

EAA Chapter 691 newsletter- October 2009

Upcoming meeting: The next meeting of EAA Chapter 691 will be held on October 15, 2009 and is being hosted by Will and Barbara Fox at their home.

The address is: 1985 Camino Redondo, Los Alamos, NM 87544

Directions: Turn right onto Diamond Drive and proceed 2.5 miles; Turn right onto San Ildefonso Rd. and proceed a half mile; Turn right onto Camino Redondo; 1985 Camino Redondo is on the right. You can recognize the house because there are two Patriot Missile Launcher turbo-alternator APUs in green transportainers on the north side of the house.

Social hour will begin at 6:30 pm with refreshments and snacks. The Chapter meeting will commence at 7:00 PM.

Tech Program notes and Message from Chapter President Jeff Scott

Thank you James Shinas for hosting the September meeting, Vice President Forrest Seale for running the meeting, and to Doug Reid for his tech presentation. I've heard that all went well and that the tech presentation was very interesting and well done. Thank you all for pitching in.

The October meeting is being hosted by Will and Barbara Fox at their home in Los Alamos. See directions above to get to their place. As always, we'll start with a social time at 6:30 PM, followed by the business meeting. This is a very important meeting to attend as we will be voting on the disposition of the Lycoming O-290 that was given to the chapter by the family of Arlene Walsh. Additionally, it is election time for the chapter officers.

Traditionally, very few have been willing to take on the responsibility of being an officer in the chapter. We have two officers that have been in office for a long time, have other responsibilities taking precedence in their lives and deserve to take a break. I am willing to serve another two years as president of the chapter. However, we need volunteers to take the positions of Vice-President and Treasurer. Think about whether you are willing to contribute to keep this EAA Chapter alive or not. If the elections follow the traditions of the past and nobody is willing to step forward to help operate the EAA chapter, then it is time for this chapter to cease to exist. I would like to believe that this EAA Chapter helps to make a difference in the quality of aircraft being built, the knowledge of the local pilot community, and a difference in the lives of the kids that get to fly with us as Young Eagles. I would like to see this chapter continue in its mission, but it can't happen without chapter officers. Think about it.

Following the business meeting, I'll give a talk about the KR Gathering held in Illinois that I attended in September. Will Fox may also have some comments for the tech program.

Jeff Scott, EAA Chapter 691 President

Last month's meeting: James Shinas hosted the September meeting and provided a welcome environment for a lively social gathering. Vice President Forrest Seale conducted the meeting and Treasurer Roger Smith reported that the balance in the chapter account was \$2476.63. Chapter secretary Skip Egdorf provided a reading of the minutes from last month's meeting. Issues discussed were: developing an action plan on assessing and refurbishing the Lycoming O-290 engine owned by the Chapter; and the requirement for an election of Chapter officers before the end of 2009.

Doug Reid gave an informative and thought provoking presentation on aircraft propellers and performance factors. Design factors such as tip shape, blade pitch, and component materials (metal, wood, composite) prompted good discussion among the members.

Member Activities and News: The **Copperstate** Fly In occurs this month in Casa Grande, AZ. A number of EAA chapter 691 members have expressed interest in attending. If you will be flying an aircraft to the gathering and have any available seats, please contact Jerry Langan via email or phone. We will try to coordinate airplanes and passengers to help all persons have an enjoyable time. So far we know Doug Baltzley and John Hawkins are looking for rides to Copperstate.

Our EAA chapter will be sponsoring a Young Eagles event at Santa Fe Airport on November 7, 2009. Chapter Vice President Forrest Seale is organizing the event and can use all the support we can muster. Planning for this event will take place at this month's meeting. Talk to Forrest at the meeting for more details or contact him via phone or email as listed at the end of the Newsletter.

Great news! Travis Peery has acquired another airplane following the off-field landing he experienced in Washington state in July. The new airplane is a Glasair Super II-S and Travis is pleased to note that the high quality of this airplane makes it a worthy successor to his Glasair I.

The Santa Fe Airshow was a success for 2009. Airshow chairman Rick Shore noted that volunteer participation was good and that audience response was very favorable. Thanks go to EAA 691 members Lloyd Hunt, James Shinas, and Bob Lennon for putting up an EAA chapter 691 exhibit booth on very short notice. Three potential new chapter members made contact during the Airshow at the EAA 691 booth! A couple of the terrific Airshow sponsors who deserve our patronage include: **The Pantry restaurant** on Cerrillos Road in Santa Fe (now serving dinner meals as well as breakfast and lunch); and **Airport Grill** in the main terminal building at Santa Fe Municipal Airport (serving breakfast and lunch).

The M Mountain Fly-In was held at Socorro Municipal Airport on September 26. EAA chapter 691 President Jeff Scott attended with his KR-2 following his cross-country journey to the KR gathering in Illinois. Ken Humphries was there with his sharp looking Bakeng Deuce (for sale – see classifieds below), and Jerry Langan flew in with Dave Allyn in Dave's Cessna 170A (also for sale – see classifieds below.) Julie Smith had her spotless T-6 on static display with a new authentic yellow New Mexico National Guard paint job. The skies were sunny and clear, the air was smooth, and the free pancakes were hot and tasty. Of note to pilots flying down that way, **Socorro Municipal Airport now has an active AWOS on frequency 118.325.**

David Roe experienced a bird strike last month in his RV-8 and wrote the following account:

Here are the pictures of the bird strike. There's not much to say about it. I was coming into Santa Fe and was blasting along pretty good at about 200 mph (ground speed) and had just made my initial call to the tower. I doubt that even a minute had gone by before the kamikaze bird came up from underneath and into my wing. I didn't have time to blink let alone maneuver and avoid. Things happen so fast in the air (duh!)





Initially I didn't see where it had hit due to the canopy skirt. I radioed the tower and let them know that I had just suffered a bird strike and thought that it was possible that it had struck my right landing gear. As luck would have it, there was an instructor on the taxi way (uhh, - yes - in an airplane). The tower asked if she wouldn't mind holding at the intersection taxi way while I made a low pass for a visual inspection from her vantage point. I had to maneuver to a different runway for the fly by, and in the middle of the maneuvering, I craned my neck a little and saw the blood and guts of the poor little feller on the wing. I had a moment of silence.

Once I saw that the strike was not with the landing gear, I radioed the tower and let them know that I wouldn't really need to do the fly by. The tower must have been a little bored or something because they kind of encouraged me to do it anyways. So I radioed back and said "..... what the heck, for fun and games? Why not?" It was fun.

Once back at the hangar I could see the damage was contained to the leading edge of the wing. It was just a dent. Another beauty mark. The plane is only new the first day.

So what could I have done? Nothing. Not a damn thing as far as I can see other than maybe not being at that place at that moment in time. I should have poked around the sky somewhere for a little longer before heading in. _hit happens.

A new feature for the chapter newsletter is a classified ads section. If you have an item that you'd like to sell or are in need of some parts, send an email to or call newsletter editor Jerry Langan and your ad will be included in the next newsletter.

Airplanes and Parts for sale and wanted

1949 Cessna 170A, 2639 TTAF, 450-SMOH, blue & silver paint, KX155, TSO, KT76A, PS ICO, great shape, great interior. NDH. Complete logs. \$37,000. Call Dave Allyn, (505) 474-8174.



1994 Bakeng Deuce. Excellent construction and condition, white paint with black seats. Lycoming O-320 H2AD 160 h.p., cruises 115-120 mph. Front cockpit improvements include Sigtronics intercom and removeable front step extension. \$28,000. Contact Ken Humphries at 505-832-2520 or email: biplaneranchusa@netzero.com.

1949 Cessna 170A - Hangared at KSAF. White and yellow paint with brown interior, very good condition. New wing skins and wing tips. Contact Steve Bunch via email: skylandair@yahoo.com.

Sonex kit with VW engine - fuselage complete and rolling on gear, engine mounted. In hangar at KSAF. Contact Steve Bunch via email: skylandair@yahoo.com.

FLYING EVENTS CALENDAR - 2009

Oct 9-11 – Santa Teresa, NM. Santa Teresa Airport (5T6). Land of Enchantment RV Fly In. The nation's premier "hassle-free, gentle pleasures" fly-in for RVs. It's all about rest, visiting with friends and relaxation. Friday: Arrive, socialize, look at RVs, Sunset Social on the Ramp. Saturday: Socialize, look at RVs, drinks 5pm, Banquet/Raffle 6pm. Website: <http://www.vansairforce.net/loe/loervfi.htm>.

Oct 17-18: Ruidoso, NM. Sierra Blanca Regional Airport (KSRR). **Ruidoso Mountain High Fly In.** Weekend of high flying fun and adventure for young and old. Raptor F-22 and German Air Force Tornado on display, High Sky Wing Commemorative Air Force with World War II T-6 Texan providing flights for the public, flour bombing target contest, aircraft judging, High and Low Speed Cross Country Air Race, Spot Landing Competition and Young Eagles Flights for Kids. For more info, call Dieter Gerthe 575-336-8111. Website: <http://www.ruidoso.net/flyin>.

Oct 17 – Los Lunas, NM. Mid Valley Airpark (E98). EAA Chapter 530 Young Eagle Rally. Event begins at 7:00 AM and concludes at 1:00 PM. Pancake breakfast and burger burn will be held. Contact Doug Warwick at (505) 866-6505 or visit the Chapter website at <http://eaa530.org>.

Oct 22 - 24 — Casa Grande, AZ. Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ). COPPERSTATE Fly-In. The Southwest's Premier Aviation Event. Contact Michael Still, 602-690-3181. Website: <http://www.copperstate.org>.

Oct 24 — Santa Fe, NM. Santa Fe Municipal Airport (SAF). Star Aero Club Fly-in Breakfast. Star Aero Club monthly fly-in breakfast.. Contact Michael Gibbs via Star Aero website. Website address: <http://members.cox.net/staraero/upcoming.html>.

Nov 7 – Santa Fe, NM. EAA chapter 691 Young Eagles event. Contact Forrest Seale at (505) 661-5908 or email at forrest@losalamos.com

Dec 19 — Tucson, AZ. Ryan Field (RYN). Star Aero Club Fly-in Breakfast. Star Aero Club monthly fly-in breakfast.. Contact Michael Gibbs via Star Aero website. Website address: <http://members.cox.net/staraero/upcoming.html>.

Events for 2010

April 13-18, 2010 – Lakeland, FL. Lakeland Linder Regional Airport (LAL). Sun n' Fun Fly-In. Website address: www.Sun-N-Fun.org

May 15, 2010 – EAA first International Learn to Fly Day

June 12-13, 2010 - St. Francis, KS. Cheyenne County Airport (SYF). Annual Stearman Fly In. Website: <http://www.stearmanflyin.org>.

July 26-August 1, 2010: Oshkosh, WI. Wittman Regional Airport (OSH). EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Website: www.AirVenture.org.

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