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APRIL 2005 NEWSLETTER

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Minutes from Meeting on 3-18-05

by Mark Howards, Chapter Secretary

February minutes reviewed and accepted.

No report from the treasurer due to his absence. Doug confirmed that funds have been deposited from the sale of the Long-EZ project plane.

Tony reported on the Mansfield Airport Commission (MAC) meeting. Required bids for Quadrant 4 development are due back 4/8/05. Discussion and evaluation of these plans will take place on 4/13/05.

MAC will put in a road from Fruit St. to the area and pave the ramp area. The winning bid will build hangars and operate this area for 20 years subject to renegotiation. This area will also have approximately 25 tie-downs, corporate hangars and T-hangars. No storage of vehicles will be allowed in the T-hangars.

The Airport Commission will also be taking bids to build storage, maintenance (non-aircraft) and office area at the entrance to this area.

Quadrant 4 will NOT have a separate FBO or aircraft maintenance facility.

Liberty Aircraft is no longer seeking space. They will be located elsewhere.

MAC asked about EAA 701 lease and was told we are still working on it. We need to have representation at the April meeting to provide some feedback regarding the lease.

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Aventures of the Long-EZ

by Tyson Benjamin Dekorse

Making its way back to upper Michigan via Canada. Homeland Security IS working!



The trip home was completely uneventful from a trailer standpoint. One strap needed a little tightening one time, but all the plastic/tape stayed in place for the entire trip.

Coming across the border back into the US, I found some excitement. As soon as I approached the guard booth at the border I heard a recorded voice repeating "danger, danger, danger" and a phone in the booth started ringing. The guard said something into the phone like "yeah I know" then hung up. The guard immediately asked me if I had recently had any medical tests and stuck a little detector in my face. I said "no" and thought that it was a Breathalyzer. At the same time, another guard from inside the building started walking our way at top speed.

The booth guard then told me to put the car in park, shut off the engine, and proceeded to walk towards the back of the car and towards the trailer.

By the time the second guy made it over, the booth guard said "he's a zero, but there's a two from the back of the car and nothing on the trailer." The second guy, a supervisor, told me to start the car and follow him. He guided me through a little path between another barrier (which was another detector) then had

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Secretary's Report *(Continued from page 1)*

We are still looking for a Young Eagles coordinator. If nobody volunteers the officers will try to make arrangements for kids who are still on the list.

An EAA member who is doing a worldwide Young Eagles mission is flying to 1B9 on June 3rd. He is looking for help – still a little unsure what this means. We haven't made a commitment. Any volunteers?

Bob Sellers has had continued medical problems. As of the meeting, he was still at Rhode Island Hospital. He has had continued problems with his broken leg and had recent surgery. Cards and visits would be appreciated.

Mike Vidal is planning a trip to the New England Air Museum on April 16th. He and Doug will be providing their limos with drivers (Mike, Doug and two minivans) and hope you will come along. They will be meeting at the 1B9 parking lot at 9:15. Come see the Sikorsky Flying Boat, B-29 and lots of great stuff. If you've never been, don't miss out! Check with them to be sure there is room.

There was no Builder's Breakfast in March and we had no speaker for this meeting.

The April meeting will feature Mary Gabrielle speaking on corrosion. Doug is trying to arrange a speaker from Cape Approach for the May meeting. Tony will set these sessions up as safety seminars.

The officers completed evaluation of the lease after the meeting. Doug is still looking into some open issues.

Visit to New England Air Museum

When: April 16, 2005, 9:00 am (at 1B9 parking lot)

Where: Windsor Locks, CT

We are planning a Chapter 701 visit to the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT on Saturday, April 16th. The museum is home to one of the region's largest collections of historical aircraft. Included in the collection are aircraft from a replica Gee Bee racer to a restored Boeing B-29 Superfortress. Admission is \$8 for adults though a group rate may be available. Transportation will be by carpool. We will meet in the Mansfield Airport parking lot and be on the road by 9:15am at the latest. There will be two members with minivans available with room for approximately 10 people (not counting the chauffeur!) so space is limited. We will finalize the travel arrangements at the next chapter meeting so if you can't make the meeting but are interested in joining us on the trip, please contact **Mike Vidal at 508-761-8012**. Printed directions will be available for those taking their own vehicles. As we are not tied to a bus, we can stop any place for breakfast or lunch, or you can pack your own.



Special arrangements have been made to allow us to see the restoration hanger area that is not open to the general public if we have at least 8 people attending.

There have been many changes at the museum so it should make for a great outing. Remember to sign up as space is limited and as a courtesy to the drivers. Hope to see you all there!

CHAPTER 701 INFORMATION CORNER

Upcoming Speakers

April Meeting

Our speaker for April will be John McCarthy from WyoTech (formerly East Coast Aero Tech). John will be speaking on the subject of aircraft corrosion and its treatment. There will be a video plus a discussion/Q&A session. As most of us fly middle-aged or older aircraft, this is a subject that should concern many of us.

May Meeting

Our speaker for May will be Heather Ducimo. Heather is a CFII at King Aviation. Prior to her time at Mansfield, Heather flew the back country of Alaska in C206s & C207s. Heather will be on hand to discuss her time in Alaska, flying conditions, minimums, weather, life in an Alaska village, and the like. If you've always wanted to talk to someone with first hand experience at Alaska bush flying, this is it!

Long-Ez Travels *(Continued from page 1)*

me park the car and get out. A third guard showed up to escort me into the building while they searched the car.

It was apparent at this time that I had set off some chemical or radiation detector. Once inside the building, while the car was being searched, the guard asked me what I was carrying, and what might be radioactive. At first I was thinking that the engine may have had some heavy metal alloy or something, then I remembered the radio, which I didn't think would have anything interesting in it. A minute later I remembered the instruments and told him that there was probably some glow-in-the-dark materials on the older instruments that emitted some radiation.

I got home yesterday and still haven't been able to unpack...back to work. Thanks again for all your help and patience in waiting for me to pick things up. I'll update you in the future as to progress on the project.

Thanks again, Tyson

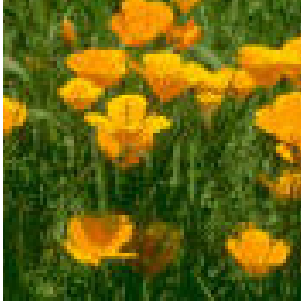
Surfing the Web *(by Hal Curtin)*

Here is a good Web site to try (you may already know it). Especially helpful are current METARS, NAVAIDS, and an aerial photograph of the airport (sometimes a little fuzzy, sort of like what you see inbound)

www.airnav.com

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EAA 701 APRIL

The next regular Chapter meeting will be Friday, April 15 at the **Mansfield Fish and Game** facility located behind the Mansfield Highway Department.

We will begin with a business meeting at 7:30 PM . At 8 PM we will have a Safety Seminar entitled:

“Back to Basics in Aircraft Maintenance: Corrosion I”

Our speaker will be John McCarthy from WyoTech discussing the subject of aircraft corrosion and its treatment. There will be a video plus a discussion/Q&A session. Pickup tips to keep your aircraft in super flying condition. See you there!!

This is gone! Mark your flying calendars for the following:



April 16, 2005: Trip to the **New England Air Museum**, 9:00 am (at 1B9 parking lot)

April 23, 2005: **Young Eagles** event 9:00 am at 1B9 (Pilots requested)

May 20, 2005: **Chapter meeting** returns to the 1B9 Trailer

September 10, 2005: **Fly-in 2005**

Newsletter Frequencies

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