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CHAPTER MEETING

Jun 27, 1990 The 4th Weds 7:30pm @ Buchanan Terminal Building, Concord Airport. Bring chairs & wear your stinken-badges!

Your Newsletter editor is gone for the month of June. Glenn Werner (most likely Mrs. Glenn Werner) is producing this newsletter.

PROGRAM

This months speaker will be Don Bird from the SSDO office of the FAA. He certifies home built aircraft. We have seen the enemy and it is NOT him. He can help us with what to look for and look out for in our projects. This is one guy we'd like to make our friend. Looks like a good meeting for all.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25th MEETING

The meeting was called to order @ 7:30. The Minutes from the April meeting and the Treasurer's report were read and dis-approved by the General Membership. I guess your newsletter editor jumped the gun and reported on the success of the 99's Poker Rally & Treasure Hunt, when in fact it hadn't happen yet. So the minutes stand corrected.

Let it be said for Grace that even 4% counts for something. Our hats off to you for the outstanding effort and giving Sunne a run for her life!

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

Our May General Membership meeting started out with a full house, as usual. Our President, "Bondo-dust Pete" gave us a brief run down on current business. Gloria Martin reported on the club's bank account (we're rich), and went on to give the club a brief report on the success of the 99's Poker Rally & Treasure Hunt. Stub told us a little about the Gross Field EAA fly-in and how it was almost rained out, but it too was a great success with over 125 people attending. As expected, Norm Spitzer shared a little more with us about his recent engine failure over Pomdale and how great the Air Force treated both Norm and Jean. Then it was on to the inevitable "intro-session". Rich Powell elaborated on the Upcoming Cafe Race. Tom Hoffman, our desinated nav/aid watch dog, told us about the newest generation of Loran. Lyle Fowel reported a good experience with a local machinest, John Allen, who is set up behind Monument Auto Parts.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

(from the deputized editor)

"Why get Cirrus?"

My son and I were riding my bike to get some supper (since my wife was basking in the sun in Mexico) when I heard a strange sound from above. "Why I'll be! It's the Cirrus prototype!" I said to my four year old son, who sits on a specially modified, klunky-looking seat which is bolted to the cross bar of a rather sophisticated racing bike. The plane was turning right base for 32R. I thought he might just give a fellow builder a ride in the sub-stellar, slightly sub-sonic collection of subassemblies. So we pedaled . . . well I pedaled while the boy rode, down Concord Ave, under our latest bottleneck and over to the left side of the field to where the Cirrus sat ticking and dripping. I said to the pilot and builder and officer of Cirrus Inc., would Cirrus, Continued . . .

he consider giving a ride to a fellow pilot . . . who happened to be a fellow aircraft builder . . . who just happened to be the Vice President of the local EAA Chapter writing the monthly newsletter. He said simply, "I can't; I've got a meeting with Rick Lampert." I said Rick's a great guy, and he lives in his hangar, so he'll be there if you're a little late. Did I mention that I could give you a plug in the newsletter this month, and that there's more than a few guys in our club who may consider building a Cirrus. And wouldn't you just LOVE to get some positive ink?"

"Yeah, but . . ."

Well, the short of it is that I didn't get a ride in the Cirrus. Even after I pinched my son and told him my kid was crying 'cause

he was disappointed that he won't get a ride in the airplane. I just don't think these guys have a heart. It makes me wonder what their attitude will be when you - a builder of these plastic garden squashes that have been jammed into a pencil sharpener - have a problem and need their assistance?

Get Cirrious!

I remain your Vice President
"Just trying to help"

Glenn Werner

UPCOMING CHAPTER PROGRAMS

DUES ARE DUE

(What's that you say? Dues are always due?) Well, if your last name falls in the first half of the alphabet, then you can pay your dues now for 1990. And yes, we finally raised them to \$20 (a bargain at double the price).

The following may help determine if this includes you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP:

NOTAMS

New Applications for membership will be available at the next meeting. Take one and give it to your friend who has been thinking about joining EAA Local. We need the new blood (none of you like to write or anything). If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, and you don't have an application, give them Gloria's Telephone number below. She'll mail them an application.