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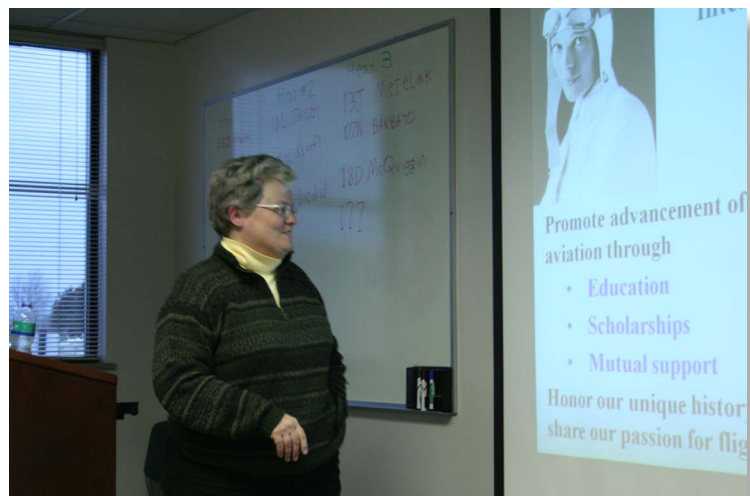
Minnetta Gardinier has lived in Iowa City since 1998 and works at the University of Iowa as an Associate Dean in the Graduate College and an Associate Professor of Pharmacology in the College of Medicine. After growing up in the Syracuse area of Central NY, she has lived in Gainesville (FL), New Orleans, Los Angeles, Switzerland and Chicago. The move to Iowa resulted in her biggest life adventure—learning to fly.

She took her first lesson in 2003, obtained her private pilot's certificate in 2004, and received her instrument rating in 2006. When beginning her instrument training, she began a partnership with Dan Eberl of



Minnetta Gardinier giving an interesting talk at April's EAA Chapter 327 meeting.

Minnetta discussing the history of the 99s, the early races and their development.



Iowa City to co-own their 1978 Cardinal Classic (C177B). Their only flying together is mostly limited to playing safety pilot for one another to remain instrument current and to flying each year to the annual CFO Cardinal fly-ins around the U.S. Minnetta has accrued 950 hours of flying time and flies about 150 hours annually.

She has flown the Air Race Classic three times—Bozeman MT to Mansfield MA (2008), Denver CO to Atlantic IA (2009), and Ft. Myers FL to Frederick MD (2010). With her race co-pilots, she has raised \$6,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in these races. She joined the Iowa 99s in 2006, has served as the Vice Chair, and is the current Chair for the Iowa 99s. Minnetta is a Director with the North Central Section of the 99s. She is Membership Chair for the EAA Chapter 33 (Cedar Rapids/Iowa City). She also serves on the Iowa City Airport Commission and is active with the Friends of the Iowa City Airport.

Lastly, she is the Start Committee Chair and working with the Iowa 99s to host the start site festivities for the 2011 Air Race Classic that will start at the Iowa City Municipal Airport in June. This year's race will fly through the Dakotas, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and terminate in Mobile AL. She's enjoyed a lot of blue skies, tailwinds and other since that first lesson in 2003.



EAA 327 Member Meeting at University of Dubuque Flight Center, March 17, 2011

Member meeting was preceded by a presentation by JoAnne Seckman of Mr. Horeb, WI. She talked about the life of Capt. Tom Baldwin, aviation pioneer and innovator. Nick Hirsch provided a fine chili feed and Harry Styer was in charge of refreshments and cookie goodies.

President Larry Mueller brought meeting to order at 8:29 with 17 members and guests present.

REPORTS:

Secretary: Stand-in secretary Mike Gaffney recorded minutes. No previous minutes were available.

Treasurer: Elaine Fitch reported a balance of \$7,914.73.

Advertising/Promotion: Harry Styer reported later.

Recruitment/Retention: Mike Gaffney reported later.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ▶ Larry Mueller noted the need for a vice president candidate, but still the search goes on.
- ▶ Larry reported that the audit had been completed and thanks to Elaine Fitch for providing the documentation.

- ▶ Larry announced that the breakfast flyer is available on the 327 web site. He also talked about the possibility of having to raise the price of the breakfast tickets this time around. While most everyone agreed that the cost of food was on the rise, a discussion ensued as to the effect on attendance if the ticket price went up. Finally, a consensus vote to discontinue the donuts and rolls and keep prices at \$6 won approval. John Einck will continue to help coordinate the breakfast effort by chairmanship of committees to handle the many chores of breakfast planning. John will have a list of sub groups available at next meeting. Nick Hirsch will take care of getting gas and connecting grills. Harry Styer is handling advertising signs, flyers, mailing out help request letters and tickets.
- ▶ Bill Fitch noted that he and Shane O'Brien will team up for 2 separate Y/E events this fall.
- ▶ Bill also said that the UD Flight Breakfast will be held on April 17 and emphasized the importance of volunteers to help them because of their generosity helping us with our event. A sign up sheet was passed.
- ▶ Bill and Elaine Fitch will introduce the program for the April membership meeting. The speaker will be Minnetta Gardinier, a professor at the University of Iowa, who will be representing the "99's" and talking about the upcoming air race. The race reportedly will begin in Iowa City and will go a distance of 2200 miles. The June 17 event will include 50 aircraft.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ▶ John Einck announced that he has obtained some folding chair carts for use at our breakfast.
- ▶ Larry announced that we have accumulated \$390 in Young Eagle points that need to be used before the end of the year or they go to back to Osh. They could be used to send a young person to the EAA Air Academy.
- ▶ Larry also noted that he has Air Venture volunteer sign up sheets available.
- ▶ Bill Fitch announced that "tower boss" Gary O'Neill is willing to be a speaker/safety seminar presenter for the May meeting.
- ▶ John Einck spoke about possible Y/E rides for scouts who helped us with our breakfast last September. John is setting something up.
- ▶ Nick talked about obtaining an electric griddle that could be used at our breakfast. It's brand new and his hangar. No decision made at this time.
- ▶ Mike Gaffney has volunteered to send meeting reminder postcards to paid up members for the rest of the year. He estimated the cost between \$15 and \$20 a month. Nick motioned and Dick Anderson 2nd--approved.

Harry Styer motioned and Mike Hoffman 2nd ----meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Mike Gaffney, temp recording secretary