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**Secretary's Report** *by Barbara Beech*

**EAA Chapter 701 Meeting Notes—Friday, April 18, 2008**

President Mike Vidal brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced that the business meeting would not be held because there would be a speaker for the evening. He then introduced, Bob Richards, a former air traffic controller and the author of a book entitled "Secrets From the Tower". After his discharge from military service, Bob attended the FAA Academy at Oklahoma City for 16 weeks and trained at a small airport before being assigned to O'Hare Airport, which is the busiest airport in the country. Approximately half of the controllers have entered the profession from the military. He stated that there is a need for more controllers as many of them are leaving due to the stress of such fast paced work and 6 day weeks. Also many controllers are now retiring.

Bob's stories about activities and events in the tower were indeed fascinating. He described some amusing and some serious incidents that occurred and how they were handled. Bob performed his job with skill and humor and his presentation included pictures taken in the tower and with President Clinton. For two years Bob served as the aviation liaison for President Clinton and he had some interesting tales to tell about his experiences working with the President, Mrs. Clinton and the Secret Service.

He also went on assignment to Oshkosh as an arrival controller. As those of you who have flown into Oshkosh know, it's busier there than even O'Hare, with planes landing three at a time and nerve wracking holding patterns and traffic to contend with.



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Bob's book provides a great amount of detail about his early life, his interest in aviation and the workings of the aviation control system. He included comments about changes and improvements that would make the system work better. Pilots will enjoy, appreciate and understand this worthwhile book.



Appearing with Bob was Arthur Allen, one of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts Aeronautical Commission, who mentioned some of the plans in the works for improvements at various Massachusetts airports and the funding for these projects. He mentioned the need for a heliport in Boston, which he would like to see located at the Black Falcon Terminal. Of interest to pilots is the Terrafuga Project, which is a car/airplane currently in development.

Thirteen members, 5 guests and the two speakers were present. The members and guests enjoyed the informative talks given by these two gentlemen and the question and answer sessions that followed.

## You may be a red neck pilot... if...

- your stall warning plays "Dixie."
- your cross-country flight plan uses flea markets as check points.
- you think sectionals charts should show trailer parks.
- you've ever used moonshine as avgas.
- you have mud flaps on your wheel pants.
- you think GPS stands for going perfectly straight.
- your toothpick keeps poking your mike.
- you constantly confuse Beechcraft with Beechnut.
- just before impact, you are heard saying, "Hey y'all, watch this!"
- you have a black airplane with a big #3 on the side.
- you've ever just taxied around the airport drinking beer.
- you use a Purina feed bag for a windsock.
- you fuel your wizzbang 140 from a Mason jar.
- you wouldn't be caught dead flyin' a Grumman "Yankee."
- you refer to flying in formation as "We got ourselves a convoy!"
- there is a sign on the side of your aircraft advertising your septic tank service.
- the set of "matched luggage" you take on your long cross-country flights is three grocery sacks from the same Piggly Wiggly!
- when you are the owner of Red Neck Airlines and pilot of Redneck One.
- you subscribe to The Southern Aviator because of the soft paper! P.S. If you don't believe me, try cleaning yourself with one of those slick magazines.

## May's Featured Speaker



Arlo Gambell, Senior Aviation Meteorologist, will give a presentation on "Flying with Datalink Weather: Uses and Limitations of Cockpit Weather Data" In 2004 Arlo received an award for outstanding contributions to aviation safety from the NASA Aviation & Security Program.



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## Young Eagles in June

There will be a Young Eagles event to be held on Saturday, June 14th. More information will be provided at the next meeting and details will be finalized as we get closer to the date. We will need pilots and ground volunteers for this event. If you have questions about the event or would like to participate, please contact Paul LaFratta (508-695-0120) as soon as possible. If you plan to participate as a pilot, please review the requirements, complete and sign the form below and return this to Paul or one of the officers at the next meeting.

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

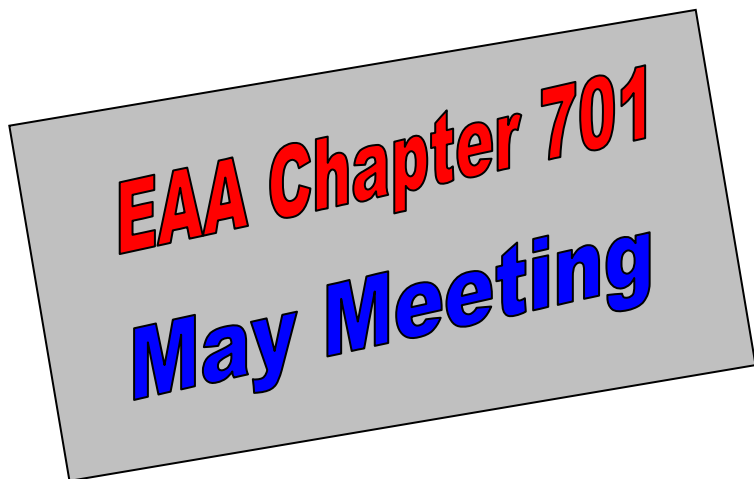
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Date:** May 16, 2008  
**Time:** 7:30PM  
**Place:** SRE Building @ Mansfield Airport (1B9)

**Featured Speaker:** Arlo Gambell of WSI (See page 3 for more info)