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November Our next Chapter meeting will be on the second Thursday of the month, November 8th. at 7:00 p.m. at our Chapter Hangar. Our guest speaker will be Jim Hooker.

New Chapter Officers for the year 2002 will be elected at the November business meeting. Positions to be filled include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. A Nominating Committee consisting of Ron Wright, Joe Fox and Morrie Caudill, have made the following recommendations:

President – Don Wolcott or Myron Martiny
Vice President – Steve Bonfoey
Secretary – Jim Hooker
Treasurer – Bill Engel
Newsletter Editor – Morrie Caudill

To insure a strong future for our Chapter, it is important that we encourage new members to become actively involved in leadership positions. If you are interested in serving as a Chapter Officer, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the Hangar Committee and as Membership Chairman. Joe Fox has agreed to serve as Program Chairman for the next year.

Last Month Our monthly meeting was held on Thursday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at our Chapter Hangar. John McIntyre was our guest speaker.

Christmas Holiday Banquet Our Annual EAA Chapter 563 Christmas Holiday Luncheon will be Saturday, December 8th at noon at Fairview Farms Restaurant, 5911 Heuermann Rd., Peoria, IL 61607. (Located off Maxwell Road between Peoria Airport and Plank Road.)

Our special guest will be Captain Dennis Armstrong, an American Airlines pilot who was in the air in an MD80 on September 11th and was ordered to land at the nearest airport.

Lunch will be served "Family Style," with chicken, swiss steak and the trimmings. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Make your reservations no later than **DECEMBER 2nd**, by phoning Dave Cook at 309/ 682-6074. Please pay at the door.

Deer Creek Pancake and Sausage Supper
The Annual Deer Creek Pancake and Sausage Supper will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2001. This event



We have two new members, Jerry Pilon and John Tidwell. They are also the newest hangar tenants, with this Kitfox project!

is supported by the Heart of Illinois Ultralights.

Updated Temporary Flight Restrictions

Pilots and other aviation enthusiasts can obtain updated, easy-to-understand graphics of current Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) areas through a free service offered by EAA, The Leader in Recreational Aviation.

The graphics, which are based on familiar FAA sectional charts, are available through the EAA web site (www.eaa.org). The graphics are part of the public area of EAA Flight Planner service. The complete EAA Flight Planner service was created by AeroPlanner.com, and is also available to EAA members through the web site.

"Since the TFRs have been in a constant state of change since September 11, it's critical that pilots have the latest versions of FAA's Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) and related graphics, so they can safely plan their flights," said Steve Lark, EAA Director of Web Development. "EAA wanted to create chart-based graphics that are accurate, easily accessible and easy to download. These graphics show exactly where TFR area borders are located, so pilots have a clear understanding where flying is and is not allowed."

To access the graphics, pilots can go to the "TFR Airspace Maps" link on the top of the EAA web site. The large map of the continental United States then allows the user to pinpoint exactly the area needed. After clicking on the requested state or region, the applicable NOTAMs will appear along with a link to a sectional chart-based



Mike Tillman has the N number on his Cessna 140A.

graphic of the TFR area. These graphics are printable for reference during a pilot's flight planning.

The EAA web site also provides regular updates regarding airspace restrictions and EAA's efforts on issues directly affecting general aviation pilots. Explore EAA's World Wide Web site at (www.eaa.org).

EAA's 'First Flight' Program

Tom Poberezny has announced the initial guidelines of EAA's "First Flight Program" -- a plan that allows EAA members the opportunity to become personally involved in aviation's Centennial of Flight celebration in 2003. "First Flight" reflects EAA's continued commitment to the homebuilding heritage on which the organization was founded in 1953.

"EAA encourages its members to participate in this program," Poberezny said, "because it celebrates the vision and achievements of the Wright Brothers, who were the first homebuilders back in 1903.

"We also feel especially proud that the basic concept for this program was, in fact, developed by David Wilson, an EAA member and homebuilder from Galesburg, IL, who, like us, was looking for a way to properly celebrate the spirit of the Wright Brothers and their historic first powered flight on December 17, 2003."

EAA's "First Flight Program" will honor all members who complete their homebuilt aircraft, ultralights and restorations during the calendar year 2003. Those that do will receive a special "First Flight Celebration Package" from EAA that includes log books, a certificate of achievement, and "First Flight" centennial decals for the plane.

Poberezny also pointed out that all youngsters who fly Young Eagles Flights during the calendar year 2003 would receive special "First Flight Celebration" Young Eagles Certificates. EAA member pilots giving Young Eagles

Flights will receive a special "First Flight Celebration Certificate" at the end of 2003 recording the number of Young Eagle Flights they have provided during the calendar year.

"Our hope is that by participating in this program, our members can personally feel a part of the celebration of aviation's first 100 years," Poberezny said. "It gives them a chance, through their own efforts, to relive the excitement the Wright Brothers must have experienced when they took to the skies for the very first time."

AirVenture 2002 One of Top 100 Events

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2002, one of the world's largest aviation gatherings, has been named as one of North America's "100 Best Events" by the American Bus Association (ABA), the leading group for motorcoach operators and tour companies in the nation.

The "100 Best Events" were selected by an elite tourism industry selection committee as the top entertainment values to both tour groups and individual visitors from around the world. The 50th EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, which will be held July 23-29 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, was the only aviation event selected by the ABA.

All "100 Best Events" are featured in the October issue of Destinations magazine, the monthly magazine for motorcoach tours and travel.

No-Nuke NOTAM... If loitering over cooling towers was ever your idea of a good time, you'll have to scratch it off your to-do list for the week -- but not to worry, after November 7, barring any forthcoming NOTAMs, you're welcome to get back to it.



The FAA's latest Notice to Airmen prohibits flights below 18,000 feet within 10 nm of 86 nuclear sites in 36 states. The wording rather intelligently excludes most emergency operations authorized by ATC, and perhaps controversially applies to "general aviation operations" only -- without explaining exactly what that means.

AOPA is already raising a stink about 84 public-use airports it says fall within the new no-fly zones. But at least this NOTAM comes with an expiration date. From AVflash 7.44b

More Places Not To Fly Other flight restrictions issued this week include a ban on VFR flight over a chunk of downtown Chicago, from the surface to 3,000 feet. Local officials have expressed concern over the safety of the Sears Tower, the country's tallest building. No expiration date on that one. Details on Chicago can be found at this website: <http://www.eaa.org/>

news/notam_1030_3.html And during World Series games, VFR flight is banned within 30 nm of the JFK VOR and within 25 nm of the VOR at PHX. Be sure to check with an AFSS for the latest. From AVflash 7.44b

Wandering the Skies Strongly Discouraged...

The FAA is proceeding with its own ideas about how to make things more secure in the aftermath of 9/11, by intensifying its response to communications lapses and transponder failures, the New York Times reported Sunday. Now, air traffic controllers must immediately tell their superiors when an airplane doesn't respond readily to radio requests, deviates from anticipated behavior, or loses its transponder signal. The Pentagon also will be notified. From AVflash 7.43b

Operation Noble Eagle is now in its seventh week, and that means U.S. fighter aircraft are still holding vigil over New York and Washington both day and night and making random appearances in the skies over a dozen other cities across the country.

U.S. military aircraft are flying some 250 missions per day here in the U.S., including chasing down reports of suspicious aircraft near sensitive areas such as water-treatment plants and nuclear facilities. Some Air National Guard pilots who are used to flying about five sorties per month have flown 100 sorties in the last 30 days. Plus, radar coverage of the U.S. has been bolstered with six mobile radar units, and data from some 200 FAA radars will soon flow to a central location. From AVflash 7.44b

Upcoming SportAir Workshops...

December 1-2 – Sheet Metal, Composite Construction, Fabric Coverings Corona, CA. December 7-9 - RV Assembly Griffin, GA.

For detailed information on the SportAir Workshops, including cost and course descriptions, go to the web at <http://www.sportair.com/schedule.html> or call 1-800-967-5746.

Warbirds Still in Jeopardy: While aviation overall is fighting for its survival these days one segment is at least used to the fight – the warbird fleet. Ironically, the aircraft that were vital instruments in protecting the freedoms we enjoy today are now battling -- with a lot of help from EAA -- legislation that would effectively ground all warbird aircraft.

It seems that the House of Representatives has recently passed a version of the Department of Defense Authorization bill, which did not sufficiently address the issue of keeping our warbirds in the air. So, the EAA is asking its members to write to the new members of the Senate-House Conference Committee that will decide whether or not demilitarization language will remain in the act. From AVflash 7.43a

General Aviation Could Be Affected

Also Several amendments were successfully added to S. 1447 ... some are good for GA, some aren't. Pilot/Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) successfully attached his amendment that gives the administration 30 days to justify to Congress any continuing airspace restrictions. Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl (D) (can you say "Oshkosh," Senator?) added on an amendment to require the FAA to implement a strict security program for GA aircraft that could include searches and screenings. From AVflash 7.42a

The **November Wallpaper** from EAA Website is EAA's rare Pitcairn PA 7S Mailwing. Along with appearing in several movies, this very airplane is believed to have been flown by Charles Lindbergh, Howard Hughes and Jackie Cochran. Some of its famous passengers include Shirley Temple, Henry Fonda and Jimmy Stewart. To put this beautiful aircraft on your desktop, visit the download page http://www.eaa.org/desktop_wallpaper.html.

Sport Pilot NPRM In our last episode of Sport



These two beautiful Wacos were in the FBO Hangar at Mt. Hawley for three windy days several weeks ago.



have to relocate aircraft and redesign hubs) don't seem to be too interested either. The move that is getting support is Gov. Ryan's plan to expand the current facilities at O'Hare, including three new parallel runways. From AVflash 7.43a

November 10 – Deer Creek – Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper. Supported by the Heart of Illinois Ultralights.

December 2 - ADDISON, IL - Chapter 101 Young Eagle Rally at Schaumburg Regional Airport, 630-543-9213

December 8 - PEORIA, IL – Christmas Luncheon – phone Dave Cook at 309/ 682-6074 for reservations.

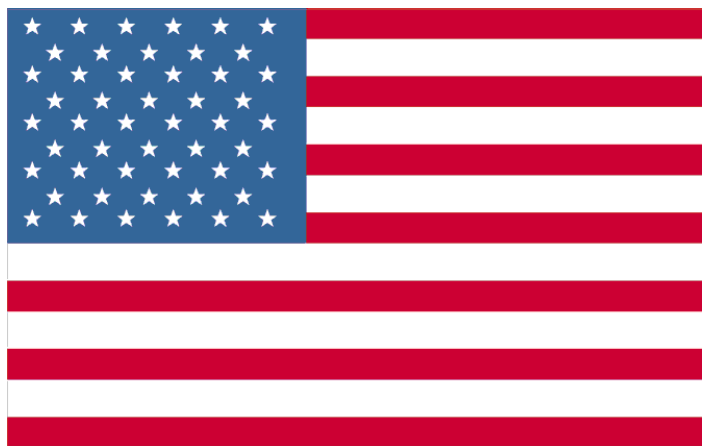
Pilot NPRM, EAA chief Tom Poberezny and others at AirVenture were hopeful a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking would be handed down in days. Unfortunately, just as the FAA began preparing answers to questions raised by the Office of Management and Budget, the calendar clicked to September 11th. Poberezny is now working to revive Sport Pilot, stressing the economic benefits of the new rules for a now-needy industry. From AVflash 7.44a

Calendar of Events

AOPA Seeks Change to Special-Issuance

Medicals: Pilots with "Special-Issuance" medical certificates could face less hassle if AOPA is successful with two requests. AOPA is asking that the FAA make the special-issuance airman medical certificate valid for the same duration as a corresponding medical certificate. The second request is that if special authorization is based on reports from a pilot's doctor, that the pilot be able to give the information to an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner who could make a final decision. AVflash 7.44a

Meigs Field Illinois Governor George Ryan has announced a proposal to keep Meigs *open*, recognizing that it is a vital part of the city's aviation system. The governor's plan includes building a reliever airport in the Peotone area about 40 miles south of Chicago and while Ryan isn't quite sure how to fund it, he believes that it is a necessary step. Some O'Hare expansion critics don't support the new airport and the major airlines (which would



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