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**From the President's Desk** *by Mike Vidal*

**THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Now That's Flying**



Flying magazines these days often have articles about the decline of GA, decreasing pilot certifications, airport closures, etc., etc. The articles often end with some reference to programs like Young Eagles and Project Pilot as ways to generate interest in aviation with the ultimate goal of luring people into flight schools.

While these programs are effective at providing one with their first flying experience, they are not nearly as effective at generating an *interest* in flying. That's why I love the idea and execution of the Red Bull Air Races so much. Like the Apollo program of the 60's and 70's that created a generation of engineers and scientists and Tiger Woods generating renewed interest in golf, I think the Red Bull Air Races have the potential to do the same for GA.

Here you have some of the world's best pilots, Chambliss, Besenyei, Mangold, all flying at 20 feet through pylons at over 240 mph. Yankin' and bankin' with smoke trails left behind as a reminder of just how close they fly to the ground and pylons. They do this in front of crowds as large as one million people in such spectacular locations as Rio de Janeiro, Monument Valley (see picture) and Budapest. Young and old both watch

with jaws in their laps while whispering "*that's cool!*" under their breath.

And that there my friends is what separates this from other air races like Reno. Reno, while spectacular, has a limited audience due to its location and timing. The Red Bull Air Races take place from April to November all over the world. The planes, while expensive, are not exotic

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## President's Report (cont'd)

like the warbird based Reno racers so teams can afford to race more than once a year. They just *look* like something you might be able to fly someday.

If GA is to survive, it needs to generate broad based public interest and respect in flying. Touting the economic benefits of your local airport is, unfortunately, is just not going to do it.

Events like Red Bull Air Races will.

Happy Flying!

Mike Vidal

## Secretary's Report *by Kevin Buonagurio (Barbara does this much better than me, so my apologies if I missed something)*

### EAA Chapter 701 Meeting Notes — Friday, April 20, 2007

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:40PM by President Mike Vidal, 12 members were in attendance.
- The February meeting minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.
- The treasurer's report was accepted as read by Treasurer Joe Kelly
- Membership - Mark B of Bridgewater MA joined the chapter. Alan Pugh renewed his membership in the chapter.
- The Airport Commission Meeting notes were reported by Tony Correia:
  - Meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month
  - Aircraft owners are asked not to drive on the taxiways to get to their aircraft
  - The plow truck has arrived
  - Procedures are still being developed for MedFlight operations
  - Tree removal to be performed at the end of rwy 22/32
  - 116 Aircraft based at the airport
- Old Business:
  - Young Eagles on May 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Please arrive by 8AM the morning of the event
  - Attendance issues, events, etc were discussed. We will hold further discussion at the May meeting.
- New Business:
  - We need to paint the deck. We'd like to paint it on the day of Young Eagles. Please bring your own brush if you have one.
  - Two propane tanks are under the trailer, we will dispose of them on the day of Young Eagles.
  - There are a lot of bee/wasp nests around the trailer. The chapter will pay to buy some pest control materials.
  - Meter box – We need to add some sort of lockbox to the outle on the meter box.
  - It was mentioned that Bob Sisson has been providing the chapter with the various 'winged 701' logos for use on the newsletter. Thanks Bob!
- The meeting was adjourned shortly after 8PM.

Will Thorn led a presentation and discussion regarding getting your airplane ready and running for the spring. His insights and education were delivered with his usual tinge (or is it cringe?) of humor. As always we appreciate Will for sharing his expertise, we are all the wiser for it.

Additionally, Mike Vidal led a demo/presentation of his new flight planning software. The software is available in several versions with progressively greater functionality.

## **Deep Thoughts - vol 2** *submitted by Jim Bennett*

If black boxes survive air crashes -- why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

"If the Wright brothers were alive today Wilbur would have to fire Orville to reduce costs." President DELTA Airlines

In the Alaska bush I'd rather have a two hour bladder and three hours of gas than vice versa.

It's not that all airplane pilots are good-looking. Just that good-looking people seem more capable of flying airplanes. Or so seasoned observers contend. A matter of self-confidence? No doubt, no doubt. I've flown in both pilot seats, can someone tell me why the other one is always occupied by an idiot?

Son, you're going to have to make up your mind about growing up and becoming a pilot. You can't do both.

There are only two types of aircraft -- fighters and targets.

You define a good flight by negatives: you didn't get hijacked, you didn't crash, you didn't throw up, you weren't late, you weren't nauseated by the food. So you're grateful.

New FAA Motto: We're not happy 'til you're not.

The ideal pilot is the perfect blend of discipline and aggressiveness.

## **Young Eagles Event – Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, rain date Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>**

If you are planning to participate as a pilot, and have not done so already, please review the requirements below, and complete the form and return this to Paul or one of the officers at the next meeting. Participants should plan to be at the FBO at 8AM the day of the event. Final details will be provided at the May meeting. If you have questions, please contact Paul LaFratta (508-695-0120) as soon as possible.

### **EAA 701 - Young Eagles Event - Requirements Acknowledgement Sheet**

The Young Eagle Pilot requirements are basic, but must be followed:

- All participating pilots must hold an Appropriate Airmen's Certificate (Sport Pilot or greater)
- Pilots must possess a current Medical Certificate (if applicable)
- Pilots must be current EAA National Members
- Pilots must be current to carry passengers in the aircraft the plan to use.
- Pilots must have a current Flight Review
- Aircraft Passenger Liability Insurance is required for the aircraft used (owned, rental or borrowed)
- The Young Eagles registration form must be completed before the flight complete with parent or guardian signature.
- The aircraft used for the flight must be in airworthy condition.

As an EAA member, pilots participating in the Young Eagles program are eligible for an additional \$1 million of passenger liability insurance coverage, if they carry a minimum of \$100,000 per seat liability insurance.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (First, Last, printed name) \_\_\_\_\_ having read the requirements above, attest that I meet these requirements and am therefore a valid volunteer participant for the Young Eagles program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Don't Forget the May Meeting!**  
**Nice weather? Let's move back out to the trailer!**

The next regular Chapter meeting will be Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM at the EAA 701 Trailer at Mansfield Airport (1B9).

**The grill will be on at 6:30 to serve up some fresh, delicious hot dogs!**

Agenda items for this meeting will include:

- Discussion of new meeting day/time
- Planning out trailer renovations (paint the deck, remove the propane tanks, exterminate the bees/wasps nests)