



Flight 506 News

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Chapter Events

Mark Your Calendars!

➤ Saturday, Apr. 12, 2003

EAA Chapter 506
Meeting
8:30 am Breakfast
9:00 am Meeting
at the Chapter 506
Clubhouse

Reminder – No covered dish required!

Breakfast will be provided
by the Breakfast
Committee at a cost of
\$3.00 per person.

This month's menu will
include:

Scrambled eggs, ham,
biscuits, fruit, orange
juice, and coffee.

President's Corner

By Ida May Covey

It may seem strange that a non-pilot who doesn't have a passion for aviation would choose to be a member of the Chapter. My introduction to EAA was through Byron. We went flying on our first date, and much of our social activities since then have involved airplanes, airports and EAAers.

We went to Oshkosh lots of times and enjoyed the fellowship in the campground. Total strangers gathered together to visit, share snacks, help the novice campers, plan the next day, and talk about airplanes. Ellen, her cousins, and her Grandmother (who had several thousand hours in the right seat of an Ercoupe and a C-140) joined in. The EAA always had activities for those of us who weren't ready to spend 12 hours a day talking airplanes. As Ellen got older, we volunteered. Ever get to ride in front of the air show line delivering sandwiches and drinks to performers and security personnel? It made the girls feel really important. We felt secure when camping at fly-ins because our fellow campers were honorable people.

Chapter 506 is much more than a club of homebuilders. It is a social group, with activities for everyone. Even clubhouse maintenance days are fun, because of the fellowship and sense of accomplishment. Our "between meeting" activities revolve around airplanes, but really are social gatherings. Thursdays find six to ten couples gathering at local restaurants for dinner. The guys sit at one end of the table, and we girls sit at the other end. They talk about airplanes, flying, sports and politics. We discuss receipts, plan shopping outings, and upcoming weekend activities. Being a pilot isn't a requirement, although several of the girls are. We are currently planning a group trip to the mountains for the early fall.

The bottom line is that Byron and I enjoy the fellowship of EAAers. The EAAers we have known are honest, sincere, trustworthy people who mutually respect each other. That makes them special, and that's why I like being involved in chapter 506.

Minutes of the March 8th Meeting

By Ida May Covey

The meeting was called to order by meeting president Dr. Ned Nutt at 9:00 AM.

Twenty-nine members were present. Three visitors were introduced; Ron Williams, Bill Amos, and Mark Doble.

Old business:

The treasury report was given. Members were reminded that 2003 annual membership fees are due. Contact Roxanna Mancusi rjmancusi@earthlink.com or Nancy Normark. rnormark@earthlink.net

Dan Harden gave a clubhouse maintenance report. Dan will schedule a clubhouse maintenance day for this Spring, on a date to be determined.

New Business:

Plans for the between meeting event at Woods Aviation, scheduled for March 22, 2003, were reviewed. Mr. Overton, a Korean War ace, will speak. He is the owner of the Ford Tri-Motor undergoing restoration at Woods Aviation.

People were asked to sign up to host between meeting events for the remainder of the season.

Sun-n-Fun information was presented. The dates are April 2, 2003, through April 8, 2003.

Jack Schultz shared Neal Foote's offer to be the official host for first time visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 AM.

March Program:

Dr. Nutt introduced Mr. Michael Trexler, a meteorologist. Mr. Trexler's presentation was about computer modeling of weather. (It could have been subtitled "It isn't as simple as you may think!") For more information on this topic, he recommends "The Weather Book by Jack Williams, 1997, USA Today, Vintage Books, and the following website: www.aviationweather.gov.

March 22nd Between Meeting Event

Our March between meeting event was held at Bob and Annette Woods' facility at the Goldsboro-Wayne Airport. A presentation was given on the Ford Tri-Motor by Dolph Overton. There was a good turnout for the event, lots of food, and many interesting planes and projects to admire.



Bob & Annette



The Ford Tri-Motor



The Woody Pusher

Meet Our Members



Harold grew up in Gastonia, North Carolina, and prior to his retirement, was a Field Service Engineer for Packard Instrument Company for 32 years.

He first became interested in aviation watching his older brother build model airplanes. He learned to fly at Rockwood Airport in Tennessee in 1965, and did his solo in an Aeronca Tri-champ, which he says was easy to fly and land.

Interesteing planes Harold has flown since then include a Piper Aztec, Beech Bonanza, Beech Musketeer, American Yankee, Aerosport Quail, Rail, Scamp, Woody Pusher, and a Cessna 210.

Harold has build two planes; A Quail (which he still flies today), which is an all metal high wing monoplane with tricycle landing gear and Volkswagen engine that cruises between 90-100 mph, and an "Almost Glasair", an all composite low wing, two place with tricycle gear that cruises around 200 mph.

His Quail, based at Kennebec Airport, has received two aviation awards. Best all metal – Burlington, and Best homebuild – Mt. Olive.

Harold has been an EAA member since 1973. He has been to Oshkosh about 18 times, and every Sun 'N Fun except two.

What airplane would Harold want if he could have any airplane, free of charge, with free maintenance, fuel and hangar? A Beech A36!

April 12th Program

The April program will be chaired by Ida May Covey, and will include presentations of chapter members' projects. Each member with an active project – homebuilt or manufactured - is asked to provide a status update. Because of the number of projects, each member will have five minutes to present.

Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.

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Upcoming Events

April 12-13, 2003

Coastal Carolina's Air Show, Wilmington NC at ILM. U.S.A.F. THUNDERBIRDS as well as many other military and civilian aerial events and ground displays including a two day Car Show featuring many on the greatest hot rods and cruisers from the Carolinas.

April 26, 2003

EAA Chapter 1220 Spring Fly-In and Pig Pickin at Gilliam-McConnell Airfield, Carthage, NC. Roland (910) 947-3599

April 26, 2003

3rd Annual Open House & Fly-In Breakfast, Rockingham County Shiloh Airport, Reidsville, NC. 7:00am to Noon. www.shilohairport.org

May 2-4, 2003

Cherry Point Air Show, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC. Celebrating the 100th year of aviation, some of the world's finest aerobatic performers and military demonstration teams will be seen flying all three days. Gates open at 5:00pm Friday, may 2nd and 8:00am on Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4. Admission and parking are free. www.cherrypointairshow.com

May 20, 2003

EAA Chapter 297 Annual Spring Fly-In for lunch at Stag Air Park, Burgaw, NC. Spicer (910) 392-9141

May 16-26, 2003

Festival of Flight 2003, Fayetteville, NC. Festival of Flight is a series of aviation related events worthy of the 100 year anniversary of the Wright Brothers' momentous achievement at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina in 1903. It will be the largest public centennial event in North Carolina featuring a weekend arts festival, a two-day military air show at Pope AFB, a general aviation air show at Grannis Field and a seven-day exposition with aviation displays and interactive exhibits, all of which will culminate with a spectacular Memorial Day celebration. See www.festivalofflight.org

From the Web.....

From AOPA ePilot -- Vol. 5, Issue 14

Chicago Mayor Bulldozes Lakefront Airport



Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago launched his own shock and awe campaign in the wee hours Monday morning by using heavy equipment to tear up the runway of the city's historic lakefront airport, Merrill C. Meigs Field. The nocturnal move caught everybody by surprise, including state legislators, the FAA, and even the controllers who work the tower on the field that will no longer monitor the airspace near downtown Chicago. City crews dug six huge Xs deep into the runway's surface, closing the airport and trapping 16 aircraft, many of which departed later in the week

by taking off from a taxiway. A testy Daley at a media conference used "homeland security reasons" to justify his actions--and admitted that there was no pending terrorist threat. "We are absolutely shocked and dismayed," said AOPA President Phil Boyer. "Daley has no honor and his word has no value. The sneaky way he did this shows that he knows it was wrong."

AOPA HAS 'ONLY JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT' MEIGS CLOSURE. Taking a line from Revolutionary War hero John Paul Jones, Boyer said, "We have not yet begun to fight. Pilots around the world are incensed by Daley's wanton destruction of Meigs. We're going to use every guerilla tactic in the book to restore that airport. And if in the end that fails, at the very least we'll make Daley feel the pain." Boyer cancelled a planned trip to the Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In in Florida and spent Wednesday and Thursday in strategy sessions with AOPA staff and legal counsel to formulate a 12-point plan to save Meigs.

From EAA e-HOT LINE, Vol. 3, Number 15 (4/4/03)

FAA Goal: Announce New Sport Pilot Rule at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2003



FAA's goal is to announce the new sport pilot/light-sport aircraft rule at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2003, according to Peggy Gilligan, FAA's Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulation & Certification. She made those comments Thursday, April 3, during the annual "Meet the FAA" session at the Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In at Lakeland, Florida.

Israeli Chapter Planning Trip to Oshkosh



People are coming to Oshkosh this year from all around the globe to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first successful powered flight. Count a sizeable contingent from Israel among those making a pilgrimage to AirVenture 2003, general aviation's showcase annual event.

EAA's first Israeli Chapter, 1346, is finalizing plans to bring from 300 to 500 aviation enthusiasts to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2003. Details are still being worked out, but the newly formed Chapter plans to bring the sizeable contingent to Oshkosh via charter in honor of powered flight's 100th anniversary.

2003 Chapter Programs & Activities:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program Responsibility</i>
<i>January 11</i>	Jack Schultz
<i>February 8</i>	Byron Covey
<i>March 8</i>	Ned Nutt
<i>April 12</i>	Ida May Covey
<i>May 10</i>	Helen Schultz
<i>June 7</i>	Mort Altman
<i>July 12</i>	Larry Fink
<i>August 9</i>	Dan Harden
<i>September 13</i>	W. T. Bailey
<i>October 11</i>	Jim Turner
<i>November 8</i>	Martin Moore
<i>December 12</i>	Nancy Normark
<i>Between Meeting Events</i>	
<i>March 22</i>	Fly out/Drive out Woods Aviation at Wayne County Airport
<i>April 26</i>	TBD
<i>May 24</i>	TBD
<i>June 28</i>	TBD

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