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The Prez Says

Elizabeth Szoke, Chapter President

Prez Sez

Well it is getting to be that time of year again... OSHKOSH! I have to admit that this is my favorite vacation of the entire year. Even if there were no show, the fraternity among our chapter is precious to me. The EAA folks there are the most amazing and diverse group; but every one of them share our passion and are so friendly and giving you have trouble believing it. If you have not gone or are considering a pass on this year, *DON'T*. It promises to be the best year yet!

Many of us will make sure you have a way there, place to stay (even if it is a financial hardship), and equipment. (It always seems like we all have extra tents hanging around). There is just no way to explain the event with words. And I hope these words stir those, whom were not going to return, into remembering how amazing Airventure is.

There are lots of helpful details on our website under the "Oshkosh Airventure" tab. These include Notams (as they become available), a campsite map, a packing list, some prior year pictures (thanks Bob!), and so much more.

Do you think I am going a little bit overboard?; maybe, but there are many of you that feel this way in your heart. There have been greater and greater numbers of us each year including families and especially *wives* (we girls have a blast).

Because of our tremendous growth, this year we have a plan. In the past we send a scout ahead and challenge them to guard as many spots as possible. It has become an exercise in futility with our growth.

Each of us pays for a site of about 20' X 30'. Last year we had dozens, all of them paid the same as those who had an acre, on about two sites. This is no fault of the scouts; it is due to those who have yellow "PAID" markers and these supersede our feeble markers. This year we will be victorious! We have able scouts and we will arm them with the payments we were going to make anyway later. Help this strategic plan by paying Kent or Ken at the next meeting or at least by the picnic. We will *not* be caught off guard this year and we *WILL* park our cars on our sites. So rally the troops and open the checkbooks! THIS YEAR IS OURS!!!

Thank you,
Elizabeth

Board Meeting Minutes

Kent Forsythe
Chapter Secretary

No report

Meeting Minutes

Kent Forsythe
Chapter Secretary

Meeting was called to order on May 6, 2007. Location of the meeting was the EAA974 hanger at HAO. President Elizabeth Szoke presided over the meeting.

Attendance

- 37 club members (attendees found on last page)
- 1 Guest
 - o Russ Pfeiffer

Reports

- Secretary's Report
 - o Nothing to report.
- Treasurer's Report
 - o Treasurer's report accepted by the members
- Tech Counselors' Reports
 - o Ray Parker looked at Jerry & Linda Brainard's Velocity. They are ready to close the tanks.
- Young Eagles Report
 - o This coming Saturday (May 12th @ 9:00 am) will be busy. We need lots of volunteers.
 - o Also have Young Eagles event on May 26th. Volunteers also needed.
- Hanger Master's Report
 - o Member need to help by not leaving a mess in the food area.
 - o The new wind sock arrived. This will be installed in the coming weeks.
- Web Masters Report
 - o The website was renewed for another year.
- Librarian's Report
 - o None
- Chapter Historian's Report
 - o Pictures were taken at the Moraine Sunday Funday.
- Presidents Report
 - o Moment of silence for Sam Smiley.
 - o Picnic will be held at the June meeting. Ken Jones will purchase the food. Members are asked

- to bring a side dish. A-L bring non-dessert side dish. M-Z bring a dessert.
- o Plans are underway to organize Oshkosh campsites. Kent Forsythe will be going up early and can reserve a spot for anyone wishing to pay for a spot.

- Project Reports
 - o None

Announcements

- Tom Hogan announced a Petenpol project for sale. Contact Tom if you are interested.
- May 19th – Lunkin Airport Air Rally

Old Business

- Jerry Brainard (and others) spoke of building an engine dryer. Brett Ferrell has built and tested one.

New Business

- The membership approved sending a card and possibly making a donation in Sam Smiley's name based on recommendations from his widow.
- We are trying to get a list of tools that people are willing to lend. These tools would be posted on the website to assist builders.

Program

No program this month.

Member Attendees

- | | | |
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| 1) Ankerstar, Brad | 11) Fear, Barry | 21) Lilley, Stephen |
| 2) Brainard, Jerry | 12) Ferrell, Brett | 22) McClary, Terry |
| 3) Brainard, Linda | 13) Forsythe, Ron | 23) McNamee, Tim |
| 4) Broge, Chuck | 14) Forsythe, Kent | 24) Moore, Dave |
| 5) Burkhardt, Bob | 15) Gassert, Kevin | 25) Moore, Dick |
| 6) Charlton, Brian | 16) Hetico, Rolf | 26) Morris, Tim |
| 7) Conn, William | 17) Hogan, Tom | 27) Parker, Ray |
| 8) Corder, Charlie | 18) Hurd, Doug | 28) Payne, Brad |
| 9) Dombek, Bob | 19) Jones, Ken | 29) Raney, Dave |
| 10) Dornette, Mark | 20) Leister, Zach | 30) Reagan, Dan |
| 31) Statt, John | 33) Szoke, Elizabeth | 35) Theobald, George |
| 32) Szoke, Carolyn | 34) Taylor, Mark | 36) Wilemski, John |
| | | 37) Wilson, Charles |

May Chapter Meeting

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Our May meeting was greeted by great weather and a short program. So short that nobody noticed it. OK, we didn't really have a program, what are you going to do sue us? I mean, nobody is perfect, so don't cast the first stone, type thing. Seriously. Stones hurt, and you don't want to be the kind of people that throw stones. That's mob mentality, there, folks. You want to be an anarchist? I didn't think so. Now put the stones down. Come on, you're scaring me. I promise we'll have a program next time. Well, not next time *exactly*, because next time is our Chapter Picnic. And the meeting after that is Oshkosh. But soon. Really, really soon. Honest. The program planning committee is working on something big. Huge, if I do say so myself. But I don't want to ruin it for you.



Note to self... move the airplanes out before setting up chairs



Our 'colorful' President presides



It was a great day to be at the airport

Moraine Funday Sunday

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We believe we won back the Funday Sunday trophy, but those laggards at 174 didn't bring it to the fly-in or our meeting.



About half of the motley crew that we brought to the party



I guess Mark found a couple of (flying) airplane seats after all.



Tim Morris and Dave Raney arrive in style.. apparently Doug has a plane, but I've never seen it.



A post-food happiness settles into the crowd.



Strike a pose, there's nothing to it.. Vogue..Vogue..Vogue



RVs pass in review... smoke on...



Chow line bragging



A busy flightline



The picnic tables were kept busy...



**A cub turns into the wind... and is airborne instantly
(it was breezy)**

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22nd ANNUAL AIR RALLY & PIG OUT at Lunken is on MAY 19, 2007 (RAIN DATE MAY 20)

100 MILES STARTING AND FINISHING AT LUNKEN AIRPORT (LUK) YOUR DECLARED TIME WILL BE MEASURED AGAINST YOUR ACTUAL TIME.

TROPHIES AWARDED TIRST THREE PLACES.

PARTY IMMEDIATELY AFTER RALLEY AT THE HISTORIC FLYING KNIGHTS CLUB HOUSE. NON-PARTICIPANTS WELCOME TO JOIN PARTY FOR \$10.00.

REGISTRATION @11.00 AM AT LUNKEN TERMINAL. MANDATORY PILOT BRIEFING @ NOON.

RALLY STARTS @ 1:00 ENTRY FEE \$20.00 / PLANE, PILOT, CREW. ADDITIONAL CREW.....\$10.00 EACH
CONTACT #513-702-3542

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Effective May 7, 2007 Lockheed Martin Dayton Automated Flight Service will be closing its doors. All functions performed in the past by the Dayton personnel will be transferred to the Washington Hub (DCA).

Pilots will continue to call 1-800-WX-BRIEF for a preflight weather briefing. While in flight pilots will continue to call the responsible Flight Service Station for their respective location as noted on their sectionals or other

charts, these will not change. The pilot will continue to call Dayton Radio while in our area but the In-flight call will be answered by a Dayton area rated specialist located in Leesburg Virginia.

The number to reach the Terminal Information Broadcast System (TIBS) will be 1 877 4 TIBS WX (1-877-484-2799)

Authorized users will need to call 1 877 4 US NTMS (1-877-487-6867) when issuing or canceling NOTAM's.

There is a great deal of information on our website at <http://afss.com>.

It has been a pleasure serving you from Dayton and we look forward to providing service from the DCA HUB or one of our 18 other sites. If we can help with questions you may have concerning our transition or other issues please contact one of following.

Operations - 937-454-4637
Donna Crigler- 937-454-4630
Kevin George- 937-454-4611

Sincerely,
Kevin George
Dayton AFSS Operations Manager

Wally Schirra passes

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WALLY SCHIRRA WAS UNIQUE AMONG ASTRONAUTS

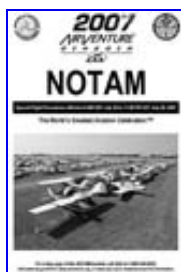


Wally Schirra, Jr., pioneering NASA astronaut and former EAA member, passed away late last week at the age of 84. He is the only astronaut to fly in each of NASA's first three manned space missions-Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo. Schirra participated in two very special EAA Oshkosh conventions; 1987, as EAA honored the original Mercury astronauts; and 1994, at "EAA's Salute to Apollo" honoring the 25th anniversary of the first lunar landing. [\(read more\)](#)

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2007 EAA AIRVENTURE NOTAM NOW AVAILABLE



The official EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007 Notice To Airmen (NOTAM) booklets are hot off the press and ready to be mailed out to pilots planning to fly to The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration on July 23-29. The Oshkosh NOTAM is also available in easy-to-print PDF document form on the [AirVenture website](#).

Those who have already placed their booklet orders can expect to receive their copies soon, while others can call EAA Membership Services at 800/JOIN-EAA (564-6322) and order a free copy today. [\(read more\)](#)

Here is an invitation from Jeff Pontius at Hogan Field, to rent space in a couple of hangars he has open. [Click here](#) to send him an email for more information.

"Not sure who to send this notice to so I'll start with the webmaster. I have two large hangars at HAO for rent. Each hangar is 2500 square feet with a 50 foot bi fold door. Might be useful to some of your members. I'll take best offer at this point. One other hangar I have for rent is renting for \$700 per month. I have not been able to rent the other two for that amount. I'll make a good deal to get them rented."

[KIDVENTURE RELOCATES TO PIONEER, EXPANDS OFFERINGS](#)

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For the past eight years, EAA's KidVenture has provided untold thousands of children with delightful, educational aviation experiences at its customary location, in the big, white tent directly behind EAA AirVenture Museum. There's never been much room for expansion, however, and the road bordering its eastern edge has created occasional bottlenecks of buses, gators, golf carts, and other vehicles.

At EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007, KidVenture will be transplanted across Pioneer Airport's turf runway where there will be much more room for kids to enjoy safe, hands-on aviation activities.

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Capt. James Lovell, who commanded the near-disastrous Apollo 13 moon mission that became a model of crisis ingenuity and teamwork, will be a featured guest at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," which will be held July 23-29 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

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[GATHERING OF MUSTANGS & LEGENDS TICKETS AVAILABLE](#)

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Discounted advance tickets for the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends September 27-30 are now available online at www.GML2007.com. Discounted rates are also available for children, students, and military personnel. The event will feature aerial demonstrations and performances including an estimated 100 P-51 Mustang aircraft and additional World War II fighters/bombers, U.S. Air Force aircraft including the Thunderbirds, and top civilian performers.

[Oshkosh to Host USAF 60th Anniversary](#)

EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2007 TO HOST U.S. AIR FORCE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

COMMEMORATION



For more than a half-century, some of aviation's most amazing innovations and top developments have come from two places: the U.S. Air Force and the annual EAA AirVenture fly-in convention. The USAF will make the 55th annual edition of EAA AirVenture, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," a major stop during its 60th anniversary commemoration, as it brings its "Heritage to Horizons" showcase to Oshkosh July 23-29 at Wittman Regional Airport.