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## September 2009

## Flight Breakfast Sept 13

EAA 327 Meets at the Dyersville Airport



Dyersville hosted the August meeting at the airport. Bill and Elaine Fitch and Dick Anderson flew in for the meeting. After a meal of hamburgers bratts, chips, potato salad, fruit, cake and many other delicacies, the meeting was called to order about 2:00 p.m.

After the meeting Dick taxied into position, took off and headed for home.

**An important reminder - - - Election of Officers will be held at the November Meeting. Check the minutes for the four positions open.**



## Officer's & Director's Meeting Locust Street HyVee, Dubuque, August 13, 2009

Meeting was called to order by president Larry Mueller at 7:00 pm with 8 members present.

### REPORTS:

Secretary: Mike Gaffney read minutes previous meeting of July 9. Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer: Not available.

Advertising/Promotion: Harry Styer reported on airport open house meeting under Old Business.

Membership/Retention: Lyle Hefel—nothing to report.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- + **Breakfast:** President John Einck gave update on annual breakfast/fly-in. He will be sending letters and tickets out soon. John requested a special meeting be held just prior to Labor Day so that breakfast issues could be addressed. John looked for input regarding ordering extra food, given the possible increase in patrons due to the airport open house. A consensus decision was to increase orders by 10%. John gave a report on the airport meeting. An offer of breakfast help came from the Thunderbirds Hockey Team. Bill Fitch noted that the CAP would probably help us if asked. Harry Styer reported that he will get the signs ready and Larry Mueller is getting update stickers made. Larry will be making calls for volunteers.
- + Bill Fitch spoke of an effort made by Elaine for a Christmas party location. The Diamond Joe is getting too pricey and she is still searching.
- + Reports of the NATA event have all been good. Looks like nearly 40 aircraft were present. Bill Fitch noted that it seems as though we have flipped/flopped with UD regarding NATA responsibilities. We now have plane parking and they have car parking. As he says "the problem is we can't make any money that way."
- + Nancy Mueller noted that she took many pictures while on her NATA ride and has posted them on the 327 web site.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- + Bill Fitch reported that he received a call from CR chapter #33 with a offer for our chapter to be involved in a Young Eagle event that they are putting together for the Maquoketa airport. The city of Maquoketa has provided publicity for the event to be held Oct. 17 and rain date Oct. 18. After discussion, consensus was for us to participate on an individual basis not as a chapter.

### NEW BUSINESS

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- + Bill Fitch said that he had received news from Central Alternative High teacher John Adlemann of an upcoming speaker event in our area featuring astronaut Scott Carpenter and Iowa's Bill Fox. Fox was associated with Area 51, Skunk works and SR 71 development. Mr. Adlemann was looking for financial sponsors and after a discussion it was proposed by Harry Styer and 2nd by Dave Kramer to sponsor with \$500 donation. Proposal passed but membership will be asked to approve the sponsorship.
- + Mike Gaffney will be seeking a program speaker for the next UD site membership meeting on Sept. 17.
- + Larry Mueller proposed pizza for October meeting.
- + Dave Kramer motioned and Harry Styer 2nd—meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.  
Mike Gaffney, Sec.

# EAA 327 Membership Meeting

## Dyersville Airport, August 15, 2009

The fly-in/drive-in meeting was preceded by a cookout featuring brats and burgers courtesy of Dave and Joan Kramer. Meeting was called to order by president Larry Mueller at 2:03 pm with 16 members present.

### REPORTS:

- Secretary: Mike Gaffney read minutes from July meeting. Approved with one correction that the Shullsburg airport is being restored by a retired United pilot who is the son of the original owner, Doc Hannifan.
- Treasurer: Dennis Schares reported no change with balance so it will remain at \$ 6,241.15.
- Advertising/Promotions: Harry Styer reported getting breakfast signs ready and is going to get the new dates applied and signs in place.
- Membership/Retention: Lyle Hefel—nothing to report.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Breakfast Report:** Vice president John Einck reported on the meeting he attended at the airport. The open house will be held on the breakfast day between the hours of 8 and 3. The airport had wanted the chapter to have a Young Eagle event the same day as the breakfast, but John advised them that we could not because of time and workload constraints. John also said that because of having so much ramp space in use for airport equipment displays, that we might be somewhat cramped for parking fly-in aircraft. A question was raised regarding whether we should include the open house in our official breakfast flyer currently available on the web site. Bill Fitch advised against it and John may call Osh to check with them. John continued on reporting that parachute jumpers will be landing during the breakfast event. Harry Styer will “touch base” with Paul and Gordy finalizing our plans to use the hangar and making sure they have some extra breakfast tickets for people that they need to accommodate. Larry Mueller will be making phone calls for breakfast volunteers. An offer from the Dubuque Thunderbirds Hockey coach to help our cause was appreciated. John said that since Stacy Murdock has a conflict on breakfast day and that the Boy Scouts may not be able to help this year. Larry Mueller will contact UD for help and also for us to use of their trays. A special O&D meeting on Sept. 3 will be held to cover last minute plans for the breakfast event.
- + Elaine Fitch reported that Diamond Joe’s party prices were a little much and she will be investigating other Christmas party sites.
  - + Larry Mueller noted that 30 to 40 T6’s were at the NATA event and Harry Styer reported that Gordy Vetsch was very pleased with everything and reported no problems.
  - + **Larry Mueller reminded members that November is election month and there will be openings for treasurer, president, newsletter editor and membership/retention.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

- + Bill Fitch spoke of his contact with Cedar Rapids chapter #33 regarding their chapter’s involvement in a Young Eagle event to be held at the Maquoketa Airport. Rather than participate as a chapter, the consensus reached at the Officer’s meeting was to offer help as individuals only. Bill Fitch suggested that we help out as much as possible given the fact that Maquoketa’s Mike Nickison has flown so many Young Eagles for our chapter. John Einck will contact chapter 33 to offer some volunteers.
- + Bill Fitch noted that he had made contact with John Adelman of

Central Alternative High regarding John's plans for a future event to feature Iowa's Bill Fox, formerly involved with secretive aviation activities such as Area 51, Skunk Works and the SR71 project. Another speaker may be astronaut Scott Carpenter. Mr. Adelman was needing sponsorship for the event and to that end officers had voted to donate \$500 to the cause. Harry Styer once again motioned John Einck 2nd to make the donation and it was approved by the membership.

- + Larry Mueller offered the possibility of having an October fly-in cookout at the refurbished Shullsburg airport. It's a 1700 ft grass strip and open on both ends.
- + Harry Styer motioned and John Einck seconded—adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Mike Gaffney, Sec.

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## Airline Cabin Announcements

14. Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City the flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt."

15. Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day: During the final approach, the Captain really had to fight it. After an extremely hard > > landing, the Flight Attendant said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

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## **B-29 Pilot to be Speaker at Chapter monthly meeting on September 17**

Glen Lyons of Stockton, Illinois was not unlike many American young men in 1944. He wanted to fly and he wanted to be a fighter pilot. He took lessons locally and became an aviator on his own. When the time was right, he enlisted in August of that year to become an air cadet.

Upon completing his advance flight training in the Spring of '45, he was disappointed and dejected. He had not been not judged worthy to advance to P-51 training as he had dreamed. When he returned after a leave he was asked by an officer if he would be interested in getting his hands on a shiny new B-29 and take part in a highly secretive project. He had been selected to be part of the Manhattan Project team and would help develop techniques for dropping an atom bomb. As usual Chapter 327 meetings are held on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at the University of Dubuque Flight Center at the Dubuque Regional airport. The speaker will be introduced at 7:00 pm with the meeting to follow.

Refreshments and pizza will be also available to make the night complete.

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EAA 327 Special Meeting  
Locust Street HyVee, Sept. 3, 2009

Meeting was called to order by president Larry Mueller at 7:00 pm. Since it was a

special meeting held to finalize plans for the breakfast fly-in, no officer reports were given.

#### OLD BUSINESS: Breakfast planning

- + Vice president John Einck reported that he hasn't heard back from UD on our request to borrow their food trays, but is expecting word soon.
- + Larry Mueller inquired about our insurance and John Einck said it should be in order. He also reported that a permit has been granted from the city at a charge of around \$33. John said the city will be inspecting our operations at the breakfast. Harry Styer recollected that in the past, they had checked on things like the water temp used for washing trays and the process used to grill the eggs.
- + Larry Mueller said that the airport was planning to have a Young Eagle table in the community hangar as part of their expo. However, after some objections from those present and a consensus vote it was decided to keep the information table in the breakfast hangar and man it ourselves.
- + Larry reported he will start calling for volunteers next Tuesday. After checking with those present, it was decided that we would have enough help available to do the cleanup of the hangar on Friday afternoon and probably enough for the Saturday am setup.
- + Mike Gaffney voiced some concerns about the safety of our deep fryer because of the apparent ignition problems it has had in the past. Harry Styer promised he and Mike would fire it up on Saturday and check it out.
- + Larry Mueller was in contact with Mike Glyn from UD and they will be sending volunteers. Bill Fitch suggested we let them start working when they arrive otherwise they will wonder off when we need them.
- + Dennis Schares will take charge of getting the eggs unthawed.
- + John Einck will search out the whereabouts of the refrigerator we have used in the past.
- + Dennis will be making sure we have "seed money" available on breakfast day.
- + Larry Mueller inquired about the traditional pizza party for workers and John Einck will make reservations for 6:00 pm.
- + Stacy Murdock will be contacted to see about having Boy Scout volunteers as in the past. Bill Fitch will be talking with Bill Mausser to see if the Civil Air Patrol is sending anyone this year.
- + Larry Mueller reported the Grant County RC Club had been invited to display at the breakfast, but that they will not be participating.
- + Harry Styer reported that Jean will be helping with the ticket table as in the past.

#### OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

- + John Einck has been in contact with the Cedar Rapids chapter regarding their up-and-coming Young Eagle event in Maquoketa. He said they could use some help and even some planes would be welcomed as well.
- + Bill Fitch said that Elaine has set the Christmas party at Catfish Charly's for Dec. 13 at 6:00 pm. It will be a chicken and beef dinner for \$12.50.
- + Dennis Schares motioned and Harry Styer 2nd—Meeting adjourned at 7:37.

Mike Gaffney, Sec.