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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board Meeting is April 4, at 7 PM. The next General Membership Meeting is March 28, at 7:30 PM.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This issue of the Tail Spinner marks a new beginning. Former Editor, Stephen Garner, took over the newsletter in difficult circumstances, added some shape and substance to it, edited it for a number of years, and even tried to maintain the position from afar after moving out of the area last year. In recent months, it has fallen to Sharon "She who does everything to keep us organized," to add putting out the newsletter to her regular duties as secretary among other organizational tasks.

Louis Beverly has now stepped forward and will formally take over the position of Editor in Chief of our publication. I honestly can't say enough in appreciation of anyone who is willing to cover this job. In good hands, the newsletter serves an essential mission in the chapter to keep us informed, hopefully involved, and certainly aware of the planned events, philosophical and community objectives, and cultural thrust of the chapter. The list of questions that Louis sent to Sharon and me when exploring the job revealed dedication, insight, and interest in seeing that the job was done right. Either that or he kept sending us questions in a fruitless attempt to stall the inevitable.

This is the chapter newsletter. It is "Ours". One person should not be expected to do it all alone. Let's have input and involvement. Louis has some great ideas, and the technical experience to carry them out....IF the rest of us show interest, provide support, and help make the newsletter as interesting as it should be to represent what we are as an extremely interesting group of people.

As may be noticed, I didn't get away unscathed. Part of the terms of agreement were that I would get back to doing a president's column again, after letting it lapse last year. So "blame it on Louis". And seriously, Thanks!

On a totally separate subject, much thanks is also due to John Flanagan for stepping forward and taking on the 100 hour inspection of the C-140. I don't know if people are aware of how many hours John has found himself involved in with ordering parts, rigging the new control cables, and rebuilding the carburetor as well as the rest of the work to essentially annual the airplane, most of it alone without any help. Kevin Polovic is over seeing the work as IA, and inspecting for sign off. This airplane was moved into a separate organization per EAA National, but it is still the "club airplane". Thanks, guys, for continuing to treat it as such.

We have a lot of talent, resources, and generosity in this chapter. Let's get involved and keep it growing.

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[Editor's note: I cannot add much more to Stephen's comments than to say everyone contributes to this organization in his or her way, and those of us who are new or newer to Chapter 533 have an obligation to take their turn in the fray. By editing the newsletter, I hope to help provide our readership with information and content that is useful and valued. There may be a few miscues and errors to start out, but we should get those smoothed out in short order. I am also planning some additional features to the newsletter that could provide a forum for the Chapter members to express themselves and further interact within this great pastime. So thanks in advance for your patience and support. Louis Beverly]

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT; BIRTHDAYS; NEW MEMBERS by Sharon Kaiser

[Editor's note: Sharon Kaiser's husband Hal suffered a major stroke on March 2nd. As we might expect, Sharon has been occupied with his health and well being. Therefore, the Secretary's Report will not be available this month. Everyone should look forward to her contributions in the near future. But more important, we should keep the Kaisers in our thoughts and prayers.]

BOARD SUMMARY: Meeting held March 7, 2007

Attending: Louis Beverly, John Flanagan, Brian Jones, Sharon Kaiser, Fred Marsh, and Stephen Thomas. The Treasurer's report was presented. Topics discussed via committee reports included the Nieuport project and the newsletter.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

We will combine this month's listing with April.

NIEUPORT 11 UPDATE

Work on the project occurs Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. Louis Beverly has offered to provide a loose-leaf logbook to collect the Nieuport's construction history.

EAA e-HOTLINE

The EAA e-Hotline subscriptions can be submitted at <https://secure.eaa.org/ehotline/subscribe.html>. Here are a few sample items of interest:

VOTE FOR THE GREATEST AVIATION MOVIE OF ALL TIME

Visit www.airventure.org/movie and vote for your choice of the best aviation movie of all time. The page will be open through May 2, 2007, with the overall top vote getter to be shown on the big screen at the Ford-Eclipse Fly-In Theater during the week of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007!

MICHIGAN AVIATION CAREER EXPO SCHEDULED IN MAY

The Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology will host its annual Aviation Career Expo May 8 at the Willow Run Airport in Belleville, Michigan. The event runs from 12-7 p.m. and is open to all ages. Organizers say more than 100 aviation companies will be there recruiting, as well as representatives from all military branches. For more information contact Amy at akienast@miat.edu.

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EAA 533 CHAPTER CALENDAR – Events normally held at the Chapter Clubhouse/Hanger

- Board Meeting: 1ST Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM
- Membership Meeting: 4TH Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM
- Nieuport 11 Project Meeting: Every Sunday at 9:00 AM unless there is a breakfast open to the public. It follows the Cook-it-yourself breakfast
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- Cessna 140 Group Committee Meeting: data not available
- Newsletter submission deadline: 2nd Wednesday of the month

2007 EVENTS (there are some dates and times yet to be nailed down.)

Vintage Car Show Breakfast – Sunday, June 10, 2007, 7 – 11 AM

Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast/Pig Roast/Fly Market – Sunday, June 17, 2007,
EAA 533 Hangar, Breakfast 7 – 11 AM, Pig Roast 12:30 PM

Pride Ride Breakfast – Date not confirmed, but is tied in with the 4th of July

Flying Start Program – Saturday, August 18, 2007, EAA 533 Hangar, Noon – 4 PM,
A seminar to promote aviation, open to the public with speakers, displays, FAA WINGS program, etc.

Old Engine Show Breakfast – Date to be announced

FROM THE RIGHT SEAT – a perspective from our ‘copilots’

Spouses, significant others, family, or friends of Chapter members are encouraged to submit their thoughts about this activity we love from their points of view.

[Editor’s note: This is one of the new features I would like to see as a permanent or periodic feature. The heading for this piece is a take off on the heading “The Left Seat” written by Jared Jones back in 2002.]

Until a couple of years ago, I knew practically nothing about airplanes except that they are man-made vehicles with wings that can fly. Oh yes, and of course...landing gear. Now most of you would be ashamed to admit waiting this long to fly for the first time but I never boarded one of these contraptions until I was in my early thirties. My first flight was on a commercial airliner. There was no time to think about my fear of flying because the exhilaration of flying up into the clouds at such quick speeds was excitingly overpowering. This and subsequent commercial flights were the limits of my exposure to aviation.

Since then, I have had the experience of flying a few times in a small airplane with my husband. That was even more exhilarating and, I might add, a lot more intimate. If you have not gathered already, I’m the Editor’s (Louis Beverly) Mrs. and since our acquaintance, I have been exposed to just about every kind of flying machine made by man. When you share your life with someone who can determine exactly the make, model, and style of an airplane or helicopter as it passes by in the sky (no matter how high or how fast it is traveling) you can’t help but claim some knowledge about the topic. Believe me, it’s all *VERY INTERESTING!*

For instance, I now know about most of the functioning parts of an airplane...not just its wings! You all know what they are so I will not bore you with that but name just a few that impressed me. Now most of you guys and gals already know this but I had no idea that airplanes had elevators! It makes sense though because it has something to do with the ability to move the “nose”...yes, I said nose and I don’t mean the one on my face...up and down! The term “fuselage” sounds really comforting. There’s something about feeling safe there or maybe because it is the only place that’s safe for me while flying. No wing walking for me! But the “cockpit”, now that’s another story for another time.

Happy Flying!

Cecil Beverly (a.k.a. Mrs. Louis Beverly)

P.S. – Are there other spouses out there who would like to testify??