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Ames EAA Chapter 1452
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NEXT GATHERING

Next Meeting:

*Where: Fix It Auto 129
South Born, Ames
Speaker: Roger Fitz,
RV10 Builder
Date: March 10, 2008^h
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Treats: Mike Makelbust*

Will be held on Monday March 10th at 7:00 pm. The meeting this month will be held at Roger Fitz's business called Fix It Auto at 129 South Borne Street in

Ames. That is four blocks east of Duff on Lincolnway, then south on Borne. We will be viewing and discussing Roger's RV10 project. We'd also like to encourage any builders to bring along their own pictures and building stories to share with the group.



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Showcasing EAA’s Values – Scott Olson

I am writing this message after returning from the January 2008 EAA Leadership conference. This is one of the best conferences including a wide range of activities designed to bolster local chapter efforts in a wide range of programs and activities. Workshops and smaller group sessions were held on chapter fund raising; engaging youth in aviation; chapter clubhouses/hangars; and other subjects.

My foremost contribution was fundraising. I shared photos of airplane toy boxes and brought the Rusty Wallace Airplane Toy Box for show and tell. Ideas from other chapter leaders were building airplane toy box playgrounds in the community, making a “Mr. Potato Head” type learning activity at chapter clubhouse with the different shapes of wings and tails, and having famous people sign toy boxes and sell them on EBay.

While we are not in the association business to make buckets of money, we need to take in more than we spend. At January’s local chapter meeting I told you I will lead the fund raising efforts for Chapter 1452.

Tom Poberenzy addressed nearly 30 of us chapter leaders. He talked about the common bond being Aviation and Oshkosh is the passion that keeps people alive in aviation. Some old-timers have said Oshkosh is too big. Tom’s vision was to make Oshkosh the Best, not the biggest. Tom is leading 4 EAA initiatives.





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Homebuilts continue strong @ 20 % of GA

Oshkosh 24/7 365 days of the year of providing innovation and education

Young Eagles; Youth outreach and higher standards of EAA facilities and lodge

Light Sport / Sport Pilot now average cost at \$100K. More demand and more volume will bring prices down to \$80K, then \$60K, etc.



We watched a brand new unreleased high definition video promoting EAA's new logo (see new logo on eaa.org) the "Sprit of Aviation" narrated by Harrison Ford. My highlight was having lunch with Paul Poberenzy in his workshop. I spent 10 minutes alone with 85 year old Paul discussing the values he has instilled into aviation and the impact he has had on my own family and local chapter. His message is that airoplanes bring us together but, it's the people that keep the passion alive. I will never forget and always treasure standing at workshop bar reminiscing with Paul Poberenzy. I came back from the leadership conference learning 4 significant points.

1) EAA will maintain the sprit of volunteerism and shared learning that created the organization.

30 chapter leaders attended this event. We had social time and then group introductions were facilitated and lead by a half dozen rabidly passionate chapter staff, assisted by scores of other EAA volunteers, and wonderfully supported by the EAA leadership. EAA values new and creative chapter efforts and EAA was excited to here we are expanding Young Eagles program at the grass-roots level.

2) EAA will offer products and services that are world-class, relevant and keeps the passion of aviation alive.

We took tours of premier Oshkosh sites including Kermit Weeks Hangar and with After Hours Museum Tour with close up looks of extensive books, photos, videos, personal letters and airplane projects going back to day one in Paul and Audrey's basement in 1953. Paul saved everything. He has two personal museums in his house and the EAA Museum has artifacts unmatched anywhere in the world and rivaled only by perhaps the Smithsonian.

3) EAA wants to cooperate and align with other like minded organizations.

Our new alliance with United Way to serve our community and EAA was very thrilled with our alliance with EAA Central Chapters of Iowa. The notion of combining events, advertising and fundraising is destined to be a successful activity.

4) EAA wants to be exceedingly welcoming to people new to aviation and wants to maintain a high performance aviation presence globally and locally.

I met chapter presidents from all over the country and shared many ideas that we can put in practice to maintain our success at chapter 1452. There are too many programs and activities, successful projects, Youth Engagement, recruitment and new participation ideas to list in this newsletter. We have formed new volunteer groups at Chapter 1452 to help manage ISU Cyclone April Event, a progressive Hangar Tour at Ames Airport, initiate an ADOPT-A-Highway program, and develop a WWII dbase of local Vets to speakat 1452.

I believe the EAA leadership conference showcased EAA's values at the very highestlevel. My personal thanks to Steve Buss our Young Eagles Director and now our new Chapter Director. I thank the entire EAA



conference team. I'm confident that Steve and his team are ready to provide the same gold-standard leadership events in the future.

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Four Experimental Aircraft Association Chapters in central Iowa have joined together:

to more effectively support and nurture sport aviation in the region. The presidents, and other support staff, met recently to determine in what ways, if any, the central Iowa chapters could work together. The four chapters were Chapter 1452 based in Ames, Chapter 675 from Marshalltown, Chapter 135 from Des Moines and Chapter 456 from Newton. The meeting was held at Exec 1 Aviation at the Ankeny Airport, near Des Moines.

“After we reviewed the mission of the Experimental Aircraft Association and the role chapters play in that mission, it became clear to all of us that by working together we could be much stronger,” said Jim Jones, president of Chapter 456 and facilitator of the group. “Each chapter brought different strengths and abilities that could help and support the other chapters. It was a win for everyone, especially the EAA.”

Some areas that the group identified for immediate cooperation included getting the Young Eagle Coordinators together to schedule and coordinate those activities throughout the summer. Another included the creation of a local speaker's bureau whereby the chapters can share programs and presenters.

Of course, social activities play a large role in the nurturing of sport aviation through the EAA and the chapters saw that by working together there would be a substantial increase in the variety and quality of those events. Ideas ranged from Progressive Dinners to Ice Cream Socials to the possible creation of a regional fly-in.



“When we started brainstorming ways that our chapters could work together, two things became very clear,” said Scott Olson, president of Chapter 1452. “First, our chapters complimented each other. Where one was weak, another chapter was strong. It is a perfect fit. Secondly, we will all be tapping into more knowledge, more skills, more programs and more activities. We even talked about cooperating on fund raising. By working together, we will strengthen sport aviation, and the EAA, in Central Iowa.”

The group has already started the process of better communications through website links and shared e-mail lists. Chapter meeting schedules, programs and social events will be coordinated in the near future as the summer approaches.



March 5, 2008 - An interesting story I thought I would share
Pilot's Shortcut Doesn't Cut It With Police

By Mary Grady, Contributing editor Avweb.com

An Illinois pilot who tried to beat traffic and fly his son to a tennis match -- landing his ski-equipped 1949 Piper Clipper on a snow-covered golf course -- is being investigated by the FAA. Police arrived at the scene Saturday afternoon after concerned neighbors called to report a crash, and found pilot Robert Kadera, 65, and his 14-year-old son trudging through the snow, the Chicago Tribune reported. "We're all pretty dumbfounded," Lincolnshire Police Chief Randy Melvin told the Tribune. "I don't have any idea what the guy was thinking. ... He was going to park his plane across the street, like nobody would notice." The FAA is checking that the pilot and aircraft are properly certified, a spokeswoman told the Tribune. The golf course owner said no trespassing charges would be filed, but the police wouldn't allow Kadera to fly home.

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