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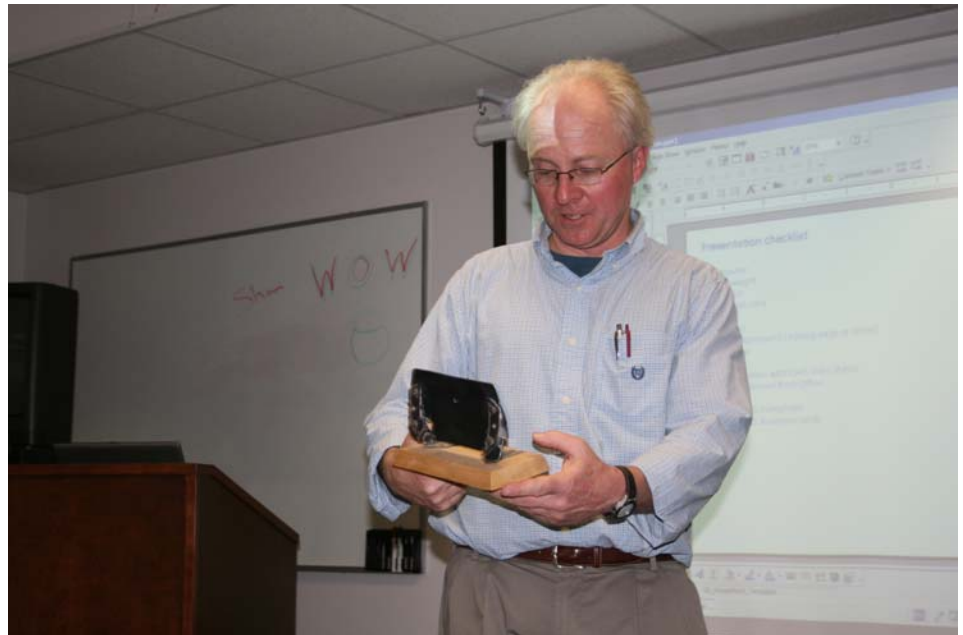
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Program Speaker Steven Sorge of Eagle, Wisconsin shows artifacts from the vintage plane he restored.

Steve flew to DBQ to give us the history of the airplane he restored. As he worked on the plane, he learned of the history of aviation in Wisconsin. His talk was so interesting, the members didn't want him to stop. Our monthly meeting have turned into a real education for the association.

May Meeting

Thursday May 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.

University of Dubuque Flight Center

Guest speaker – WWII Bomber crew member-

EAA 327 Officer's and Director's Meeting

Locust Street HyVee, April 9th, 2009

President Larry Mueller called meeting to order at special start time of 7:15 with 7 members present.

REPORTS:

Secretary: Mike Gaffney read minutes from March meeting. Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer: Dennis Schares reported a current balance of \$7,075.67.

Advertising/Promotion: Harry Styer, nothing to report.

Membership/Retention: Lyle Hefel, not available.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Larry Mueller raised a question concerning the date of annual pancake breakfast. After a motion by Nancy Mueller and 2nd by Harry Styers, it was decided to keep the breakfast at its traditional spot, 1st Sunday after Labor Day falling on September 13th this year.
- ! Larry may be investigating an alternate site for the 40th birthday party which is set for May 16 at the airport.
- ! Mike Gaffney reported that the April meeting speaker has confirmed his commitment. Steven Sorge is an award winning restorer who tells an interesting story about Wisconsin air legend, Jim Miles.
- Larry Mueller reported that no decisions have been made at this time concerning the Blanton Racer plans.
- ! Dave Kramer noted that the Young Eagle event is all set for the date of June 6 at the Dyersville airport and a rain date will be the 7th. After the flights, a chapter hamburger cookout will be held at the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ! Mike Gaffney reported that a speaker has been found for the May 21st meeting night. He is Bob Ragotzkie, WWII B-24 copilot and retired professor, floatplane pilot and Arctic researcher.
- ! Larry Mueller has received a letter from headquarters requesting info as to commendations for our chapter's members. He will introduce the matter at the next member meeting.
- ! Larry will be sending out invites for the birthday party and will have a RSVP sign up sheet for our own members at the next meeting.
- Stacy Murdock, one of the original members of the chapter, has planned on writing up an account of 327's beginnings.
- Harry Styer motioned and John Einck 2nd —meeting adjourned 7:55.
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Mike Gaffney, Sec.

Airline Cabin Announcements

9. *"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite."*

10. *"Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."*



After Steve's talk, he stayed so members could talk to him and ask questions. When the questions were finished he flew back to Eagle, WI.

World War II Member of Jolly Rogers To speak at May 21st Meeting

Robert Ragotzke, a B-24 copilot and member of 90th Bomb Group, 5th Air Force (Pacific), will be the featured presenter at this month's chapter meeting. Mr. Ragotzke has also been an arctic researcher, floatplane pilot and forum speaker at Air Venture, Oshkosh.

No group of fliers since the Flying Tigers of China ever emerged from the war with greater glory than this famous Liberator unit. Quickly recognized by its insignia-- a huge skull above two crossed bombs -- the group was constantly being featured in magazines and newspapers throughout the war years.

As usual, the program will begin at 7:00 pm at the University of Dubuque Flight Center which is located at the Dubuque Regional Airport just north of the control tower. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome.

**Minutes from EAA 327 Membership Meeting
April 16th, 2009 at University of Dubuque Flight Ctr.**

Meeting was preceded by a program given by Steven Sorge of Palmyra, Wisconsin. His presentation entitled "Small Circle of Friends: Jim Miles" was appreciated as well the pizza served up by Nick Hirsch.

Regular meeting was called to order at 8:35 pm by president Larry Mueller with 23 members and guests present.

REPORTS:

Secretary: Mike Gaffney read the minutes from March meeting. Approved as read.

Treasurer: Dennis Schares reported a balance of \$7,075.67.

Advertising/Promotion: Harry Styer, recently back on duty, reported finding several charter members who will be attending the 40th birthday celebration. They are: Wayne Reicher Stacy Murdock James Bentz Gary Sharp Verdon Weber

Membership/Retention: Lyle Hefel, nothing to report.

Newsletter: Dave Kramer, nothing to report.

Web Editor: Nancy Mueller, nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

. . . 40TH BIRTHDAY . . .

* Nick Hirsch sent e-mail to P. Poberezny. Found out he was gone to Sun 'n' Fun. Audrey must be better so we'll know soon if he plans to visit our birthday bash.

* Larry Mueller showed examples of Nancy's birthday poster. Larry also reported that Gordy has OK'd our using the Jet Center hangar for the party.

* Nick Hirsch conveyed that "the jury is still out" on plans to give the new owner of David's Flying Service a local membership due to the fact that a person must be a national member as a prerequisite.

* Larry Mueller told of plans for the Platteville cook out and meeting. It will be a "bring a dish and we will provide the meat" affair. Starting time will be 1:00 pm.

* Dave Kramer provided info on the Young Eagle event to be held at the Dyersville airport. Rides will be from 9 till 12 and a hamburger feed will follow for the volunteers. Dave said that airport has been re-seeded with a high quality and durable variety of grass.

* Dave reported that the plans for the Saturday morning donut flights are coming together and he was decided to announce the destination each week using cell phone and e-mail messaging.

* Larry Mueller is still looking for someone in our chapter interested in building the Blanton Racer.

* Mike Gaffney read a thank you note from UD Flight team president, Ian Book. Ian said they really needed our help at their breakfast event and will return the favor come September.

NEW BUSINESS:

* After some confusion concerning the date of the 327 pancake breakfast it was confirmed to be the first Sunday following Labor Day weekend which is Sept. 13.

* Larry Mueller displayed some forms for recommendations for EAA awards for our chapter members. After asking for some input, no action was taken.

* Nick Hirsch suggested doing something special for Don David considering all he did for our chapter. After a motion by Dave Kramer and a 2nd by John Einck, it was decided to provide Don with a card and a plaque for sure. Mike Gaffney will check into prices on placards. More details on the birthday party planning will be discussed at the May officer's meeting.

- Nick Hirsch motioned and Harry Styer 2nd, meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Mike Gaffney, Secretary

Good news for GA in Iowa

At a time when it would be tempting for states to reduce funding for general aviation airports, Iowa lawmakers instead invested in GA. As of the end of the state legislative session April 26, the state had allocated \$750,000 for airport infrastructure projects and an estimated \$2.2 million for the state aviation fund. Those funds will come from aircraft registration and aviation fuel taxes. Another \$1.5 million has been earmarked for commercial-service airports. In addition, the state also received \$10.1 million in federal stimulus grants. During the legislative session, the only threat to GA was a state senate bill that would have eliminated the sales tax exemption on some aircraft parts. AOPA opposed the bill, which ultimately lost traction and failed to get out of committee. "Iowa is setting a good example for other states," said Greg Pecoraro, AOPA vice president of airports and state advocacy. "The state's leadership is wisely investing in aviation because they understand that GA serves Iowa."

Question: I am a private pilot and would like to fly light sport airplanes as a sport pilot. I plan to let my medical certificate lapse and use my driver's license instead. Do I need to take a flight test with an examiner or fill out a new 8710 form?

Answer: Since you already hold a higher-grade certificate, you will not need to complete a flight test or submit any paperwork. You will simply limit yourself to sport pilot privileges and limitations (i.e. no flying at night). You will only be able to fly airplanes that qualify as light sport aircraft. As long as your most recent medical certificate has not been suspended, revoked, or denied, you can fly with a valid driver's license under the sport pilot rule.

Got a question for our aviation services staff? The AOPA Pilot Information Center is a service available to all members as part of the annual dues. Call 800/872-2672, or e-mail to pilotassist@aopa.org. Send comments on our Quiz Me! questions to pilotassist@aopa.org.

Events Calendar 2009

May 30	Flt Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Waterloo, IA (ALO)	54 Mi
June 5	Cookout every Friday until Oct. 16	5:00 – 7:00	Clinton, Iowa (CWI)	56 mi.
June 6	EAA Young Eagle Flts	9:00 – Noon	Dyersville Airport (IA80)	
June 7	Flt Breakfast	8:00 – Noon	Juneau, WI (UNU)	120 Mi.
June 7	Flt Breakfast	7:00 – 11:00	Washington, IA (AWG)	77 Mi
June 6/7	Annual Flight Breakfast	6:30 – 10:30	Audubon Airport (ADU)	173 Mi
June 14	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Rock Falls, IL (SQI)	80 Mi.
June 20	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Cassville, WI (C74)	16 mi.
June 21	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 1:00	Maquoketa Airport (OQW)	33 MI
June 21	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Palmyra WI (88C)	116 Mi.
June 21	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 12:30	Mineral Point, WI (MRJ)	48 Mi
June 21-22	Airshow		Davenport, Iowa	
June 28	Open House/Fly In	9:00 – 3:00	Tipton Airport (8C4)	44 Mi
June 28	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 12:00	Gilbert Field Rio, Wi (94C)	118 Mi
July 10 – 12	Fly Iowa 2009		Independence, IA (IIB)	34 Mi
July 12	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Monticello Airport (MXO)	16 Mi
July 19	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 12:30	Fillmore Co, (FKA) Preston, MN	83 Mi
August 9	Model Airplane Show	Noon - Dusk	Dyersville Airport (IA80)	
August 29	Abel Island Potluck	12 – 3:00	Guttenberg, IA (IA23)	19 Mi
August 30	Flight Breakfast	7:00 a.m. – 12:30	Iowa City, IA (IAP)	54 Mi
Sept13	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Dubuque IA Airport (DBQ)	20 Mi

More to Come