent location was decided, rather various individuals will be responsible for its safe keeping.

Chapter Directory: Tom LeGates distributed copies of a tri-fold containing the current member information. He will bring additional copies to subsequent member meetings. Additionally a format is available which can be emailed to members to print on their own.

Membership Renewals: Lon indicated 4 members have renewed for 2014. Renewals need to continue to be emphasized in upcoming newsletters and promoted at member meetings.

AirVenture Camping: This was briefly discussed. The consensus was that we needed input on member's intentions before putting together any plan of attack. This will be brought up at a subsequent member meeting.

Banquet: February 22, 2014 is confirmed as the date for this event. No location has been chosen. Elton has had contact with the Mill Rose restaurant, but was not present to discuss pricing details. Ole has been requested to get pricing from the Crystal Lake Country club for a menu comparable to last years'. Ron will check with Ron McElroy on his availability to be our speaker.

Newsletter Articles: Lon presented a draft of his write-up on recent scholarship winners. Ron will add information on an earlier winner if appropriate. Mike will tackle an article on current member building projects, and Ron will write up some of his experiences as an AirVenture volunteer in the warbirds area.

Activities: Possible chapter activities for the coming year were discussed. For the winter months workshop visits would be appropriate, and several possibilities were mentioned. For the summer and fall, a visit to the Ford museum/Greenfield Village and another Yoke and Spoke outing were mentioned, as well as the San Diego museum trip, which was postponed from this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

*Submitted,  
Tom LeGates, Interim Secretary*