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Quote of the month: “Most pilots learn, when they pin on their wings and go out and get in a fighter, especially, that one thing you don’t do, you don’t believe anything anybody tells you about an airplane.” — Gen. Chuck Yeager



President’s Radio Call

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By the way, Chuck Yeager gave me a jet engine for my airplane. And it is a stealth airplane because you can see right through it! (That’s because I haven’t glued on the fabric yet.)

OK, I thought you might enjoy a pithy quote (top of page) from Chuck. Some of you might enjoy reading his biography, “Yeager,” in our chapter library. He’s a card.

If you want to learn how to do airplane fabric, get with Stan Mehrhoff and his Build-A-Plane project with high school kids. Also, Wicks Aircraft in Highland, Illinois, is sponsoring a Poly-Fiber workshop on Sept. 26-27, but that’s the same weekend as our big fly-in at JEF. We’ve put that on the EAA calendar, so we’re committed! It’s posted on the EAA website. But, if any of you want to help me when I put the fabric on my fuselage, just let me know!

Your President is editor this month, as Sec./Newsletter guy Robbie Barnhart is out of state working on his private certificate. Go Robbie!

At our June 8 meeting at JEF, Treasurer Eddy Neuhart reported a checking balance of \$2,767.58, including \$814 in the Jokers Are Wild fund (plus the tickets for that night). We have \$5,579.02 in two CD accounts. We haven’t spent much lately, and our treasury has increased a bit. Again, no one drew the joker, so the pot continues and there are few cards left...

We had 19 folks at the meeting, including guests Gerald Wood (Kolb Firefly ultralight), Tom Scheppers (CH-701), Andy Scheppers, Dennis Tripp, Nathan Stitt (Cherokee 235), and Dennis Bening. Members present were TJ Boos, Brekkyn Feese, Ron Dallmeyer, Lanny Crawford, Dave Dungan, Ed Werner, Bob Gumm, Ted Forester, Tom Jones, Chet Hartley, Brent Scott, Bill Harman and Bill Elliott.

Blake Lewis has posted new stuff on our website at <http://eaa429.org/> Thanks Blake! On July 13 he will be giving our program on how to upload photos and docs to the website.

President's Radio Call continued...

Chet Hartley mentioned the **use tax** that MO Dept. of Revenue is now pursuing vigorously, even on owners of homebuilt planes. They are going back five years at least. Some of us have been affected somewhat unfairly by the tax, interest and even penalties. Meanwhile, there is a state law that sets your county property tax rate at 5% of the usual rate if you have a homebuilt or a vintage plane that you fly less than 50 hours a year. I believe that some pilots are gearing up to oppose this tax initiative by Dept. of Revenue, in the legislature. It seems out of step with the property tax law and the general idea that some of us can only afford to fly if we have the ingenuity to build our own planes!

Bill Harman is progressing on his CH-750 kit, which is easier than the 701 he built. Dave Dungan has an RV7a "90% done, 90% to go." He is wiring an autopilot and transponder.

Jeff D. Corrigan was our guest speaker from The State Historical Society of Missouri. He is an Oral Historian who has interviewed many WWII pilots (see photos). He retold some interesting stories from two prominent airmen, Bill Emerson and George W. Parker. Emerson's plane was hit over Iwo Jima but he steered it out to sea and crashed safely. They were picked up by a US submarine, and they had to go with them for awhile. Later he got back to the USS Lexington aircraft carrier, but that sub was sunk and most hands were lost. On the carrier a kamikaze came through the hull into the room where he was working!

George W. Parker flew in the B-26 Marauder, "Missouri Mule II," which had many successful missions and appeared on a beautiful poster that Jeff displayed. The mule nose and tail art was duplicated on the painting. Parker became a state representative, and he only recently passed away.

Jeff documents each person with several interviews and a thick report. He is concentrating on WWII pilots now because they are fading away fast. Later he will do Korean War and on. I recorded Jeff's voice, and I will burn a CD for our library in case you would like to hear his talk. I hope we can obtain his reports on some of the notable airmen for our library. Let's hope Jeff will come again sometime!

Bill Elliott



Oral Historian, Jeff D. Corrigan, spoke to Chapter 429 about his interviews of WWII pilots from central Missouri. He's holding a poster with a B-26 painted like the original "Missouri Mule II," three up from bottom left corner.

George W. Parker, far left, and his the crew of the B-26, Marauder, "Missouri Mule II." Parker donated this photo and 100 boxes of papers to the State Historical Society of Missouri before his recent death.

News

Dale and Letha Carlson flew their Zenith CH-801 from Phillips Field to Mexico, MO, for the June 27 Zenith open house. Zenith and Mexico airport are holding a fly-in, Sept 19 (see Upcoming Events below). We are still toiling on our new hangar at Phillips Field, California, MO, home of CalMO Flying Club. We intend to have everything spiffed up in time for the Oct. 3 hangar open house, Chap 429 annual picnic, and meeting! You will be able to fly or drive there. Larry Crawford has a hangar stall for sale there; you may call him at 573-796-2023 or email rodboltrus@earthlink.net

Upcoming Events

July 6: Jefferson City Airport Advisory Committee meeting at 10:30 A.M. in the Airport Conference Room. It is a public meeting, and anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

July 13: EAA Chap 429 meeting, JEF, 7 pm, Jefferson City Flying Service conference room upstairs. Blake Lewis will demo how to upload material to our website!

July 27-Aug. 2: EAA Airventure, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. See you there!

Sept 19: Zenith fly-in, Mexico, MO.

Sept. 26: Chapter 429 Fly-in, YE, CAP and meeting, JEF. Don't miss!

Oct. 3: Hangar open house, EAA 429 picnic and officer nominations at Phillips Field, California, MO. We will provide maps and directions. Must attend!

BUY JOKERS ARE WILD TICKETS!! The pot is huger than EVER!!