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• LAST MONTH'S MEETING •

Reported by Gary Young, our President

Last month's meeting is a story concerning a coffee shop, a shot gun, an alligator, the FAA, and a burning (then sinking) Piper product.....

The February meeting, even though attended by only 8 members, was full of enthusiasm and fun. Topics of discussion ranged from our Chapter's participation in the June MAP airshow, to the details on our chapter sponsoring the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast". The following members volunteered, or should we say were presidentially appointed, to coordinate the following responsibilities for the B-17 tour. Being president, Gary automatically is the tour director, (who's idea was this anyway?!), Bob and Leanna will be the merchandise coordinators, Anatol will handle the equipment/security position, while Mark and Rick will co-direct the all-important promotion/advertising part. We think direct real-time satellite links in all languages to the entire free world and to the inner planets would suffice for this last office.

If anyone is flying out to BJJ, let Gary know. He has some paperwork for dub technical advisor, Ed Hillman, to fill out in order for Ed to keep his position. Need a co-pilot?

Gary spent a Friday night trying to fix some wingtip parts and a \$3,000.00 mold for Jeff Bede last week. Gary could not convince Maxine to come along and make "a date" out of the evening. She used to like things like that. Women, go figure!

Now back to the story.....

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EAA - 853 February Meeting

Date: **Thursday April 18, 2002**
Time: **7:30 PM**
Place: **Airspace Place (on the airport)**
Speaker: **Forrest Barber**
Topic: **The History of Barber Airport**



B.F. Goodrich Co. test plane, "Miss Silvertown," which held six world records for speed and load carrying.

• OUR YESTERYEARS •

(Editors note.....This article is from the book titled "Akron and USS Akron World's Largest Airship." It was published by Akron Typesetting

Goodrich active In Experimental Work

Shortly after the Wright brothers made their first historic flights in an airplane from the sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the B.F. Goodrich Rubber Company, America's oldest manufacturer of pneumatic tires, began the manufacture of a few rubber products, including tires for aeronautic uses. In the years which followed the uncovered fuselage and pusher engine period, Goodrich devoted increasing thought and experiment to the fledgling aeronautic industry, constantly improving its products to meet the requirements of this new means of transportation. Following the world war period, during which time Goodrich manufactured balloons and airships for the government as well as tires for the United States and its allies, the company purchased an airplane to be used for the testing of rubber products designed to make safer the flight in air, and to cushion the landings and takeoffs of airplanes on the ground.

Consequently Goodrich has taken a prominent part in the development of aeronautics in this country and in Akron, maintaining its test plane at the Municipal Airport, testing new products in this vicinity, and using the now famous airplane "Miss Silvertown" in carrying company officials and products throughout the country.

(More on Goodrich's involvement in aviation next month)

• LAST MONTH'S MEETING (cont. from page 1) •

While the coffee shop sheltered us from the bitter cold and snow that was dumped on us the night of the meeting, we talked of Sun-n-Fun and who was and who was not planning to go. The Aluminum Overcast positions were then filled on the run, under the threat of the president's shotgun. Anatol then led us toward Kent's "Hall of Tech", along the snowy streets, with all of us just missing a wreck. With all of us in train following Anatol, the light turned red and he kept on going. We sat and cursed while he disappeared in the heavy snowfall. The train of cars, with its leader far ahead and out of sight, guessed to keep driving until the road ended. All of us hoped no fenders would be bent. When what to our wondering eyes should appear, but Anatol's truck full of women and beer! What a party animal that guy is! We parked our cars in the closest parking lot and made it inside by 8 PM on the dot. We saw such neat things as airplanes in pieces and parts, made of wood and of metal and old shopping carts. The ribs were all hung from the pegboard with care, in hopes the glue would stink less once they'd gotten some air. We all looked around at the airplanes in construction, knowing in our hearts that form follows function. Airplanes are beautiful, most pilots would agree that they wished they could build one and then fly it for free. The tour continued down a hall with cut-away engines literally lining the wall. The jets engines were too cool, they soak up the gas, make a nice sound, and go very fast. After much spinning, poking, and talk, Kent seemed deserted despite some of their jokes. Last month's meeting was a nice time for everyone there. Bob had a snowball just miss his nice hair. As we each came to our cars, we each found a present. A parking ticket of all things! Ten bucks we owe Kent for the FAA Czars. On Donner, on Cupid, on Comet and Bob, on Anatol and Ken, on Leanna and Bob, dash away, dash away, dash away all.

What about the alligator you say? And the burning and sinking Piper part???? It's simple. Ken came with Gary who by accident cut a guy off on the way to the meeting when a double lane road merged to one lane. (Hey a Ford F-150 is bigger than a Saab you know) The guy flipped Kenny the alligator, so he set fire to one of Gary's old fin caps off of the Arrow. Ken then threw the part at the Saab. The burning fin cap bounced off the Saab into the slush puddle next to the driver side door and promptly sank.....That's the story and we're sticking to it.

• HEARD IT ON THE TARMAC •

It seems the Zen of flying has hit Briggs.....the plan.....go on a cruise with the family, come back from the cruise, fly his family home on an airliner. He would then meet up with Jeff Vercoe and fly home in his new Centurion. It was supposed to be ready for the flight home after having a new interior and Apollo radio stack installed. So guess what???? He sends the family along their way, goes the airport expecting to see his completed plane ready to fly. Instead.....the plane is sitting *without the interior and a million wires hanging out of it*. Now for **PLAN B**. Many dollars latter, he is on an airliner home hoping that he can hitch a ride back to Florida with some Sun-n-Fun goers. **DIDN'T WORK**.....so.....many more dollars latter he went back to Florida via Delta Thursday night. Did you know a one way ticket via an airline costs as much as a round trip ticket?**Rick does**.... Rumor has it Lou Luttrell got tired of missing out on the **Friday Night Fly Outs**.....seems that big Baron he owns is too much airplane for a flight to Carrollton.....so he got an RV 8.....Ahhh.....Lou.....an RV8.....Question here.....With the **Bodine Cessna 150** in the group..... do you plan to leave an hour after Bodine to get there at the same time, or will you just circle him the whole way? And the EPA is still perplexed as to why all of the plants around Lou's house in Florida have died due to the soil becoming so acidic. It seems that the soil changed and the plants died while Briggs and Vercoe were waiting on the Centurion!.....I wonder what that means? And last but not least....there has been a news release from the SSSsss aircraft design team Anatol and Gary. They have debuted their new design, reporting that after purchasing the jet engines they had to value engineer their design. Giving up the enclosed cockpit, the second seat, wings and instrument panel.....they were proud they were able to keep the tricycle landing gear configuration.....citing this tricycle will go faster than any three year old could possibly dream of peddling.



• ALUMINUM OVERCAST •

EAA 853 will be sponsoring the visit of Aluminum Overcast to Akron Fulton Airport. Aluminum Overcast is owned and operated by the EAA Foundation.



Currently it is scheduled to arrive AKR on the afternoon of July 5th and will give a flight to members of the media that are brave enough to take to the blue sky. It will depart for Columbus, Ohio on the 8th.

Just to give you some of the particulars of the EAA B-17. The actual model number is B-17G-VE, and it's serial number is 44-85740. It was nicknamed Aluminum Overcast, and was delivered to the Army Air Corps on May 18th, 1945. Although this plane was born and delivered too late to see action in World War II, it does have an interesting history.

Some of it's history includes being purchased from the military inventory in 1946 for.....are you ready for this.....it might make you sick when you read it.....\$750.00. (This number is correct). The plane has flown more than one million miles. It has served as a cargo hauler, an aerial mapping platform, and in pest control and forest dusting operations.

While the B-17 is at Fulton, we are in need of

volunteers to help with many tasks that need to be completed. One of the events we would like to sponsor is a pancake breakfast.....Under the Wing of the 17..... open to the community on Sunday July 7th. If you can spare any time, contact Gary Young, the President of EAA 853. I am sure he has a position that is in need of help.

• HANGAR MANIA..... •

Attention all tenants of Akron Fulton Airport.....Keep May 18th open for a wild and fun evening. We will be having a progressive dinner in the hangars at Fulton. Here is the basic concept; a meeting and gathering place and Cocktails will be at AeroFlyers hangar if they sign up to the event, Salad at the Aerodrome, Entree at Building F, Desserts at Building E, awards at Building D. During the evening, we want to have hangar doors wide open so we can vote for peoples choice awards for the hangar with the largest mezzanine, the cleanest hangar, the hangar with the most airplanes in it, the hangar with the most unusual stuff, and the hangar with the most spare parts.....just as an idea.

The entree will be provided by Airspace Place and EAA 853, with the salads, desserts, etc being brought as a covered dish by those that choose to come to the event. This will be a BYOB event, costs will be a mere \$3.00 per person to defray the cost of the entree. Tickets, so we can figure out how much entree to provide, will become available later this month. Watch your e-mail and inside AirSpace Place as more details unfold. Keep the date open and plan to attend.....it should be a fun event.

• THE RHEINBECK ESCAPE •

I am getting information pulled together for fly-out to Rhinebeck, New York to see the Rhinebeck Aerodrome. If you have never been to the Aerodrome, you are really missing out. The Rhinebeck Aerodrome is a flying museum. They perform the airshow with some of the oldest and most original aircraft that you can only imagine.

Tentatively I am looking at departing AKR on the afternoon of Friday, August 23rd, seeing the History of Flight Airshow on Saturday, the 24th, have an AKR group dinner that night at one of the local restaurants, then fly home on Sunday, the 25th. If you have a faster plane, or have more time on your hands, you may want to watch the World War I airshow that will be performed on Sunday the 25th. Rhinebeck sits along the Hudson River and is just a beautiful location with many things to do. To give you a frame of reference, Rhinebeck is 341nm to the east. It would take me approximately 3 hours to get there in my Cruisair.

So if you are interested, send me an e-mail at ohlinger@neo.rr.com so I can get an idea of how many want to go. From there, I will get particulars regarding rental cars, hotels, and where we will have dinner on the 25th.



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Meetings of EAA Chapter 853 are held at **Airspace Place**, Akron Fulton Airport,

at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month. All interested in aviation, are invited to attend. Please contact a Chapter Officer listed on the masthead for information on other Chapter activities. Annual dues are \$20 for a calendar year and include this monthly newsletter.

Here is a brief listing of some events that are planned at our Airport or in our area.....

- # April 7-14th, Sun N Fun in Lakeland Florida. Who is going? If you are going, post your name on the bulletin board.
- # April 13, 10am to 2pm EAA 127 Spring Open House, Dick Harmon's Hangar, Loraine County Regional Airport (LPR), speaker Cliff Crabs, former NASA Test Pilot. Chili provided, desserts welcome
- # May 18, Carrollton Aviation Days
- # May 18, AKR Hangar Mania.....progressive dinner, this will be a fun event.....plan to attend
- # June 1, Barber Airport Young Eagles and Old Buzzards Day
- # June 22-23, Akron Fulton Airport, MAPS 2002 Aero Expo
- # July 5-7, Barber Airport Taylorcraft Fly-in
- # July 5-8, Akron Fulton Airport, Aluminum Overcast, "Under the wing of the 17" Pancake breakfast on July 8th.
- # August 9-11, Barber Airport Ohio Aeronca Aviators Fly-In
- # August 24-26, the Rhinebeck escape.....see article this month, more details later
- # August 31-September 2, Cleveland National Airshow, EAA 853 static display and Young Eagles, who can show their plane, who will give Young Eagle rides?
- # September 6-8, Indianapolis Airshow featuring the "Gathering of Corsairs and Legends"



Coming to Akron Fulton July 5-8



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