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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 22

7:30 PM

Sugar Grove Firehouse

Program: Dick Low will make a presentation on the FAASafety.gov web site.

Upcoming meeting:

Thursday, March 22

Program by Nort Richards on his trip to Mexico and Central America in his Cessna 206.

Annual Chapter Bowling Party

Saturday, February 24th

6:30 PM

Idle Hours Lanes

Sandwich, IL

This is a major social event of the year for the Chapter. Don't miss out on the fun! It's a great evening with your fellow chapter members. Come and bowl, eat pizza, and make merry! Cost of the evening is around \$10.00 per person. We need to know who is coming, so call our fantastic event organizers, Al & Bev Rickert at 815-824-8377 or e-mail them at AL554@aol.com.

Have you paid your chapter dues for 2007?

The time is now! Please send your check for \$20.00, made out to EAA Chapter 579 to our Treasurer, Larry Shaw at 147 N Buckingham Drive, Prestbury-Sugar Grove, IL 60554.



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Historical Firsts

Feb 6, 1946

TWA makes its first international flight from New York to Paris.

Feb 20, 1962

John Glenn becomes the first US astronaut to orbit the earth in Mercury Atlas 6

Feb 10, 1993

McDonnell Douglas produces its 10,000th aircraft.

NEWS FROM THE PREZ, DICK LOW

The first Chapter meeting of the year last month at the Sugar Grove Firehouse was attended by 15 people, which included two new Chapter members and two visitors. One of the visitors was Tom Shannon, the new FAA Tower Chief at Aurora. Tom used the meeting to introduce himself and I took the opportunity to ask him if one of his staff could make a presentation at our April meeting on ARR operating procedures in preparation for our first Young Eagles Rally in May, to which he agreed. The presentation following the meeting was a video tape on gas welding procedures as a lead in to a beginning gas welding class that Todd Ashcraft has volunteered to conduct for Chapter members. Following the presentation four members signed up to participate in the class.

I would also like to remind everybody that Chapter dues for 2007 are due. If you haven't already paid your 2007 dues, please send your check for \$20 to our treasurer, Larry Shaw, at 147 N. Buckingham Drive, Prestbury-Sugar Grove, IL 60554.

This month's Chapter meeting at the Sugar Grove Firehouse will be on the 22nd. Following the meeting I will make a presentation on the FAASafety.gov web site, providing I can get the internet link at the Firehouse to work. The FAA is encouraging everybody to register on this website because, as part of cost cutting efforts, they are trying to get away from notifications by mail and are going exclusively to e-mail and internet notifications. Looking ahead to next month, Nort Richards has volunteered to show pictures and talk about his trip to Mexico and Central America in his 206 at the March meeting, which should be very interesting.

This month also features one of the Chapter's major social events of the year, the annual Chapter bowling party at the Idle Hour Lanes in Sandwich on Saturday evening, February 24th. Last year we had enough people attend to rent 7 of the 10 lanes in the house and we would like to equal or exceed that this year. Besides the bowling our bowling party organizers Bev and Alan Rickert also arrange to have pizza brought in, which makes for a very inexpensive and fun filled evening. Please let Alan and Bev know by either e-mailing them at AL554@aol.com or calling them at (815) 824-8377 if you plan on attending so that they will know how many lanes to reserve and how much pizza to order. When I checked with Alan on February 11th, twenty-one people had notified him that they are planning to attend.

Since last month's newsletter, I have been notified of two candidates for Chapter sponsorship to attend the EAA Academy this summer at Oshkosh. Gary Eckebracht nominated a Wabonsie High School Student, Shaun McCoy and Alan and Donna Shackleton told me that Dell McCoy and Pricilla Kenney's daughter Fiona is interested in attending.

In the last month, Lesa and I have been contacted by three different organizations requesting a presentation on the Young Eagles program, the EAA and aviation. As a result, I issued an e-mail requesting individuals who would be interested in assisting in such presentations. So far two people have volunteered but we can always use more. The presentations involve showing a short DVD on the Young Eagles program, showing a Power Point presentation on the EAA, passing out EAA literature, learn to fly bulletins and posters, and answering questions regarding aviation, the EAA and the Chapter.

Finally, one of our directors, Mark Hislop, has suggested that the Chapter issue a newsletter to our Young Eagle participants and has started building an e-mail data base from last year's Young Eagles registration forms. If you would be interested in helping Mark in this endeavor, please contact either Mark or myself.

See you at the firehouse on the 22nd.

Dick Low

President





BEAT BILLY

Question for January:

Who were/was the first U.S. casualties in the Viet Nam War?

Answer:

This question has two answers depending upon your outlook on the War. The first American killed in Vietnam was OSS Lt. Col. A. Peter Dewey who was killed on September 26, 1945 in Saigon, by the Viet Minh Guerrillas after they mistook him for a French Army Officer. It is interesting to note that just prior to his death Col Dewey had filed a report to his bosses in Washington that in his opinion the U.S. "ought to clear out of South East Asia."

The first Americans that most people recognize as the first casualties in the

War were U.S. Air Force pilot LT. James McGovern and his co-pilot LT. Wallace Buford. The Americans were flying a Lend Lease Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcar out of Haiphong Vietnam's civilian airport (Cat Bi Airport) supporting the French garrison at Dien Ben Phu. The aircraft was shot down while trying to drop a cannon to the besieged French Fort on May 6, 1954 and was listed as MIA. LT. McGovern and Buford were working for Flying Tiger veteran Claire Lee Chennault's Civil Air Transport Airline CAT aka Air America which as we all know was owned by the CIA. Dien Bien Phu surrendered to the Viet Minh the next day, May 7, 1954.

On February 25, 2005 the seven remaining pilots, out of the original 37

American CAT pilots, officially received the chivalry order Knights of the Legion of Honor in recognition of services rendered to France.

Question for February:

Where did the name for the U.S. Navy's Blue Angel flight team come from?

Did you notice that we have no extra stories or articles in this issue? That's because no one has sent us tales of their exciting aviation adventures. Your stories are what makes the newsletter. So send "stuff" to mec515@sbcbglobal.net. The next deadline is March 15th.

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The late Jimmy Franklin flying the SUPER WACO with son Kyle as his wing walker, Oshkosh 2004.

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