

TAILWINDS



**EAA CHAPTER
974
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings Chapter 974! This month the president and secretary get a break from me pestering them about the “Prez Sez” and the minutes. All kidding aside, Kevin and Caleb, you have been great about sending me your stuff. Thanks Guys! I had planned the July Newsletter to be short, with just pictures of the picnic and the Tri-Motor. (Didn't quite work out!) The month itself is compressed due to the late chapter meeting (the week after the July 4th holiday) and Oshkosh right on it's heels. We did not have a formal chapter meeting due to the annual picnic. Right before the picnic there was a brief discussion of Oshkosh camping plans followed by a final discussion about the Ford Tri-Motor visit. July is shaping up to be a busy month for the chapter owing to the picnic, the Tri-Motor and Oshkosh. Brad will have more information later about the results of the Tri-Motor project. Bob Dombek EAA 351112, Editor

ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC

The Picnic was great as always. A few of us were tripped-up by the time change (myself included) but as you can see from the pictures, we all had a great time.



CHAPTER PICNIC CONTINUED.....



MORE CHAPTER PICNIC.....



THE FORD TRI-MOTOR COMES TO TOWN

I don't know about the rest of you, but I couldn't get enough of the Ford. Just being around it was a thrill. Getting a free ride as a volunteer was icing on the cake! Our Tri-Motor was a 5AT owned by the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. The 5AT has 10 passenger seats. We could not sell the right flight deck seat as the 5AT requires two pilots. Our pilots, Ashley Messenger and Mike Woods, were great guys who were very accommodating about letting us climb around inside between flights and crawl into their seats. Very cool!!

Ford Tri-Motors were the first all-metal multi-engine commercial airliners. I was amazed to learn that only 199 were built between the years 1926-1933. They were the first airliners to operate in regularly scheduled passenger service. They were replaced by the Boeing 247 and later, the DC-2 and 3. Although there are 8 airworthy Tri-Motors left, The Air Zoo's 5AT and the EAA's 4AT are the only two Tri-Motors that are flying regularly today.



MORE FORD TRI-MOTOR



A NOTE FROM BRAD ABOUT THE FORD.....

We achieved our basic goal with the Ford tour by getting some locals exposed to the plane without losing money. The final figures aren't in yet but I expect that we'll get a small check from EAA HQ.

I was disappointed in the passenger turn-out. The Ford only made 9 flights and a significant number of passengers were "freebies". Some local dignitaries and almost all of our volunteers. Their performance was flawless. I knew we would be fine, but we were great. Mark Wyss was our MVP. He and Gary Mullen handled the preparations and logistics and each worked all 5 shifts on three very hot days. In addition, Mark pursued the fuel issue and secured a donation of 100 gallons and a forty cent discount for the rest. He also donated a car for the pilot's use.

Brian Charlton, Scott Balmos and Caleb Schmidt also worked all five shifts. Additional volunteers were: 2 shifts; Bill Conn, Dick Trapp, Bob Dombek, 1 shift; Bob Burkhart . John Chappel, Howard Pleviak, Tom Hogan, Doug Hurd, and Ray Parker. If I got any of this wrong, please correct me when you see me. All of Chapter 974 should be proud of, and thankful, to this group. I sure am.

Brad



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6th Annual Fly-In, Cruise-In

PICNIC & CORN ROAST hosted by EAA Chapter 117
Saturday, August 24th, 2013 11:00 to 4:00
RAIN DATE
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New Castle Municipal Airport will be buzzing with activity. On the flight line see classic, experimental, aerobatic, warbird replica's, light sport airplanes & gyrocopters. RC model aerobatic demonstrations. At the Cruise see classic, muscle, custom, street rods, & special. Music DJ, Raffle for free airplane ride at 3:30

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FOOD CONCESSIONS Serving 1/3 lb Sirloin burgers, Sausage Sandwiches with peppers & onions, dogs, corn on cob & summertime favorites ,baked goods and beverages, The good stuff.

CAR CRUISE hosted by **Rapid Tappets Car Club, 50/50 RAFFLE**
This is a no charge event. If you have a classic, vintage, muscle, street rod, antique or special interest domestic or import car, you are invited to show off your wheels. Drawing at 3:45

SAFETY SEMINAR AT 11:00 am Pilots, this seminar is one you do not want to miss!! Badattitude aviator training Co. presents Aircraft upset **"a serial killer among us"**

FREE ADMISSION

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