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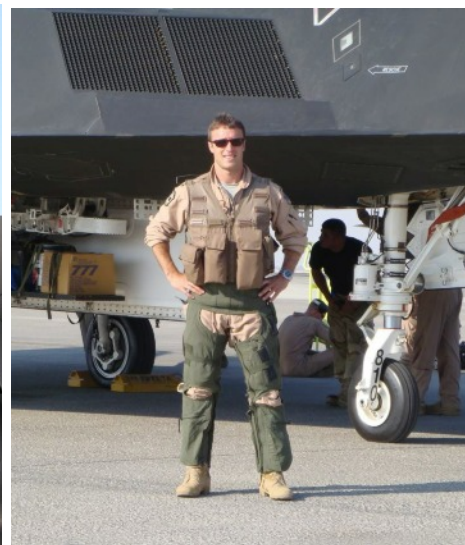
Next Meeting
Cap Building at Thun Field

Tuesday, April 9th, 7PM

Program: Russ Hall

Refreshments: Rich Hannenburg

Maj Russ "Champ" Hall (Active Duty USAF), one of our new members here at chapter 326, will be giving a short presentation on the 9th of April about flying the F-15C Eagle and F-117A Stealth fighters. He will discuss what it was like to fly the F-15C over Iraq on night one of Operation Iraqi Freedom, which kicked-off on the 20th of March 2003. Russ also flew the F-117A Stealth Fighter and although he never took that jet to combat, he will discuss training missions and provide insight on what it was like to be one of only 703 pilots to fly this very unique aircraft. Be sure to bring plenty of questions as he is setting aside time to answer them all.



March Meeting Recap

Visitors:

Ryan Huebler, building a Zenith CH601.

Ken Nickerson, has a Zenith CH601. He flew it from Florida and got as far as the Hood River till the Washington weather socked him in.

Jim Van Ness is a local to Thun field. He is an A&P with AI at Mountain Aircraft and is restoring a 1968 Citabria.

Scott & Theresa Burdeaux of Alaska Airlines. Interested in the Eagles Nest program.

Norm with Treasury report:

Start - \$6,059.00

Ending - \$7,237.50

Eagles Nest:

They are done with the RV-12 empennage and tail cone. They are now waiting for the wing kit. The Eagles Nest kids will be taking a tour of Vans factory on April 5th. Darrin says they are making incredible progress and could possibly fly in September, opening the door to start another project.

They are working on ground schooling for the kids with Sporty's. Their teacher, Candace is also a flight instructor. Kevin Behrent who is hosting the project at his hangar and is a mentor said this is a great opportunity to not only get 8-10 kids to build their own plane, but to learn to fly in it. This is an incredible opportunity to get kids into aviation.

John Brick is also a mentor. John said it took him over a year to finish the tail section on his RV-4 and these kids started in the middle of January and have already finished the tail section and the aft end of the fuselage. John said when they started in on the project, they kind of divided up the sections for each mentor. He took four kids and worked on the vertical stab, rudder, and tail cone. It went slow at first as you had to show them every little thing and it was a pace that John could keep up with. The biggest deal for John was to make sure he studied the plans thoroughly before he walked into the hangar as once these kids started to get these skills all of a sudden

things start moving pretty fast and you have to stay ahead of them. The RV-12 is all pop rivets and we have two pneumatic pullers. John had two guys on one side of the aft fuselage and two on the opposite side. One guy would feed in the pop rivet and the other popped it in place and even though it wasn't declared you could tell there was a race going on between sides. It's unbelievable to watch as it would take them less than five minutes on each row. He said mentoring can be a little nerve wracking at times but kinda fun too.

Darrin Dexheimer wanted to recognize that visitors Scott and Theresa Burdeaux are with Alaska Airlines and they are trying to work out a huge deal that could change the Eagles Nest from potentially being a one-time thing into possibly a yearly project and not have to worry about funding so that we can focus on the kids and their training. Darrin is hoping to have more information next month. The Emerald Ridge Aviation teacher, Candace Lynn is trying to get college credits from Embry-Riddle for each of the kids that work on the project.

Mark your calendars for May 21st as Emerald Ridge HS is excited to have Doolittle Raider, Ed Saylor, speak at 6 PM in their auditorium. It will be known as "Ed Saylor Day." They are trying to line up the B-25 from Historic Flight Foundation at Paine Field to fly to Thun for photo ops with Ed and the kids of the EN-4 project. No official word yet.

Kerry thanked all the guys and gals that helped make the Grassroots tour a special event. Jeff Skiles and the EAA team expressed their appreciation for the set up. Randy showed off the plaque that was given to our chapter by Jeff Skiles.

Hats off to Steve Dickinson for filling in all the guest speaker spots for the entire year. Absolute magic!!!

Dr. Jean F. Mpouli with the Seattle FSDO and FAA Flight Safety Team (FAAST) was our guest speaker for the evening. He talked about the Wings program and how it advanced flying safety. This program includes a Basic, Advanced, and Masters level. In the Basic you will learn accident causal factors with runway safety programs, aeronautical decision making, preflight planning with things like checking the weather from point A to point B, proper walk around checks, making sure the aircraft is in good

condition prior to flight, and fuel management. The Advanced and Masters is just a step up above the Basic with higher proficiency standards required. It allows a pilot an opportunity to work with an instructor. Advanced level uses commercial Practical Test Standards (PTS) and instrument rating PTS or ATP PTS. Some seminar topics include take offs and landings, go arounds, risk management, single pilot resource management, human factors, basic flying skills, and weather. Dr. Mpouli said the benefits of participation is not only for the satisfaction of completing any phase, but statistics show that Wings pilots are safer than non-Wings pilots. The FAASTeam is trying to get pilots to think ahead to prevent accidents and use common sense so that you can minimize your risks. He says 60 minutes of instruction earns you one credit.

Kerry Albritton,
Secretary/Biographer

Nominations for EAA Air Academy

We need to get on this ASAP... bring nominations to the meeting!!!

EAA Young Eagles Camp - Ages 12 and 13

Session #1 - June 16-20, 2013

\$725

Session #2 - June 22-26, 2013

\$725

EAA Basic Air Academy - Ages 14 and 15

Session #1 - June 28-July 3, 2013

\$966

Session #2 - July 8-13, 2013

\$966

Session #3 - July 15-20, 2013

\$966

EAA Advanced Air Academy - Ages 16 - 18

(AirVenture 2013 is July 29-August 4)

Session #1 - July 23-31, 2013

\$1,210

Session #2 - August 2-10, 2013

\$1,210

EAA Advanced Air Academy/SportAir - Ages 16 - 19

Session - August 12-18, 2013

\$1,080

Note: AirVenture 2013 dates are July 29-August 4

Participants should be the minimum age for the selected camp by the first day of that camp.

http://www.eaa.org/chapters/resources/AirAcademy_ChapterApplication.pdf

Tool Crib

Shown here are all the items currently in our tool crib... except for the prop balancer.

Joe Andre is our tool custodian. 253-539-2408

Marv Scott and Andy Karmy do the prop balancing. \$50. Marv 253-691-5496 Andy 253-347-1597



Engine Stand
Prop Flange Interface
for vertical mounting



Compressor
6 hp 150 psi 33 gal
Oil free



Kerosene Heater



Electronic Scales
comes with ramps
\$20 rental fee



Engine Stand
Bolt your engine mount to plywood and
rotate as you please



Gas Welding Rig
Kept in Smitty's Hangar

Refreshment Schedule

April	Rich Hannenburg
May	the Dexheimers
June	Norm Pauk
July	need volunteer
September	Kevin Behrent
October	Steve Dickinson
November	need volunteer
January 2014	need volunteer

Fly Out Opportunities

Twin Oaks (7S3): Pancake breakfast by Chapter 105. First Saturday of every month.

Chapter 2013 Activities

NW Conf & Trade Show: Feb 23 & 24

Young Eagles Day: Sat June 29th

Burger Burn: Sun Aug 11th

Christmas Party: Tue Dec 10th 6 PM

Chapter Membership

105 paid up members

Joining or Renewing Membership?

**Chapter 326 Dues are \$15 per year.
Make check payable to EAA Chapter 326.
Pay our Treasurer, Norm Pauk, at a meeting,
Or mail to Norm at:**

**Norman Pauk
12012 SE 260 PL
Kent, WA 98030**

Dinner at the RAM

Last Thursday of the month (not Nov or Dec). Join us for dinner at the RAM restaurant, at 7 PM.

The RAM is on the east side of Meridian, across from South Hill Mall, in the same parking lot as Home Depot.

We are normally seated as a group in the back dining room.

CALENDAR

April 9 - 14 Sun & Fun

May 18 Paine Field

June 29 Young Eagles Day Thun Field

July 6 Tacoma Freedom Fair

July 11 - 13 Arlington

July 13 - 14 Olympia

July 19 - 21 Concrete

July 27 Friday Harbor

July 29 - Aug 4 Oshkosh

Aug 2 -4 Eastsound

Aug 11 Burger Burn Thun Field

Aug 16 - 18 Van's Homecoming Independence, OR

Sept 6 - 8 Hood River WAAAM

Sept 11 - 15 Reno Air Races

LINKS

Clara Adams: The maiden of maiden Voyages

<http://www.slideshare.net/halfast/claraadamsthemaidenofmaidenvoyages-1>

Angel Flight

Not only is the flight itself beautiful but Radney Foster's song is awesome. Sound on!

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=70Ikj1hZDnw&feature=related

WWII Statistics

- Most Americans who were not adults during WWII have no understanding of the magnitude of it. This listing of some of the aircraft facts gives a bit of insight to it.
- 276,000 aircraft manufactured in the US .
- 43,000 planes lost overseas, including 23,000 in combat.
- 14,000 lost in the continental U.S.

Pictures of each aircraft and numbers.

And wait till you read the facts at the end of this article!!!

http://pippaettore.com/Horrific_WWII_Statistics.html

FOR SALE

RANS S-19 Ventura Kit

- Emp & Wings complete... Fuselage half done.
- Finish kit still in box.
- Strobe lights and parking brake options.

New cost \$26,000 plus shipping
Will sell for \$20k

Dick Migas 480-234-1471
Located in Enumclaw

I have a Sporty's SP 200 for sale @ \$150. It's got a spare battery pack (uses 8 AA batteries) and leather case. It has all the features... COM/NAV with ILS/GS. In many ways it's the model described as being better than panel mounted avionics. Tom Worth – 253-576-2730

Jet SBR-40N. 40" combination shear, brake, and roll

It weighs approx. 650# . Buyer will need a truck and a friend.

I am asking \$600 o.b.o., or trade - I am a tool junkie! - for what have you. This does not include the stand/table you see in the picture!

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