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Chapter 701 – Mansfield, Massachusetts**



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Newsletter**

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From the President's Desk *by Mike Vidal*

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Making Progress

I've learned over the last several months that we are not the only chapter out there that struggles with membership, attendance, speakers, etc. So over the last few weeks I've set out with the other chapter officers to do something about it.

We started first with improving the number of quality speakers for the year. Mission accomplished! We have four very good speakers confirmed for each of the next four months.

March 21 – William "Bill" Guenon, Jr. – Author of "Secret and Dangerous: Night of the Son Tay P.O.W. Raid"

April 18 – Bob Richards – Author of "Secrets from the Tower"

May 16 – Arlo Gambell – Sr. Aviation Meteorologist with WSI Corp discussing aviation weather

June 20 – Alan Jesmer – Tech Support Specialist with Precision Airmotive to discuss aircraft fuel management and ignition systems

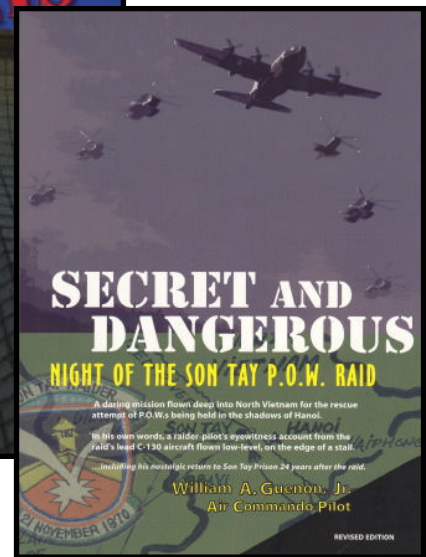
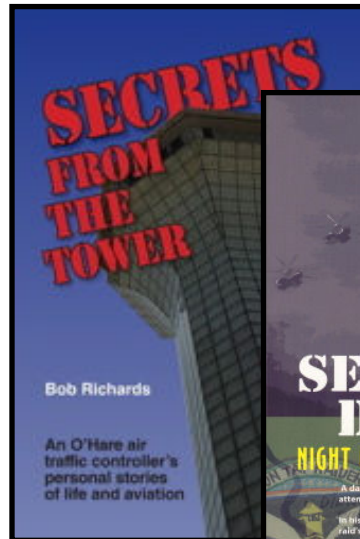
We also have one other definite speaker and three other tentative (including the editor of IFR Magazine) for the remainder of the year. This means there should be quality speaker every month for the remainder of this year except for September and December. Having been a chapter member for about eight years, I feel these speakers are among the best we ever had. My hope is that you, our regular members will not only attend, but also tell your friends to come along. They do not have to be pilots. An interest in aviation is good enough!

I also have some information regarding my search for a new trailer to replace our current home. If you are interested in participating in the selection of a future new structure to replace the trailer, this will be a good meeting to attend. There is additional information within and on the chapter web site at www.eaa701.org.

These efforts are being made based on the feedback from our members. I hope to see you all, plus some new faces, at the next meeting!

Happy Flying!

Mike Vidal



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Secretary's Report *by Barbara Beech*

EAA Chapter 701 Meeting Notes - Friday, February 15, 2008

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 by President Mike Vidal.
- Thirteen members were present.
- The January Secretary's notes were accepted as published in the newsletter.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read by Joe Kelly.
- The Airport Commission notes were reported by Tony Correia:
 - The proposed noise abatement procedures for Mansfield Airport were reviewed.
 - The rules cover many procedures and events, such as the traffic pattern, self-fueling, crowd control and emergency equipment. Air-meet plans must be submitted to the Commission for approval.
 - A copy of the rules for airport users is available at the airport and on the Mansfield web site <http://www.mansfieldma.com/airport/>
 - A discussion was held on removal or lowering the poles at runway 22.
 - Kathy MacDonald gave a presentation about the Air Race to be held at the airport on June 21st.

Old Business:

- The Chapter was renewed with the National at a cost of \$321.00

New Business:

- Information about the Alton Bay Fly-In to take place on February 16th and 17th was received. Mike requested members to send him their e-mail address if interested.
- An FAA Safety Seminar is scheduled for February 22nd. Register in advance either on the FAA web site or with Dave Dinneen.
- The Aero Club of New England and the AOPA will hold a course at the Marriott in Newton on March 18th.
- Nashua Airport will have an Aviation Day with exhibits and seminars on March 29th.
- Mike Vidal mentioned that the EAA Speakers Bureau has a data base of speakers available for meetings. Some charge a small fee and some are available at no cost. Mike will obtain information about these.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 for coffee and donuts.

Following refreshments, the Airport Watch DVD was shown.

The 'Amateur-Built Certification Kit For Homebuilders' was available for members to examine.

The cost of the kit is \$12.95.

NOTE: March Meeting Date

At the February meeting there was discussion over moving the March meeting date as it falls on Good Friday. Due to the availability of our speaker, the decision was made to retain the original meeting date for March – 3/21. Please plan accordingly.

March Meeting

The March meeting should prove to be an entertaining, thought-provoking and productive evening. First and foremost ... our featured speaker:

EAA Chapter 701 Presents...

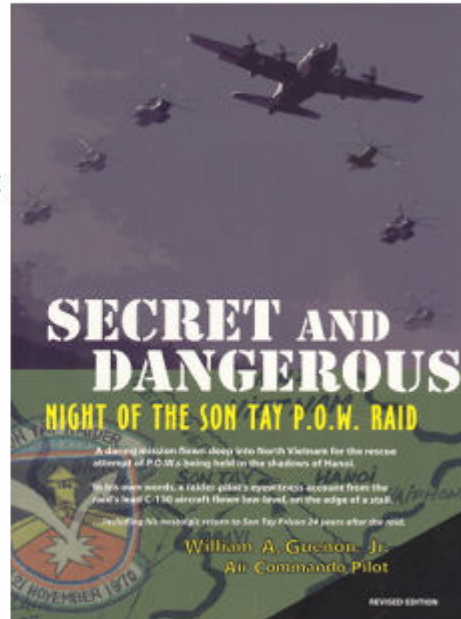
Who: Mr. William Guenon, Jr.

When: Friday, March 21, 2008 – 7:30pm

Where: Mansfield Municipal Airport (1B9)

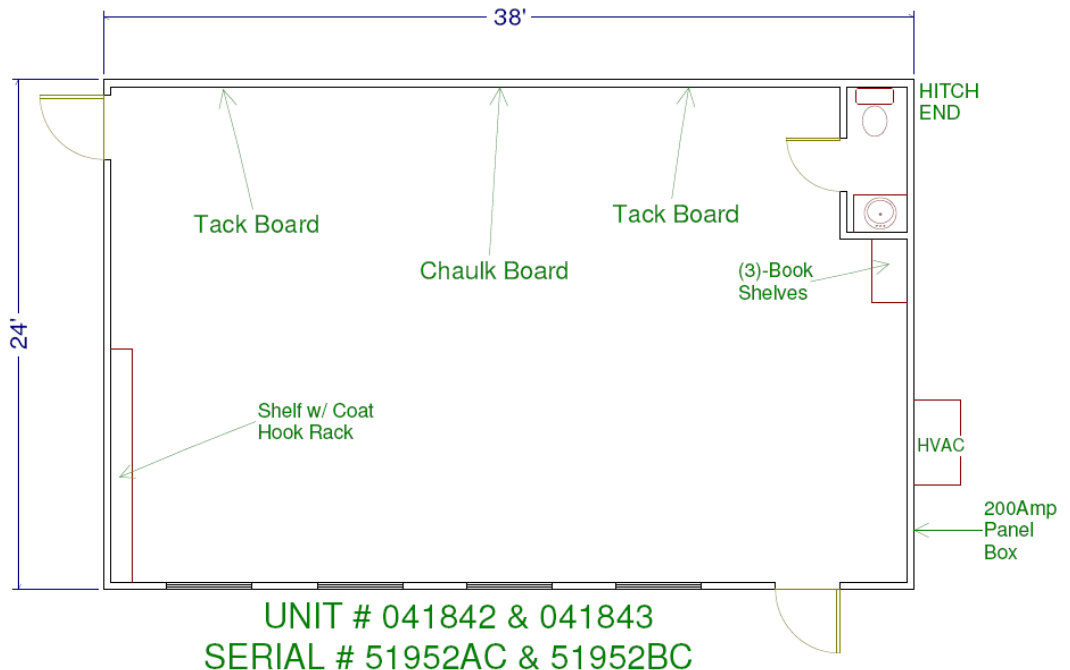
What: William A. "Bill" Guenon, Jr. will present on the subject of his book "Secret and Dangerous: Night of the Son Tay P.O.W. Raid". Bill was one of the air commando pilots who flew the amazing 'C-130' aircraft on the edge of a stall, at night, while leading six helicopters in close formation deep into North Vietnam for a daring rescue attempt of POWs being held in the shadows of Hanoi.

Note: If possible, please RSVP to president@eaa701.org if you plan to attend. See www.eaa701.org for more information

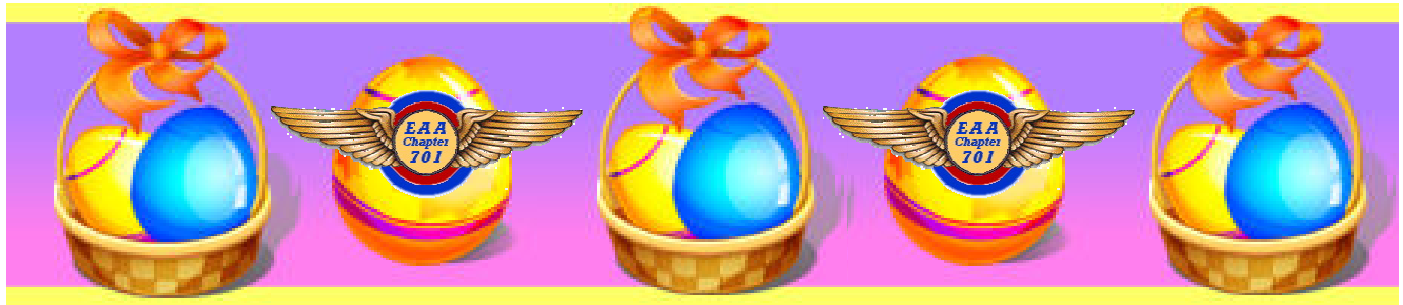


...and immediately following our speaker we will hold our chapter business meeting. The primary topic for discussion is the project to replace our trailer. Mike Vidal will be presenting information on a trailer that he has been researching. The floorplan of the trailer is below. As you can see it is roughly twice as big as the space we have now. Mike will be providing additional details including specs, costs, logistics etc. Please plan to attend this meeting so that your voice can be heard as we proceed with this endeavor.

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Don't Forget the March Meeting!

The next meeting will take place on Friday, March 21st at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the SRE building at Mansfield Airport. Please use the airport FBO parking lot. The SRE building is located to the left of this lot.

Our speaker for the evening will be Mr. William "Bill" Guenon, Jr. – Author of "Secret and Dangerous: Night of the Son Tay P.O.W. Raid"
(See pg 3 for more information)

Note: Mr. Guenon's presentation will begin promptly at 7:30PM. There will be a chapter business meeting to follow.

The main topic for discussion is the proposal of a new chapter trailer. Mike Vidal will present the latest update on this project.