Our 50th Anniversary

Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 17 - Knoxville, Tennessee

In Witness Whereof, the said Association has caused this Certificate to be signed by one of its duly authorized officers this
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Accepted. James E. Duilson Chapter President

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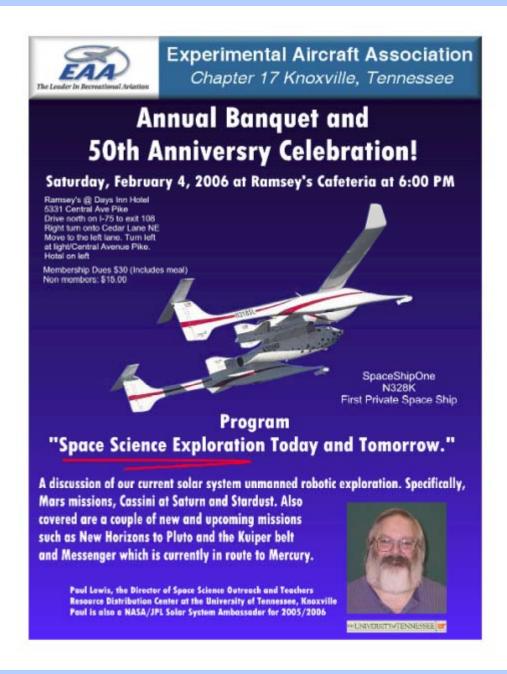
to

Members and Guests

and

a special welcome to

Paul Lewis



Chapter 17 members thank the following for

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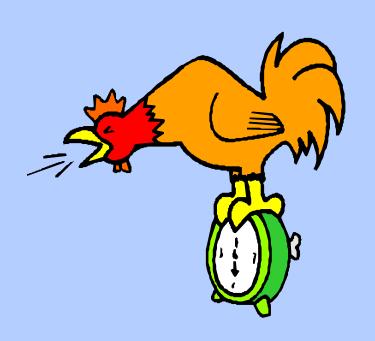
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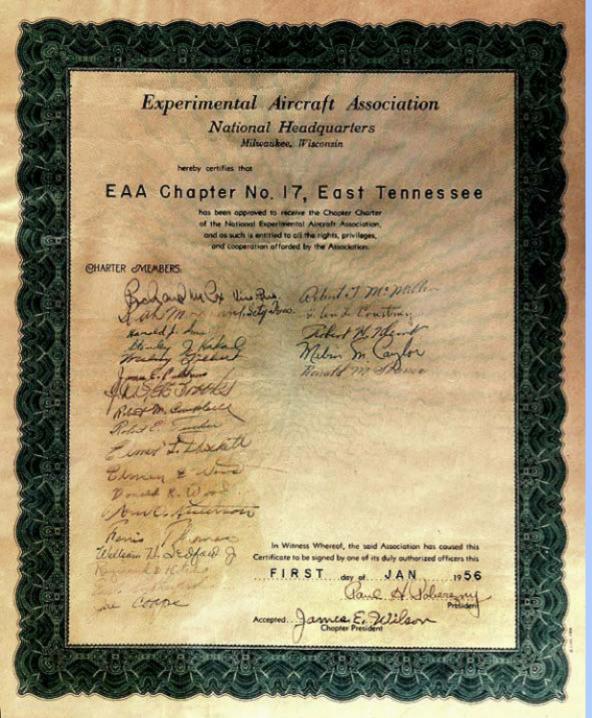


Charles Cardwell

Paul Poberezny visited Cox Sky Ranch in November of 1955 to recruit members in his new national pilot's club.

On his return, a couple of weeks later, he found such a large interest he suggested a club be started.

D. Ray Wood was the most enthusiastic of the hanger flyers present, but was only 17 at the time so James (Hap) Wilson agreed to be the president that first year. Wood was the first to sign up.



24 Charter Members

joined at

Cox Sky Ranch

Other Airports member affiliated:

Montvale Air Park
Atomic Airport
Meadowlake Airpark

Chartered with Barnstormer:

Elmer Wood

Charter Members of Chapter 17

J. D. Steve **Brooks** - retired Vulcan Materials
Robert **Campbell** - Campbell Aero Service DKX, mechanic
Melvin PeeWee **Caylor** - U. S. Civilian pilot training, CFI
Joe **Cooper** - Flew C-46 in WWII, ATP, retired Vulcan Mat.
Glen **Courtney** -

Richard M. Cox - VP, Developed Sky Ranch Airpark

James Cutshaw - Private under GI Bill, retired Southern Glass

Elmer L. Duckett - Alcoa Aluminum, Red Stone Arsonal

Wesley Gilbert - A/P, later Piedmont Airlines (94 at death)

Keith M. Henry - Sec.-Treasurer, Electrical Engineer - 10/91

Charter Members of Chapter 17 - page 2

- Raymond Hitch Farmer in Greenback, Ercoupe
- Stanley J. Kabal pilot, attorney
- Robert H. Kemp Mechanic, Piedmont Airlines
- Tom Kesterson Pilot, Owner Cherokee Aviation at TYS
- Robert T. McMillian Pilot, Owner McMillian Auto Parts
- Earl **Rutherford** Pilot, worked with Elmer Wood in last days of barnstorming, commercial sign painter
- Harold Jack Small Pilot-A/P, hanger at Montvale
- Ronald M. Stoner Pilot, Cherokee Mills, Thomasville Mfg
- William (Bill) Tedford Owned Aeronca named Dirty Bird

Charter Members of Chapter 17 - page 3

Ferris **Thomas** - Pilot, Owner Knox Flight, WWII US Ferry Command, ATP Kern's Bakery, **Developed Montvale Airpark**

Robert E. Tucker - Pilot for A.E.C., Flew DC-3

James E. (Hap) Wilson - President, Chapter 17, ATP

Donald Ray **Wood** - son of Elmer, Pilot instructor for Wood Flyers, retired pilot Piedmont Airlines, EAA member #1875

Elmer E. **Wood** - Pilot, Aircraft mechanic, Owner Wood Flying Service, contractor for US Civilian Pilot Training Program, FAA Flight Examiner, operator of Sky Ranch when chapter 17 formed.

Ronald C. Baker joined the second meeting



Elmer Wood, private contractor for the Government's flight training program at the municipal airport here, is preparing for the heavy fall assignment slated to be given him and his staff Sept. 15 when U-T turns loose two more ground school classes. Mr. Wood has ordered several new training planes and already has received eight new parachutes of the latest design. Here Mr. Wood puts on one of the new safety 'chutes. The parachutes sell for \$150 each and whether used or not must be opened every 60 days and repacked.

Before Chapter 17

Elmer Wood tries Safety Chute in preparation for the fall classes

Each Parachute costs \$150 and must be opened every 60 days

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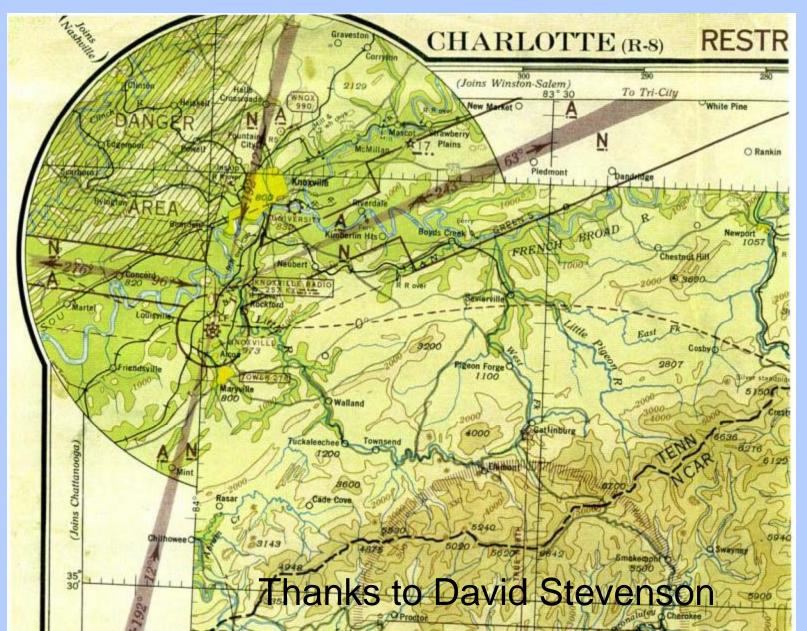
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JUNE 1944



Thanks to Frank Ferris, Jr. for permitting DRM to copy

Charlotte Sectional - 1944, Danger Area?? Knoxville Radio 257 kHz - 243 degree <u>A/N</u>



EAA News January 1956

Dublin, Georgia pilot converts Cub to a CLIP



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"THE CLIP", built by Bill Husk of Dublin, Georgia is one of the latest and best of the long line of converted "Cubs".

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February 1956

Ontario, Canada pilot poses with his **Playboy**

First homebuilt given an airworthiness certificate in Canada

and

first full month of operation for Chapter 17





The Wittman "Iwind Powered with a 125 HP Lycoming O-290-D Engine is on. I see st designs in "he Homebuilt Field. Read about it in this issue.

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Wittman Tailwind

125HP - O-290D

Lycoming

featured in the

March 1956 Experimenter SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1955

Teacher, Dig That Air Age Jive!

Ruth Thomas and Ferris Jr.

joke between classes

for UT Teachers
At Island Airport

August 1955

WHAT MAKES IT FLY?—Ruth Thomas, Knoxville's flying schoolteacher and Powder Puff Derby contender, shares flight talk and zooming gestures with her son, Ferris Thomas Jr.,

March 1968 Regular Meeting at O.S.I. **Charter Received from State**

Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc. Chapter 17, Knoxville

Minutes of the Mountag meeting, 3-1-,1968, at OLIVER SPRINGS AIRPORT . The meeting was called to order by JoiE Cooper V. Pres. at 7:55 pm/am

Minutes of the 2-11-69 meeting were read and approved. (corrected. () The following Officers and members were present:

DAVIE RAMSNY SEC-TREAS. O. M. VERMILL

O. M. VERMILLION

TOM MELEAN JOEL AYEKS GENE LEWIS

The following guests were present and introduced: NONE

Treasurers report: Funds on deposit \$75.12, dues collected this meeting \$ 8.00 , disbursments \$ 26.38 .

Report of Committees: New Members: NowE.

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April 1968 Meeting at Cox Sky Ranch Discussed spot landing to be at Meadowlake

Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc. Chapter 17, Knoxville COX SKY RANGH Minutes of the MONTHLY meeting, 4-5-,1968, at KNOXVILLE, TENN The meeting was called to order by PRES. JOEL AYERS at 7:45-pm/== meeting were read and approved. (corrected. () Minutes of the 3-1-68 The following Officers and members were present: KIETH HENRY BARNEY TULLOCK JOEL AYERS , DRES. JOE COOPER, V. PRES RONALD BAKER D. L. RAMSAY, SEC-TREAS. PAUL DICKETT RALPH GITGOOD * DAVE STEVENSON RAY MEALVEY * EUGENE LEWIS The following guests were present and introduced: E.P. ELDA JR. ALCON, TELL TOIL DOUGLAS, POCKWOOD, TENU. DAN KRAUSHAAR, KNOXVILLE, TENU. Treasurers report: Funds on deposit \$80.12, dues collected this meeting \$ 18.00 , disbursments \$ 3.00 .

Report of Committees: New Members: 2

GENE LEWIS REPORTED ON IDEAS FOR SPOT LANDING AND RIBBON
CUTTING CONTEST, CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND IDEAS FOLLOWER
A POTENTIAL LOCATION FOR THE WENENTS ALES MEDOW LAKE AIRDARK ON WATTS BAR LAKE NEAR KINGSTON, TENNESSEE.

Wilsons Flying Honeymoon Plane

The newlymarried Edward Phillips Wilsons, both licensed pilots, are flying their own plane on a honeymoon trip to the East Coast.

The couple pledged vows at 2 yesterday afternoon at Clapps Chapel United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Roy Howard officiating.

The bride, the former Miss Patricia Diane O'Barr, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Alfred O'Barr, Rustic Lane, Corryton. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray R. Wilson, 4708 Holston Hills Rd.

Embroidery trimmed the bride's gown of white silk organza and satin. A crown of pearls and lace held her veil. She carried a Colonial bouquet of white roses.

Mrs. Henry David Robertson Jr. was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kathy Yvonne Branson and Brenda Sue Bright. Julie Wheeler was flower girl.

Attendants to the bride wore dresses of blue brocade trimmed in velvet. Their nosegays were of yellow chrysanthemums.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were



MRS. WILSON (Patricia O'Barr)

Gary Wheeler and Larry O'Barr, brother of the bride.

A reception at the church followed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will be at home on Thompson School Rd., Corryton. The bridegroom is with Wilson Brothers Glass Co. The bride attended flight school at Smoky Mountain Aero Inc. The newlyweds are members of Experimental Aircraft Association.

Patricia **O'Barr** of Corryton and

Edward Phillips of Holston Hills

Married at Clapps Chapel UMC on October 16, 1971 both members of Chapter 17 they have a 2000' sod strip and two lovely Aeronca's





April 1973 meeting in Crating Shop

at Air Base

Kirchoff reported on chapter construction project Officers announced **Chapter picnic** at Ed Wilson's farm



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION balance of \$588.94. CHAPTER 17 KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE The secretary was instructed to inquire as to the status of

EXPERIMENTAL

Experimental Aircraft Association designed 2 April 73 Post Office Box 229 Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130 12. The secretary was also directed to telephone Ronny Baker and

Subject: Minutes of March Meeting and the on account and an english

for the Chapter or

- Meeting was called to order by the President at 8:30 PM in the crating shop on McGhee Tyson Airbase. by Jim Hara from the University of Tennessee Parachute Club.
- 2. Several completed parts for the Chapter project were inspected by those present. These included the wing ribs, spar fittings, drag and anti-drag wire fittings and the control horn for the rudder. Among those inspecting was the Chapter's designee-inspector Tom Kirchoff.

Woods Recalls 1936 When He Started at Frying at TYS

He had 3 Airplanes and Two 50 Gallon Drums

Page A-10 The Knoxy

The Knoxville News-Sentinel

Wednesday, May 22, 1974

Invited to Dedication

Flying Pioneers A Part of Today

By GEORGIANA VINES
News-Sentinel Staff Writer

Age is beginning to catch up with Knoxville's early air leaders — small to begin with — but some of them are still flying or at least holding onto their licenses.

This group includes Elmer Woods, Tom Kesterson, John Steel and Gen. Harold Mears, who have been invited to attend dedication ceremonies of the new terminal at McGhee

interested in flying for various reasons and in various ways.

"I was just a young buck and liked it," is the way Mr. Woods described his beginnings. He joined the U. S. Air Service, the forerunner of the Air Force, in 1919, and will celebrate his 55th year of flying Wednesday. Mr. Woods said that he remembers the day he began flying at McGhee Tyson back in 1936.







Woods

Kesterson





March 1976

99's Invited C17 to display homebuilts at Dogwood Arts Gene Lewis's Starduster at Campbell Co, for rigging



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What: EAA Meeting Chapter 17

Where: Cox Sky Ranch Alcoa Highway When: Fri. March 26 7:30 PM

Aucent

The 99's have invited Chapter 17 to display some homebuilt aircraft at Knoxville Municipal Airport on April 10, 1976, an Bicentennial/Dogwood Arts Festival event. We will rope off the reserved space for 4 or 5 aircraft to be displayed inside a hangar. We will need volunteers to man display and answer visitors' questions. Southern Airways will have their hot-air balloon on display. DePta Airlines' Ford trimotor is due along with the Tullahoma Stagger Wings. Anyone with Pre-1950 aircraft is welcome to display it. Butch Ferguson will fly in his "Pitts".

For non-radio aircraft escort landing can be arranged by

April 1977

Sometimes bad news



Gene Easterday, nephew of Snapvent inventor and?

"The crosswind was unbelievable!"





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Dave
Stevenson

1978
Ferris Thomas - Sarge Tittsworth - Elmer Wood
celebrating a safe landing

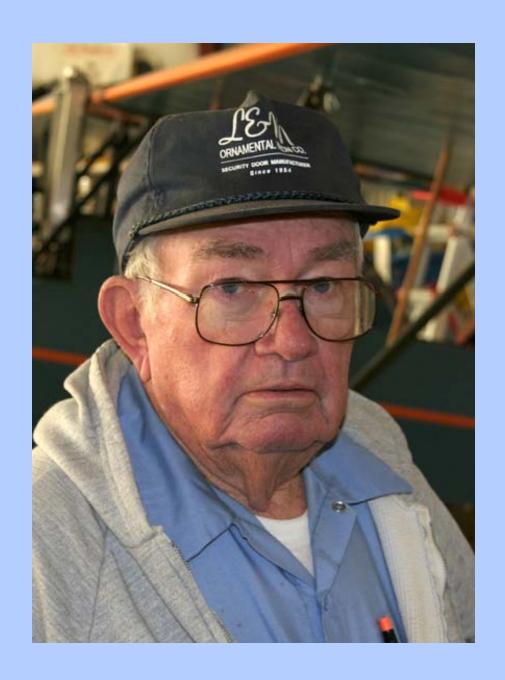


Ron Baker, Alcoa

Someone is always building

Tom Kirchoff and Paul Pickett





Jim Cliff

active EAAer and Sky Ranch flyer

August 1977 Cookout in Fountain City Park



IT'S COOK-OUT TIME! It has finally been decided to have the cook-out and it will be at the FOUNTAIN CITY PARK which has just the right facilities and we think is in a good location for just about everyone. Grab on your gladrags, bring the family and join the fun. Eating time will be at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, August 26th, but you can come earlier to join in the games, some good 'ole hanger flying or whatever turns you on. DON'T FORGET to let Petty Clift (525-8528),

Stinson After 10 years of Neglect

owned by Spud Monroe



Stinson After 2 Years of Restoration

visiting Sky Ranch





Ferris Thomas

Bob Hoover

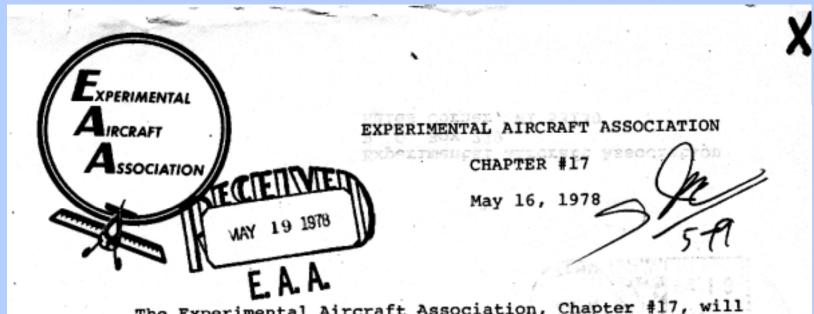
Ruth Thomas

at Airshow

Thanks to Dave Stevenson

May 1978 meeting in Townsend to

Hear Eric Boyce Talk About his Helicopter & Eat Hamburgers



The Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter #17, will have instead of it's regular stated meeting this month, a SPECIAL MEETING at TOWNSEND, TENNESSEE. Bruce and Cordie Wilson are in charge of this meeting and wanted to have Eric Boyce give us a talk about his experiences with the helicopter. Eric is having a Grand Opening of his helicopter pad in Townsend on Saturday, May 20th so they decided to combine the two and have a BIG PARTY in Townsend. Eric has graciously concented to furnish the hamburgers and helicopter rides to those who want them. Everyone is to bring a drink for each member of their party and a covered dish. Since it is Bruce's Birthday (Cordie's and mine later in the month) they are bringing a birthday cake and some of the rest of us can bring

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CHAPTER NO. 17

What : April Meeting

April 1979

Where: Sky Ranch

When : Friday, April 27, 1979 at 7:30 PM

On the agenda for this month, James Rollow will talk about the construction of the Sonerai.

Anyone interested in buying a Chapter 17 patch, you can buy one at the next meeting. The cost of the patch is \$2.00.

Members Corner

Glen Simmerly bought a Midget Mustange. Anyone interested in seening it, he is keeping at the Rockford Airport.
Harold Silvey is building a Hyper-bipeand it is ready for precovering inspection.
Carl Headrick's VP2 is ready for final inspection.
Bruce Wilson's Taylor-Craft will be flying by the next meeting.
Norm Losey has the wing and tail of his Skybolt ready for covering.

If you have any information or news to be printed in the newsletter, call or tell me at the meeting.

Better Flying,

Home Phone: (615) 524-1365

Tanya D. Booker Chapter 17, EAA

Aerobatic Fun



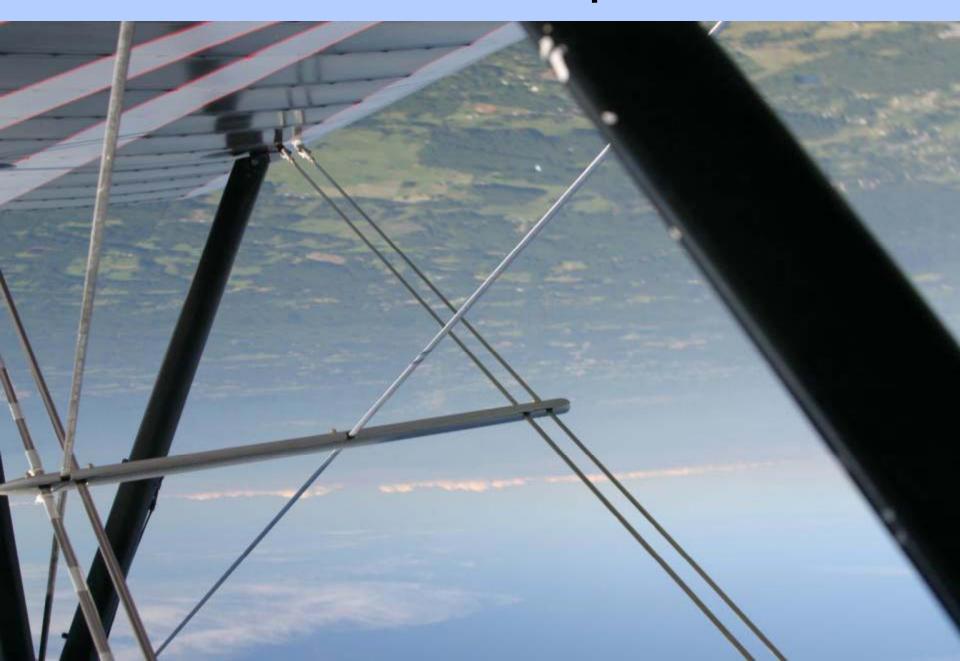
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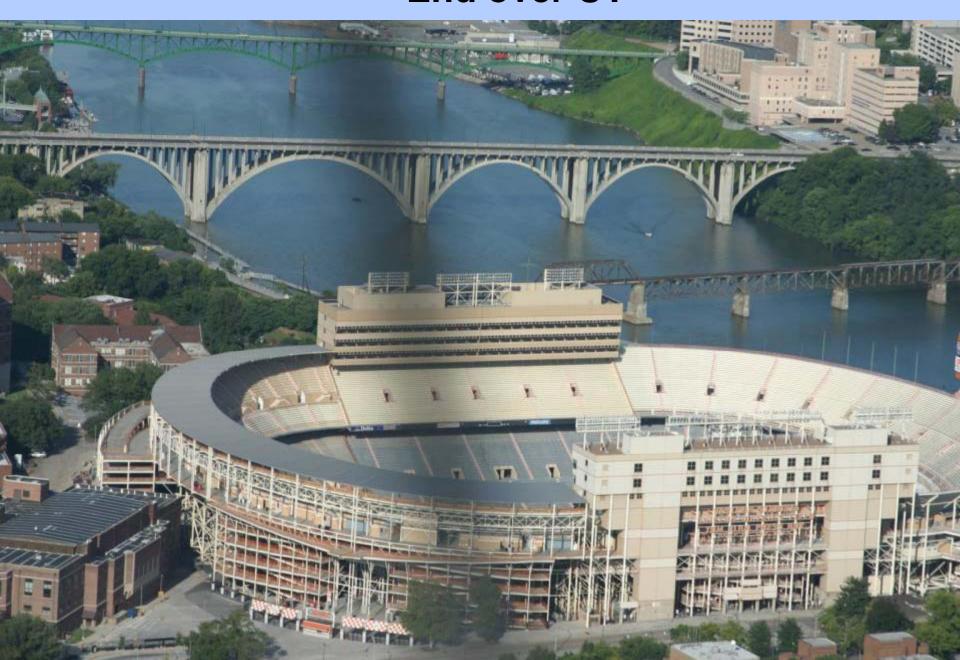




Green Side Up



End over UT



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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This is the first of our new format newsletters from Knoxville Chapter 17 of the Experimental Aircraft Association. In addition to regular members of the Chapter, copies of this issue are being sent to all national EAA members in the East Tennessee Area and to a number of people who expressed intrest in sport flying during the three day mall show sponsored by Chapter 17 last month.

If you are not a member of EAA Chapter 17 t

If you are not a member of EAA Chapter 17 this newsletter is an invitation to join. The Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the last Friday of each month at Sky Ranch Airport. Sky Ranch is located on the Alcoa Highway just across from the intersection with John Sevier Highway. Leaving Knoxville you will find the turn-off to be a narrow dirt road on the right, about 1/2 mile south of the University of Tennessee Solar Display Center.

May 1983

Film of Last Rockford Fly-in and Loran-C discussed by Thomas and Winter



Newsletter of EAA Chapter 17, Knoxville, Tennessee

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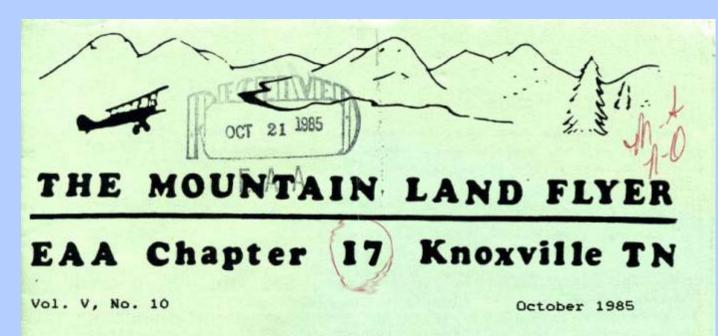
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VICE-PRESIDENT: Lorenzo Grant 2341 Brooks Road Knoxville, Tennessee 37915 Well, it's that time again. Spring is in the air, and so is the rain. Don't get discouraged tho, because your EAA Chapter 17 in Knoxville has alot of fun and informative activities planned for your pleasure and involvment.

At the next meeting to be held on May 27, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a vintage film of Rockford '69, that's the last fly-in before Oshkosh became the home of the EAA. It should bring back alot of memories about the era in many respects whether you attended or not. I know the last film shown about Rockford '68 jogged my memory.

E.T. Pilot Club & Chapter 17 Dine at Dean Hill November 30, 1985



HOGAN'S ALLEY

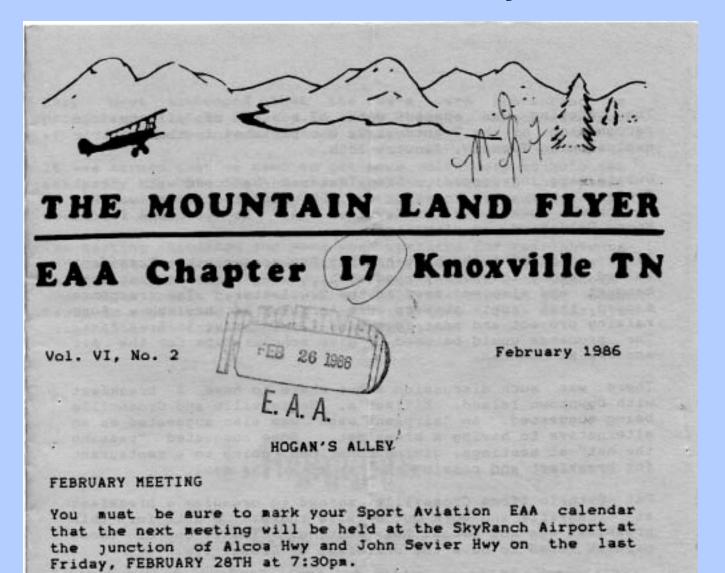
THE OCTOBER MEETING

Let's get down to business is the thought to carry to the October meeting on the last Friday of the month at the Skyranch airport, junction of Alcoa Hwy and John Sevier Hwy. Friday, October 25th, 7:30pm.

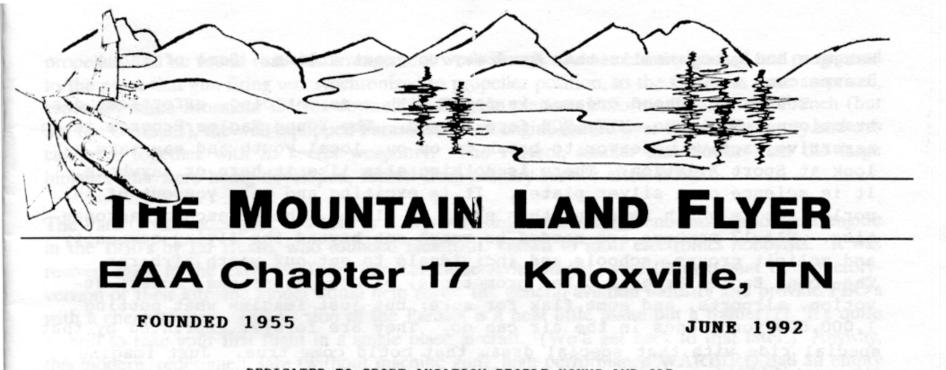
AN INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED

The East Tennessee Pilot's Club has invited the Chapter to attend a gala to celebrate, in this coming holiday season, sport aviation 1985-86. It will be a swell affair held at DEANE HILL COUNTRY CLUB. 430 MORRELL POAD KNOWLILE ON

February 1986 Meeting Features 50th Anniversary of the DC-3



This Month it will be



DEDICATED TO SPORT AVIATION PEOPLE YOUNG AND OLD, PILOT AND NON PILOT, DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS, AND THOSE WHO SIMPLY LOVE AIRPLANES.

Tom Hogan Reports:

"Poberezny Launched EAA's Young Eagle Program" at a Washington D.C. conference on May 13



November 2000 at Sky Ranch

Ken and Don try Ken's Stamp after a day of YE's



Our Young Eagle Fan Club

April 25, 2002 Dear Mr. Dritt, Thank you so much for taking me up in your airplane the was so much fun! Il can't wait until I get to fly again. It had a lot of fun. Thanks a lot!

Sincerely, Hannah Carlton



Chapter 17
goes
Public in 1983

Pietenpol

West Town Mall

Membership Promotion





Lester Carter and Ken Carpenter

Woody



Poberezny's Second Visit to Knoxville- 1995



The MOUNTAIN LAND FLYER

EAA Chapter 17

Knoxville, Tennessee

January 1995

SOMETHING SPECIAL WE'D LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO



Mark & Paul Strike Deal for Banquet Extravaganza Young Eagle Agrees!

Our chapter president, Mark Scheuer, has arranged for Paul Poberezny and his lovely wife Audrey to be guests of



Our FBO can beat your FBO anytime

Chapter 17 visits builder, Jim Briggs RV-9



2NC0 Mountain Air Airport, N.C. Don and Ralph Deliver B-17 Posters July 9, 2004





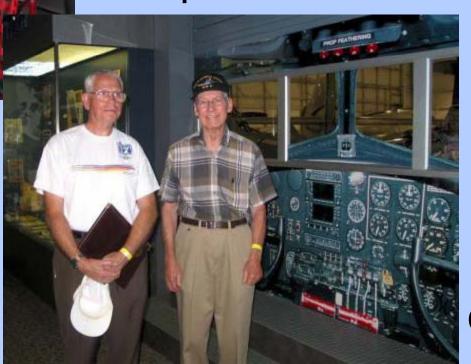
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September 2004 at GKT



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Happy Young Eagles





Young Eagle Registration - October 2003

They Make It All Work!

Ken and Mary Carpenter - Woody Pusher & Chipmunk 1988 Preparing to leave for Oshkosh



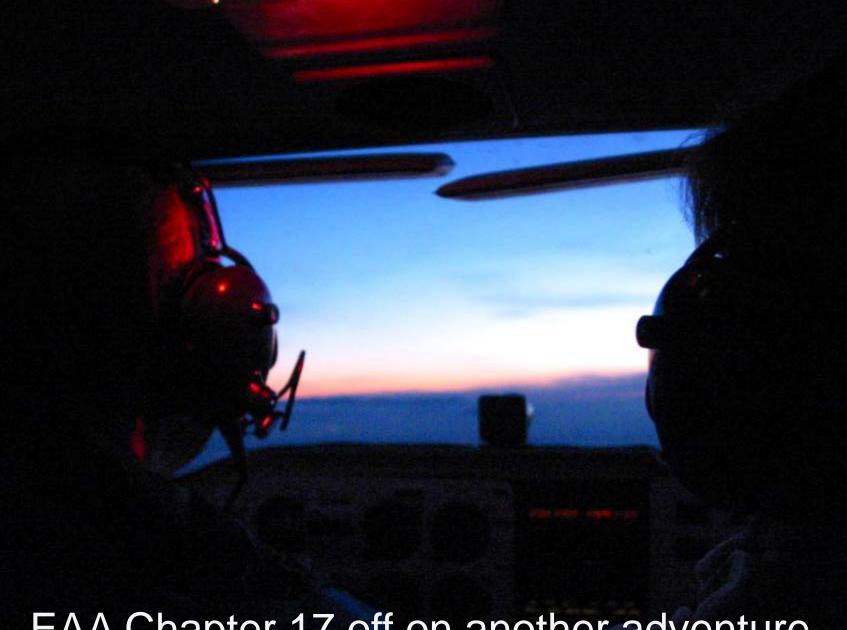
Ken foreground and Mary in distance passing Chicago



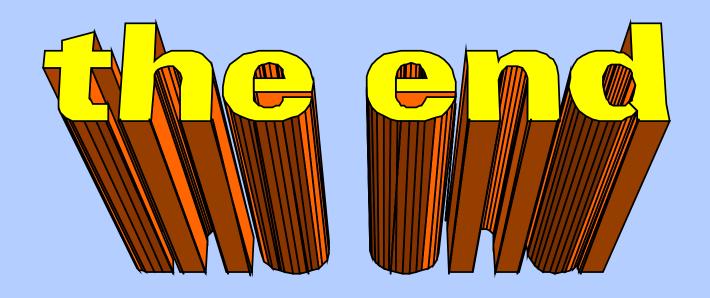
2005 Annual Banquet

The Food & Program Were Without Squawks





EAA Chapter 17 off on another adventure



Powerpoint by Don Miller

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