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The Prez Says

Elizabeth Szoke, Chapter President

Oshkosh planning is over, and we're off to the home of amateur aviation. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everybody for helping to plan what I hope will be our best trip ever. Special thanks to Kent Forsythe for going up early and secure our rather large Camp Cincy, and for the folks that have stepped up to prepay for campsites so that we all can camp together and have enough elbow room to be comfortable. I think this kind of esprit de corps is what we're about - obviously not everyone can commit to a full week campsite, and we were delighted to have some folks drop in with us for the days they could - but having some folks making the commitment will really improve the accommodations for everyone. Also thanks to folks who've agreed to carry up common items, like Kent carrying Ray's firepit and making up stakes and signs for the campsite, Mark for carrying a table for our Velocity Builder's cookout, and Dan for carrying our past president Ron Forsythe up. With teamwork anything is possible!

In other business, this marks the halfway point of my presidency, and the time really flies! I think anybody that has this position comes in with great ideas for what they want to accomplish, and find they don't have time to

do everything that they'd really like to. I hope that folks feel that they are being served by the chapter, I'm always open to input, and I'm hoping to close the year out strong. Let's have a great Airventure, support the pancake breakfast in August, and show off our projects in September! Go team.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth

Board Meeting Minutes

Kent Forsythe
Chapter Secretary

No report

Meeting Minutes

Kent Forsythe
Chapter Secretary

Meeting was called to order on July 8, 2007. Location of the meeting was the EAA974 hanger at HAO. President Elizabeth Szoke presided over the meeting.

Attendance

- 26 club members (attendees found on last page)
- 1 Guest
 - o Arthur Balph

Reports

- Secretary's Report
 - o Nothing to report.
- Treasurer's Report
 - o We are buying a seal for the bottom of the hanger door.
 - o Treasurer's report accepted by the members
- Tech Counselors' Reports
 - o Ray Parker looked at a Murphy Rebel.
 - o Mark Taylor looked at John Labarre's plane.
- Young Eagles Report
 - o None
- Hanger Master's Report
 - o Purchasing weather seal for hanger door.
- Web Masters Report
 - o Brett's name was submitted for an Oshkosh webmaster award.
 - o Oshkosh links have been added to website.
- Librarian's Report
 - o None
- Chapter Historian's Report
 - o None
- Presidents Report
 - o August meeting will be Oshkosh review by Bob Dombek.
 - o September meeting is project day.
- Project Reports
 - o None

Announcements

- Steve Statkus flew his Soneri
- Kevin Gassert has packing boxes and supplies from his wing delivery if anyone needs it.
- August 11th & 12th we will be hosting the pancake breakfast at the Flying Circus. We'll be serving from 7:30 to 10:30. The field will be closed from 11:45 to 4:15. Mark Taylor is looking for volunteers to work the breakfast.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- We need pictures of people and their projects for the website. Contact Bob Dombek to have your picture taken or provide a picture of your own. Pictures eventually need to get to Brett Ferrell.
- The small space in the hanger is available for rent. The fee is \$60 per month. This is the area where the gyro was previously stored.

Program

Oshkosh planning and preparation was the event for this month.

Member Attendees

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|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Ankerstar, Brad | 11) Gassert, Kevin | 21) Shaw, Robin |
| 2) Brainard, Jerry | 12) Gassert, Kevin | 22) Statkus, Steve |
| 3) Brainard, Linda | 13) Hetico, Rolf | 23) Statt, John |
| 4) Charlton, Brian | 14) Hurd, Doug | 24) Szoke, Elizabeth |
| 5) Conn, William | 15) Jones, Ken | 25) Taylor, Mark |
| 6) Dombek, Bob | 16) Koch, Thomas | 26) Wayne, John |
| 7) Ferrell, Brett | 17) Parker, Ray | 27) Wilson, Charles |
| 8) Forsythe, Ron | 18) Raney, Dave | 28) |
| 9) Forsythe, Ron | 19) Reagan, Dan | 29) |
| 10) Garon, Andy | 20) Robertson, Lester | 30) |

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The July meeting was dedicated to our Oshkosh preplanning, however I did also mention that I am working on an updated version of the website. For those who would like to be guinea pigs, I mean beta-testers, please let me know. I hope to provide several new features, listed below, check it out at new.eaa974.com and let me know if you run into any issues (especially browser compatibility).

- Automated email reminders of upcoming meetings (and possibly other events like Young Eagles, hangar work days, Wings weekends, etc.) - starting with the Friday before a meeting, and the Friday one week before (2 and 9 days prior).
- Chapter Calendar will become database driven, and members will be able to add events from the members-only section of the website to make it easier to add specialty events like type clubs, etc. Also a new "mini" calendar will be shown on the main page showing what days have aviation events (with a blue tick mark) that show the event description if you hover over the day, and link to the event's website if you click on the date!
- A new weather gadget that will include graphical depiction of runways and wind directions/magnitude, sky conditions, and barometer for local airports. If you hover over the gadget you'll get humidity, dew point, visibility, precipitation, and special observations.
- A rotating image of a homebuilt airplane will be featured in the upper left-hand corner of the website, which will change every 10 minutes (currently more frequent for testing purposes). We'll be featuring over 10 different homebuilt aircraft to show folks the variety of our projects!
- Site page visits count meter will now be a hobbs meter

- New members links to Chapter By-Laws and Hangar Policy
- Directions to Chapter and New Members gadget with option to join online and/or pay dues via Pay Pal at no additional cost
- "Days to Oskosh" and "Days to Sun-n-Fun" Countdown Timers
- A new, rotating set of "Website Tips" for folks to get ideas on how to get more value out of the chapter website
- More! As seen on TV! Buy now, the second one is free!



Chilling off after the meeting

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U.S. HOMEBUILT AIRCRAFT REACHES NEW MILESTONE

Now total more than 29,000

The number of airworthiness certificates issued to amateur-built (homebuilt) aircraft in the United States now exceeds 29,000, according to the latest report released this week by the FAA. The report shows 29,079 homebuilt aircraft airworthiness certificates issued, continuing the movement's steady growth that adds approximately 1,000 newly certificated aircraft every year to the general aviation fleet.

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GLACIER GIRL' ENGINE PROBLEM DELAYS MISSION

Glacier Girl's attempt to finally cross the Atlantic Ocean—65 years after its first failed mission—was postponed again on June 28 due to unforeseen mechanical issues on its way to Duxford, England. The World War II P-38 Lightning began its journey in 1942 with the famed "Lost Squadron." Because of poor weather, the aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing in Greenland. Decades later, it was pulled from under 268 feet of ice and restored to flight status for \$1 million. This time around, 30 miles outside of Goose Bay, pilot Steven Hinton began experiencing problems in the right engine and returned to base where repair is under way. "We hope to have her in tip-top flying condition for EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh at the end of July, and then we'll revisit this mission so that we can once and for all fly her across the pond," said Hinton.

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I forgot to announce today that Francis Severin sent me a note a few weeks ago advising me that he had won an EAA Lifetime Membership in a drawing at Sun 'n Fun this year. Maybe you've never met Francis. He's basically an absentee member because he lives in Forest Park but works in New

Jersey. He does, however, pay his dues on time. **J**

Ken Jones

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~ AOPA Close to Home ~

TWO INDIANA TOWNS TRY TO CONSOLIDATE AIRPORTS

Whenever local officials try to close or move airports without consulting aviation officials or airport users, the results are troubling. It's particularly complicated in Fishers, Indiana, where the town wants to close its 500-acre Indianapolis Downtown Airport. It's actually owned and operated by the Indianapolis Airport Authority, but the town would rather see tax revenues stemming from home construction. The authority said it would consider moving the airport if Fishers found a site. After the first one was rejected, Fishers teamed up with the town of Anderson in an odd two-for-one deal: Both towns would close their airports and build one new airport. But the new proposed airport wouldn't support the total aircraft population, and residents in nearby Lapel aren't exactly excited about it. AOPA has made it clear to the consultant working on the study that the current proposal is unacceptable. All the affected parties, especially the pilots and the FAA, should be given the opportunity to participate in a public process on the potential consolidation.

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By popular demand, a late-breaking addition - Steve Lilley's Battered Fish Fry Recipe - if you missed the First Annual Fish Fry at Oshkosh this year, you're kicking yourself right now.

"The secret to making any good fish batter is lots of lemon, lemon and fish go together like peanut butter and jelly.

Recipe:

1 cup.....Bisquick
1-1/2 teaspoon....Lawry's Lemon Pepper
1 teaspoon.....Lawry's Seasoned Salt
1/4 teaspoon.....Black Pepper

Mix in bowl 50/50 - 1 egg and milk

Dip fish in egg/milk.
Dip fish in Bisquick batter.
Let sit for a couple minutes.
Deep fry or pan fry at 375 deg.

See, very simple, now it is not a secret anymore.

Steve"

Chapter Badges

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For those of you that don't have a chapter badge (the stylish '*State of Ohio*' shaped blue jobs with your name, the chapter's home notched into the lower left-hand corner), Ken Jones has volunteered to order some more if we get enough folks that want them. I know I want a couple, but we need a few more folks to justify and order, so let me or Ken know if you're interested.

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Late breaking news from [Airventure](#) and [Dayton](#) Airshows.



A pair of P-51 Warbirds collide on landing at Airventure



The following plane appeared to attempt a go-around and roll over due to torque



Jim Leroy appeared to misjudge the pullout of his dive at Dayton

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UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS:

Ashland, ME. The Sikorsky Seminar Fly-In takes place July 6 through 8 at Bradford Camps SPB (ME3). Contact Igor I. Sikorsky, III, 207/746-7777, or visit the [Web site](#).

Cape Girardeau, MO. The Cape Girardeau Regional Air Festival takes place July 6 and 7 at Cape Girardeau Regional (CGI). Contact Bruce Loy or Angie Ahrens, 573/334-6230.

Roswell, NM. The Roswell Airfest 2007 takes place July 6 and 7 at Roswell International Air Center (ROW). Contact Jennifer Brady, 505/347-5703.

Lompoc, CA. The Twenty-third Annual West Coast Piper Cub Fly-In takes place July 6 through 8 at Lompoc (LPC). Contact Bruce Fall, 805/733-1914, or visit the [Web site](#).

Mattoon, IL. The Annual Wings Weekend takes place July 13 and 14 at Coles County Memorial (MTO). Contact Dale Rust, 217/524-5269.

Tarkio, MO. The EAA Annual Flying Circus and Congressional Fly-In takes place July 14 at Gould Peterson Memorial (K57). Contact Brooks, 660/244-6927.

Grand Junction, CO. The Commemorative Air Force Open House takes place July 12 at Walker Field (GJT). Contact Collin Fay, 970/254-0444.



★ UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS IN THE EASTERN REGION:

Batavia, OH. A Sporty's Hot Dog Fly-In takes place every Saturday at Clermont County (I69). Free hot dogs every Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. Contact Jason Pruitt, 513/735-9500.

Cleveland, OH. A Gathering of the Eagles XII, warbirds, and vintage aircraft takes place July 13 through 15 at Willoughby Lost Nation Municipal (LNN). Contact Heather Alexander, 216/587-4027.

Marysville, OH. The Young Eagles Rally offers introductory flights on July 14 at Union County (MRT). Registration is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Chuck Hoisington, 614/888-0885, or visit the [Web site](#).

Zanesville, OH. The EAA Chapter 425 Pancake Breakfast takes place July 14 at Parr (42I). Contact Chuck Bruckelmeyer, 740/454-7487.

Pottstown, PA. The EAA Chapter 1250 Old Fashion Style Fly-In and Drive-In Picnic takes place July 15 at Pottstown Municipal (N47). Contact Fred Van Ryn, 610/659-8814.



★ UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION:

Batavia, OH. A Sporty's Hot Dog Fly-In takes place every Saturday at Clermont County (I69). Free hot dogs every Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. Contact Jason Pruitt, 513/735-9500.

Rensselaer, IN. The EAA Chapter 828 Fly-In and Ham and Bean Dinner take place on July 7 at Jasper County (RZL). Contact Richard Smith, 219/253-7609.

Detroit, MI. Thunder Over Michigan takes place July 7 and 8 at Willow Run (YIP). Contact Don Brackett, 734/483-4030, or visit the [Web site](#).

Superior, WI. The Fly-In and Drive-In Pancake Breakfast takes place July 7 at Richard I. Bong (SUW). Contact John Shallow, 218/729-7764, or visit the [Web site](#).

Frankfort, MI. The Fly-In and Drive-In takes place July 8 at Frankfort Dow Memorial Field (FKS). Contact Airport Manager Al Gruss, 231/352-9118, or visit the [Web site](#).

Middleton, WI. The Third Annual EAA Chapter 1389 Fly-In and Drive-In Breakfast takes place July 8 at Middleton Municipal--Morey Field (C29). Contact Al Barger, 608/836-1711, or visit the [Web site](#).

Kentland, IN. The Annual Fly-In and Hog Roast takes place July 14 at Kentland Municipal (50I). Contact Harold Lehman, 219/474-9080.

Ann Arbor, MI. The Ann Arbor Fun Fly-In takes place July 14 at Ann Arbor Municipal (ARB). Contact Chris Dackson, 734/678-5721.

Ashland, WI. The Bay Days Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast, and Festival to benefit Angel Flight Central and 4-H takes place July 14 at John F. Kennedy Memorial (ASX). Contact Rom Hom, 715/682-7070.

Taylorville, IL. The All-You-Can-Eat Fly-In and Drive-In Breakfast takes place July 15 at Taylorville Municipal (TAZ). Contact Gary Trone, 217/820-5354, or visit the [Web site](#).

Michigan City, IN. The EAA Chapter 966 Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In takes place July 15 at

Michigan City Municipal (MGC). Contact Alan Kolodiej, 219/872-1730.

Grantsburg, WI. The EAA Chapter 875 Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast takes place July 15 at Grantsburg Municipal (GTG). Contact William Didlo, 715/653-2619, or visit the [Web site](#).

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B-2, F-117 TO MAKE FLY-BYS AT EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH Harrier To Appear on Display July 23-25



Three unique military airplanes--the B-2 "stealth bomber," the F-117 "stealth fighter," and the Harrier jump jet--have been added to an already-impressive lineup of current military aircraft at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007.

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Some of the greatest aviation films of the past 80 years will be part of the Fly-In Theater at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, presented by Ford Motor Company and Eclipse Aviation. The movies shown at the Fly-In Theater July 22-28 will include dramas, blockbusters and classic early films.

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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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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.

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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.