

Cockpit Chatter

By Roger Boco

To say the least, this has been an eventful month. As of this writing, Donna, our illustrious Secretary and Newsletter Editor, is in Tucson, Arizona taking care of our granddaughter. I hope that our friendly folks at the FAA don't read this, as she is only 10 years old and hasn't reached the age of 16 when she can "legally" SOLO. This is truly a strange story, but I just have to tell it. It is just too weird.

A few weeks ago, our granddaughter, Alyssa Coffill, age 10, was over at her cousin's house playing in the back yard with friends. Alyssa's cousin has a trampoline. (Starting to get a hint where I am going with this? Don't get ahead of me.) Alyssa is a pretty small person, petite is what I would like to call her. She and her cousin, were jumping on the trampoline when the wind picked up. No one knows for sure whether it was a dust devil or a microburst or what, but it picked up the trampoline with the kids on it and it went up into the air. The other girl dove off of the trampoline right as it started happening, but Alyssa was stuck on the trampoline. Up, up, and away she went about 20 to 30 feet into the air, before the wind stopped and deposited her and the trampoline in a neighbor's yard. She was lucky she wasn't killed, but she did end up with a broken femur and hip. She is in a lower body cast with a pole between her legs. (I told Donna we should change her name from Alyssa to Dorothy, Ha, Ha!!) She is doing good with no pain, just hurt pride and stuck in bed and at home for 8 weeks.

Now she is a celebrity. The local news picked this up, and so did CNN. I think there were two or 3 reports on this on CNN. If you are interested, you can go to CNN.com and search through their story database using her name. This will even link you to the local TV station report. A famous designer in Tucson stopped by and brought some toys, etc. She has gotten a lot of stuff out of this! I am going to see if they have a category for a pilot's license for trampolines. Even though she did her first takeoff, and the landing was a little rough, she deserves to be recognized for here milestone in the history of aviation. How many other trampoline pilots do you know?

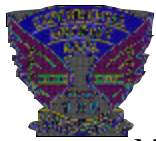


On another matter, I am still being persistent with the engine rebuild. I have the new radiators about complete, the engine is back in the airplane—minus 2 rocker arm shafts. I have emailed and called everyone in the world trying to find new shafts, but to no avail. Rover has some, but they want an arm and two legs for them, with no guarantee they will be the right ones or fit. What I did do, was to purchase a piece of 4130 chrom-moly steel of the right diameter and wall thickness. Mark Kokstis and I are going to just make a new pair of shafts. (Racing parts are made of 4130 so these should be better than the replacements would have been.) I also determined, probably, why the one broke. After very close inspection and having a ton of people give opinions on what transpired, I have determined that it was due to the age of the parts, and the fact that none of the holes in the shaft were stress relieved. (chamfered) Where the part broke was very sharp.

This Saturday, May 22, Bill Gast, Gene Larson, Peter James, and I are planning on flying up to the Big RV gathering, forum, etc. somewhere near St. Paul, MN. I hope the weather holds out so we can go. Right now, it looks questionable. Also, don't forget that the Sport Aviation Association (SAA) is having their fly-in in Urbana, Illinois Thursday through Saturday, June 10-12. This is a great event at a fantastic airport. It is closed to all but SAA members, but you can join at the gate. The membership fee for the SAA is open, depending on how much you can afford, but they ask for \$25.00 or more to cover magazine expenses, etc. Whatever you would like to donate over that is greatly appreciated. This organization is somewhat an alternative to EAA, in that the organization is very, very, low key and the events are more like they were many, many years ago—just a very enjoyable weekend.

P.S. We still need workers to sign up for the Ercoupe Convention in Knoxville. See Donna or Jack Arthur if you can help.

Roger.



Chapter 135 Monthly Meeting May 8, 2004

Meeting opened by President Roger Bocox. Old News included: Wes needs help building ribs at Aviation Camp and Fly Iowa in June. There were no volunteers. Donna said that donations are coming in from chapter members who pledged money toward the hangar project. Chapter has decided to sponsor Justin Meyer, from Knoxville to go to Aviation camp this year. Justin helps out the FBO in Knoxville doing anything he can, just so he can maybe get rides from some of the pilots. Dave Kalwishky reported that 38 kids were flown in Winterset.

Those who have been making progress on their projects included:

John Nelson-Making great strides with the "Antique Skybolt"

Gerald Clark—The Focke-Wolf F-190 is down. He has just recently done an annual on the Mooney. He is not working on the Mustang.

Bob Olson — Working on the wings of the Zenith.

Ralph B — Working on the used ultralight he recently purchased. He thinks all the parts are there.

Paul S — Finished his annual

Roger B — Putting the engine back together. Hope to have it in the air again soon.

Program was presented by Gerald Clark, who is the President of the Osceola EAA chapter 1143. He showed a slide presentation on his recent project which was the plane that will be used in the remake of the movie "Flight of the Phoenix". He was in Oklahoma working on it for several months. After his presentation the members saw pictures of what the hangar at Northfield looks like, and discussed what repairs needed to be done. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, to all of you that have sent in donations for the chapter hangar. We appreciate your generosity. Anyone wanting to donate to the chapter for the hangar repairs may send a check to Brant Hollensbe, and mark it donation for chapter. Remember, this is a tax deductible donation, and we can give you a donation slip for it.



The following members are planning the program for the next few months:

June 2004 — Planning meeting for the Ercoupe Convention. This meeting will be held at hangar #19 at Morningstar Airport. Bring your own chairs.

July 2004 — Ron Mason. During WWII, He flew PBV's on anti-submarine patrol in the Atlantic. Ron will share his experiences with us and answer any questions.

August 2004 — Chapter picnic instead of regular meeting

September 2004 — No program yet planned. Need a volunteer.

October 2004 — Yearly board and officer elections. Short program not planned yet.

November 2004 — No program yet planned. Need a volunteer.

December 2004 — Chapter 135 Christmas Party and Chinese gift exchange.

FAA Credits EAA Safety Programs for Drop in Homebuilt Accidents

The amateur-built aircraft accident rate declined significantly over the past year, and the FAA gives considerable credit for the drop to EAA's proactive safety programs that continually improve safety and competence among homebuilders.

FAA says the homebuilt aircraft accident rate dropped 25 percent for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2003. Over that same period, the fatal accident rate fell 36 percent. At the same time, total U.S. homebuilt aircraft registrations grew to more than 25,000.

EAA's Homebuilt Aircraft Council, a volunteer committee of EAA'ers who are experienced builders, provides solid support for EAA Technical Counselors, who advise builders during aircraft construction or restoration, and EAA Flight Advisors, who help pilots evaluate their own flying skills as they transition to newly constructed or restored aircraft. EAA Chapters provide excellent forums for homebuilders as they complete their aircraft projects. Most of the 1,250 EAA Technical Counselors and 560 EAA Flight Advisors are associated with at least one local Chapter.

The Floater

Bea was in her eighties, and much admired for her sweetness and kindness by all. The pastor came to call on her one afternoon early in the spring, and she welcomed him into her Victorian Parlor. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared a little tea. As he sat facing her old pump organ, the young minister noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it, filled with water. In the water floated, of all things, a condom. Imagine his shock and surprise! Imagine his curiosity! Surely Miss Bea had flipped or something! But he certainly couldn't mention the strange sight in her parlor. When she returned with tea and cookies, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him, and he could resist no longer. "Miss Bea," he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" (Pointing to the bowl) "Oh yes" she replied, "isn't it wonderful?" I was walking downtown last fall and I found this little package. The directions said to put it on the organ, keep it wet, and it would prevent disease...and you know...I haven't had a cold all winter."

POP Gear Up For Flight Safety EAA Airventure Oshkosh 2004

People from around the world come to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh for primarily one purpose: to look at thousands of aircraft that converge on Wittman Regional Airport. To protect these airplanes—and spectators—the POP (Protect Our Planes) Team monitors flight line activities to make sure visitors abide by the time-tested Oshkosh rules: No smoking except in designated areas, and no food or drink within 10 feet of any airplane.

POP now seeks volunteers to join its team from Monday, July 26 (the day before the convention) through Sunday, August 1, 2004. POP patrollers must be at least 14 (14-17 need a parent/guardian with them) and enthusiasm. No experience is necessary—all you need is a smile and there is a place for people of all fitness levels. It's a great way for families and/or groups to enjoy EAA AirVenture from "the inside." If you're interested in volunteering, e-mail: ProtectOurPlanes@yahoo.com or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ProtectOurPlanes>.

Mark Melander Open House

"Is this the biggest homebuilt you've ever seen???" That's what they were all saying at Mark Melander's Open House on May 15, 2004. He's got a perfect place to build it. The plane takes up the 2 car garage that he's building it in. It has high ceilings, nicely finished inside with all the "male necessities" (TV and fridge). The open house was well attended, and everyone enjoyed looking at this unusual specimen. Look for yourself, and see if you don't agree, that it's the "biggest homebuilt you've ever seen." Thanks for sharing it with us, Mark!



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE!!!

Due to some family scheduling, there will be NO OPEN HOUSE AT PETER JAMES on JUNE 5, 2004. For those of you that were helping him with his project, there will be no builders nights scheduled for a while. I will post in the newsletter when they resume.



Remember, June is Dues Month (\$20)



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For the complete yearly calenday visit <http://www.iawings.com/calender/yearly.htm>

Jun-04		
Fly Iowa 2004	4-	Commemorating the 60th Anniv
	6	of D-Day. Attendees encouraged to dress in 1940's clothing.
		Washington, IA info: 319-653-6646 -Mike Roe www.flyiowa2004.com
54th Annual Flight Breakfast	6	6:30am-10:30 am. Fly Ins FREE Audubon Iowa Airport Info: 712-563-3780
Fly-In	6	Sponsored by Red Oak Ambassadors Red Oak IA Muni Airport info:712-623-6523 - vineair@yahoo.com
Annual Fly-In	10 -- 12	Sport Aviation Assoc (SAA) Urbana, IL
Pancake Breakfast and Airshow	12	6:30 Breakfast-10:00 Airshow "Jimmy Franklin and the jet powered WACO" - Webster City Airport Info: 515-832-3723
Flagfest Airshow	13	7am-12pm Airshow, Flight Breakfast Young Eagles event and Static Aircraft Display. Northwest Iowa Regional A/P Spencer, IA Info: 712-262-1000(Gayle)
Youth Aeospace Education Camp	13-16	Iowa 4-H Camp Madrid, IA www.iaspacegrant.org 515-964-8417 (Jay Staker)
National Ercoupe Convention	17-20	18th-Evening Fly-In 5pm-7:30 pm 19th-Aviation Safety Seminar Knoxville Municipal Airport Info: sky3044@aol.com
Flight Breakfast	20	6am-1pm Sponsored-Harlan 8-Ball Flying Club. FREE to Fly-Ins Harlan Muni Airport Info: 712-741-5421(Kenneth)
Optimists Fly-In Breakfast	20	7am-1pm Maquoketa Municipal Airport Info: 563-652-2484
Fly-In Breakfast	20	Rock Rapids Muni Airport
Air Show		www.quadcityairshow.com
Fly-In	27	7am-12pm Algona Pilots Assoc Algona Muni A/P Info: 515-332-4012 (Dean)
Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	27	7:30am-1130am. Pilots in com. FREE Pender Nebraska Airport Info:402-380-9882 (Paul Peters)
Jul-04		
Flight Breakfast	3	7am-11am Iowa Falls Windsockers EAA Chapter 1324. Iowa Falls Muni Airport Info: 641-648-3191 (Kevin/Jane)
Flight Breakfast	4	7am-10am - Atlantic Jaycees Atlantic Airport Info: 712-243-3056
Flight Breakfast	4	7am-11am Esterville Airport - Info: estavtn@connect.com
Flight Breakfast	4	7am-11am Paullina Municipal Airport Info: 712-448-2522 (Brian)
Kiwanis Breakfast	11	7am-12:30pm Pancakes, Omelets & Sausage Pilots and co-pilots FREE Emmetsburg Airport Info: 712-852-3810 Tony Meyer Info: 319-465-5488

Quad City	26-27	Davenport Airport Info: 563-322-7469
Fly-Drive In B/fast	18	7am-12:30pm Associated Pilots of Iowa Pilots in command FREE Monticello Muni A/P
Fly/Drive In	18	7am-12pm Forest City Police Officers Assoc
Pancake B/fast		Forest City Muni Airport Info:641-581-2880
ILPA Fly-In	22-24	Formation School, many activities. All Warbirdswelcome. Keokuk IA Muni Airport Info: 319-524-6203 (Irv)
Airventure 2004	July 27 2-Aug	Oshkosh, WI
Aug-04		
		7am - Noon Sponsored by: Humboldt Rotary Humboldt, Iowa Municipal Airport For more information: 515-332-1863 (Dave) e-mail: dave@growthland.com
Annual Fly-in Breakfast	8-Aug	
		7am - 12pm Sponsored by: EAA Chapter 368 Pilots in command FREE
Flight Breakfast	15-Aug	Monona, Iowa Municipal Airport
		7am - 11:30am Sponsored by: Mapleton Flying Club Mapleton, Iowa Municipal Airport For more information: 712-881-2764 (Bill)
Fly-in Breakfast	15-Aug	
3rd Annual Fly-in / Drive-in / Airshow		11am - 4pm Static Display and air show by "Flying Irishman" and others. Helicopter & Plane rides Food & Beverages Manchester, Iowa Airport For more information: 563-927-3636 (Marty) mkelzer@iowatelecom.net
	29-Aug	
		7:30am - 11am Sponsored by: Iowa Avaition Museum Pilots in command FREE. Greenfield, Iowa Airport For more information: 641-343-7184
Wings, Wheels & Whistles Fly-in	29-Aug	
		11:00am Rain date September 12, 2004 Guttenburg, Iowa Airport For more information: 319-465-5114 (Gary) or 563-252-3582
Fly-in Potluck	29-Aug	
		7am - 1pm Hosted by: Iowa City Sertoma Club Iowa City, Iowa Municipal Airport
Fly-in Breakfast	29-Aug	

HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK ALONE

When you're out in the hangar or in the garage .this is great to know!!!

From F. Daniel Rochman MD

Let's say it's 6:15 p.m. and you're driving home (alone of course), after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home; unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order. Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest, and a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!

(reprint from The Mended Hearts, Inc. publication, Heart response)



YE UPDATE

contributed by Alan Core

Brant and I flew four happy boys, two moms and one " I wish I hadn't flown on a bumpy day" boy at Ankeny, Sat the 22nd. I will reschedule the scout group I cancelled for July sometime.

Saturday June 5th is the Knoxville 4-H group fly. Starts at 8:30am We have 20 scheduled and I can produce more if we have enough pilots to keep busy.

Aviation Campers at Boone on June 13 thru 15 in the evening is our next big project. Call Alan if you want to run the show any of those nights. We will have about 17 kids per night.

I am having an " I've almost got my hangar done and if I don't have a party soon there won't be room for it later" party at The Nash hangar. Starts about 3pm June 6th and the grill gets fired up at 5:30. We'll provide drinks, meat and tableware, bring a dish to share and save room for ice cream. Bring a chair if you want to sit down while you hangar fly.

Chapter 135 Garage Sale

THANK YOU to Mark Broer for letting the chapter use his HUGE garage for the garage sale. Also thank you to all of you that donated stuff, and helped sort, and also helped on the actual day of the sale. We had a great day for it, and although we could have used a few more people attending, we had people stop by pretty much all day. We took in over \$400, which was great, and after the recent board meeting, an additional \$300 was added to that for items that were sold after the sale ended. If there is interest next year, and we have volunteers to organize it, it might be worth while to have it again.



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED!!

Ercoupe Owners Club Convention

June 17th—20th

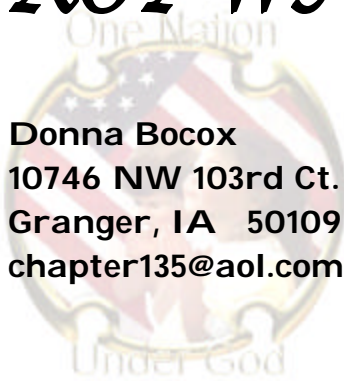
Jack Arthur, Coordinator

Yes it is upon us, the time is finally here for the fly-in. We could really use some help in making sure all the people flying in for the convention have a great time. We are going to need van drivers, people to help with plane and car parking, people to help keep the dining area clean. Well you guys and gals know what all is needed. We are going to discuss the plans at our next meeting, which is only a few days before things kick off. Can I count on everyone being there to sign up with what days they can help out.? If you can only help for a day or an evening, or even a couple of hours, it would be appreciated. In fact, **any help will be appreciated.**

Also the chapter is selling soda's and ice cream for the four days. This money will go directly to the chapter, so any help you can give will help us add to the coffers. So please show up at the meeting or call me and let me know when you can HELP. Jack Arthur 515-778-8833.

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JUNE IS DUES MONTH!! Please send or give your \$20.00 check to Brant Hollensbe this month. THANKS!



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