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Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 517 June 2003

From the President

Aviation Academies: We are half way through our aviation kids camps for 2003. The first was an all girls camp held at the Museum of Mountain flying in June in conjunction with the Girl Scouts of America. Although we only had 9 girls this year, there is interest in doing it again next year. We are half way through the second camp with 31 kids from the Superior, St Regis, and Clinton School District. The third camp will be next week and we have 29 kids signed up. Good going Sherry, Zane and Kaye.

“The aeroplane will never fly.”

Lord Haldane, the British Minister of War, 1907.

2003 Missoula Air Show: The Missoula air show is history. Don Lorenzen, Don Eicholz, Frank Tremper, and Zane Rebenstorff manned the display for the chapter with Don's KitFox and Tony Kohler's RV-4. We heard that it was hot on the airfield and I believe it. It was hot at our house where some of our members gathered to watch the activities.

Good News: Jeppesen has donated four sets of control yokes for use in our Aviation Academies. These will be a great help in future camps and other training events we might have for “us older kids.”

“This fellow Charles Lindbergh will never make it. He's doomed.”

Harry Guggenheim, millionaire aviation enthusiast

Hangar: We have one spot open in the hangar for another aircraft. If anyone knows of someone that might be interested, please let me know.

Oshkosh: At least five chapter members will be going to Oshkosh this year. I will be going in conjunction with my job, Zane, Sherry and Craig and Marg Purdy will be going for fun. We'll report back to you in August.

Programs: At the July 21 meeting we will show a new video produced by EAA and AOPA on the Airport Watch Program. At the August meeting Steve Jones, from the Helena Office of the FAA, will do a presentation on the latest FAA rules that apply to building an aircraft.

“It is a bare possibility that a one-man machine without a float and favored by a wind say of 15 miles an hour might succeed in getting across the Atlantic. But such an attempt would be the height of folly. When one comes to increase the size of the craft, the possibility rapidly fades away. This is because of difficulties of carrying sufficient fuel. It will readily be seen, therefore, why the Atlantic flight is out of the question.”

Orville Wright, circa 1908

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Weekends are good, but some are really great. June 28 & 29 was one of these weekends you live for. Saturday was a work day at Meadow Creek Airstrip. It is a Forest Service strip about 20 miles east of Swan Lake adjacent to the northern boundary of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. About 12 planes showed up to put up new windsocks, locate & paint tie downs, pull weeds and cut brush and small trees growing on the strip and approach. All this was rewarded with hamburgers for lunch and great Steak dinner. Food was provided by the Montana Aeronautics and EAA Chapter 102.

By the way, there is a need for four old aircraft tires that could be cut and placed around some tie downs. That would be about all the excuse necessary to make another trip back.

Sunday was the scheduled flyout to Bird Airport near Sandpoint, ID and view his aircraft collection. In addition we were treated to a tour of his manufacturing facility where they make medical respirator the he invented and developed. Also, we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Forest Bird speak about some of his extensive aviation background.

Fifteen planes flew in and taxied up to his hangers where most of his aircraft are kept ready for flight. They are also ready for show because of the pristine condition they are kept. Some are quite original like the J3 his father owned, a North American T6, Alon, Citabria, Grob, and a Stearman (with canopy). Others are modified to various degrees such as a rebuilt and re-powered Seabee, a turbine powered C206 on amphibious floats, a Chipmunk, turbine powered C421, and turbine powered Bell G47. There were others and many other items like antique vehicles, two wheel drive trail bikes etc. A very interesting collection.

After the tours we were treated to an excellent lunch in the lodge where he conducts training sessions on his respirators. Dr Bird, his wife, and employee, went well out of their way to make this a great visit. They are all a group of genuine nice people.

Gary Weyermenn



The Weather Gods finally cooperated with us and we had a very successful Young Eagle event on June 14th! After weather conflicts all winter, it was fun to get to fly kids - 91 Missoula area children on the national YE day! Thanks to the great ground crew and pilots for the time and aircraft.

Some changes: THANKS to Mark & Cindy McMurray for setting up templates that align with the YE certificates allowing us to print top quality certificates with incursive signatures! They brought a laptop w/ printer and with Cindy's expert input, the kids got a very nice momento! The Missoula airport paid for the fuel, and we'll be mailing checks to the pilots totaling over \$490. Thanks to the pilots for their generosity flying kids: Frank Bretz (6), Bill Nooney (5), Gary Palm (6), Gary Matson (4), Gary Weyermenn (6), Bob Brunson (14), Don Gaumer (14), Rick Booth (10), Mark McMurray (18 + 4 prior), Don Lorenzen (4).

We have upcoming YE events on the Friday of the Aviation Kid's Camps in later July. As a group, we'll fly again sometime in Sept/Oct. If you have preferences for dates, let me know!

Don L - YE Coordinator

Montana Airfest 2003 - was a huge success, it seems everyone I speak with enjoyed it immensely! Thanks go out to Bob Brunson, Gary Matson, Don Eichholz, Greg Lee, Zane R., Tony Kohler, and Frank Tremper for setting up and supporting our chapter display at the west entrance. All visitors enjoyed seeing homebuilt airplanes! The kids loved see Tony's RV-4 and Don's Kitfox. Many appeared inspired to pursue some aspect of an aviation activity, and some plan to try building one. Future members and fellow pilots, I hope! In spite of the heat, it was a good day. Several of us walked over to Ed Lovrien's BBQ, and enjoyed his hospitality of burgers, dogs, chips and sodas! **THANKS Ed!**

The air acts were top notch, with the icing of the day being the USAF Thunderbirds. Personally, I enjoyed them all. I have to say though, that the fly-by of the A-10 in formation with the P-51 was most amazing and demonstrative of the difference 40 years make in combat aircraft evolution. **Special thanks to Bob for towing the trailer up, and Steve Rossiter for returning it to Stevi!**

Hamilton YE and Pancake breakfast - On Sunday, 7/13 Hank Butzel, Don L, Gary Matson, and Terry Miles flew in to assist in the YE program put on by the Ravalli Pilot's Assoc. Good thing we came, we appeared to be 90% of the planes available! The airport and Chamber of Commerce hosted a car show and pancake breakfast. A special treat were the 4 warbirds that over-nighted at Hamilton! Up close views and special "low approaches" were observed by all! The P-40 and P-51 sounded best in review listening to those 16 cylinder inline engines! The Wildcat and T-28 were impressive too, so forgive my bias. It was a fun day. Free fuel and breakfast for our members for helping and an airshow w/ parachute team, to boot!

PS - at 81 degrees, it was WAY cooler than Sat 103 degree temps!!



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Calendar 2003

July	Monday	7-21-03	Meeting	MSO
July	Saturday	7-26-03	Breakfast	32S
July 29-Aug 4 AirVenture Oshkosh				
August	Monday	8-18-03	Meeting	32S
September	Monday	9-15-03	Meeting	MSO
October	Monday	10-20-03	Meeting	32S
November	Monday	11-17-03	Meeting	MSO
December	Christmas Party TBA			

Next Meeting:

**MSO Airport Conference Room
1900, Monday July 21.**

Next Breakfast:

0800 -1100, Saturday, June 21, 2003



**Frank Tremper's Project is flying ...
er ... floating. My Grandfather's
1937 Chris Craft - 24' Sportsman**



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