

Experimental Aircraft Association



Chapter 23



Salt Lake City, Utah

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Minutes of Last Meetings

11th January meeting was for our annual banquet, the speaker was Chief Warrant Officer Gary Wallin of the Utah National Guard.

Next Meeting

8th February meeting will be 7:00 pm at the CAP building, and will be a presentation by Marc Karpowich, an instructor in the Department of Engineering at Utah State University. The topic is the construction of a Wright Flyer replica.

Upcoming Events

On Saturday Feb 16th, starting at 9:00 am, the restoration project at Wendover will continue. Bring hammers and crowbars. Those flying in will get a discount on fuel, and lunch will be provided.

Articles

Presidents Message

As this is the first of many messages I am going to write, I thought I would say a little about my self. It will be an introduction.

I was born in Florida, and immediately my family started moving north. My father worked in the oil business, which took us across the country. We moved from Cheyenne, Wyoming to Salt Lake in 1962 where I graduated from East High School. For the most part I have lived in Utah, and also raised my family here. I was married 44 years, before my wife passed away from cancer last year. I have 3 children living in the Salt Lake valley.

I worked for the railroad for 34 years, started out as a mechanic on locomotives. Had a good time learning about them and fixing them. After eight years of fixing them the company promoted me into supervising the people who repair them.

In 1982 (the same year I received my pilot's license) the railroad started a technical training department and transferred me into it. I taught mechanics to troubleshoot and repair all the different makes and models of locomotives. I had a lot of fun doing that and traveled all over the system teaching. In 1999 they offered me an early out. I took it and started building airplanes.

In October of 1999 I started helping other airplane builders with their projects. Worked on a few hangers at Sky Park, which led into helping people with they're home builds. An RV6, Velocity RG, RV7a, RV8 and a couple of RV9a's. In 2006 I started my own RV9a. Had to build a shop to build in first. Those of you in the RV Builders Group know what the shop is like.

My 9a is just about ready for the FAA inspection. Can hardly wait to finish it and start flying.

I have enjoyed participating in EAA chapter 23, and making new friends. I'm looking forward to being the chapter's new president, and having a great time at it!

Bill Letcher

Classifieds (usually run for 2 newsletters)

February Ads

For Sale. \$6000 - Stits Playmate including Plans and Trailer. The tach shows over 2 hundred hrs. One good pair of wings and one bad pair of wings. You will have to install the good ones, the bad ones are on the plane now. This is a plans built plane so there are not any standard parts. There is some question about the Weight and Balance of the plane. I tried to weigh it and I couldn't figure it out. Then Danny Sorensen was looking at it for me and he found the cracks in the spar and I decided not to continue working on it. It has a Franklin 150 HP engine that Cory Bagley worked on and he said it is in good condition. No Logs. Call Scott Royall 856-8856.

Thanks, Scott

January Ads

None listed.

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