



EAA Chapter 919 Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE!

EAA Chapter 919 Monthly Meeting. 04-20-2007 at 7:00 PM at Rushford Airport (55Y).

* = 2007 Paid
* = 2008 Paid
Membership
(\$15.00 annually)

FAA PRIVATE PILOT QUESTION OF THE MONTH....

Which V-Speed represents maneuvering speed?

- 1> V_{LO}
- 2> V_A
- 3> V_{NE}

*** Special Note ***

The April program will be the movie, "16 Left". Don't miss it!

- Richard Adank *
- Dan Bass *
- Allen & Patty Berg *
- Steve & Kathy Buswell **
- Roger & Jean Braatz
- Russ & Denise Braatz
- Susan & Robert Briggs
- Garey & JoAnn Cosentino *
- Kevin Daniels *
- Donald Dutka *
- Doug Egeland *
- Ken & Arlene Erding
- Merle & Bette Evenson
- Al Farner Earl Farmer *
- Lowell Finseth *
- Fred Gleiter *
- Jim & Groebner *
- Bob Hawk *
- Fritz Husser *
- Jim & Wanda Irvine
- Mike Kearns *
- Walt & Jan Kelly *
- Bernard Kriesel *
- Thomas Lee *
- Russ & Helen Marsolek *
- Denny & Karen Mills *
- Dave & Roxie McCorquodale **
- Dick & Linda O'Connor *
- Rob Ossell *
- Tom & Marilyn Owen *
- Terry & Joyce Peterson *
- Chris Shoaff *
- Martin Stickney
- Carl Swanson *
- Max & Carol Tentis *
- Mike & Barb Thern *
- Suzi & Bill Vietti *
- Al and Lisa Wiebke
- Larry Ziemer *

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P47D Thunderbolt

Private Pilot test correct answer is #2 (VA).

			
Date	Description	City	State
04/15/07	U Of Dubuque Fly-In	Dubuque	IA
04/23/07	New Richmond Fly-In	New Richmond	WI
05/05/07	Tulip Time Flight Breakfast	Pella	IA
05/19/07	La Crosse Air Show	La Crosse	WI
05/19/07	Armed Forces Fly-In	Alexandria	MN
05/19/07	Beloit Pancake Fly-In	Beloit	WI
05/19/07	Blaine Aviation Weekend	Blaine	MN
06/03/07	Dodge County Open House	Juneau	WI
06/08/07	Southern WI Airfest	Janesville	WI
06/09/07	Chapter 551 Bean & Brat Fly-In	Clear Lake	MN
06/15/07	Madden's Fly-In	Brainerd	MN
06/17/07	Father's Day Fly-In	Grand Rapids	MN
06/23/07	New Richmond Air Show	New Richmond	WI
07/01/07	Friends of "8 Charlie 4" Fly-In	Tipton	IA
07/01/07	Winona Annual Fly-In	Winona	MN
07/22/07	Fillmore County Fly-In	Preston	MN
07/23/07	Air Venture	Oshkosh	WI
08/05/07	Charity BBQ Fly-In	Chetek	WI
08/05/07	Hiawatha Valley Fly-In	Red Wing	MN
08/05/07	Charity BBQ Fly-In	Chetek	WI
08/12/07	MSPA Pig Roast & Fly-In	Lino Lakes	MN
08/18/07	Fly-In Pot Luck	Danville	IA
08/19/07	EAA 368 Fly-In	Monona	IA
08/25/07	Abel Island Fly-In	Guttenberg	IA
08/25/07	Brat & Sweet Corn Fly-In	Glencoe	MN
09/08/07	Worthington Pancake Fly-In	Worthington	MN
10/14/07	Pancake Breakfast & Poker Run Fly-In	Palmyra	WI

ROCKY FLIGHT

The first two months of 2007 found me leaving Iowa to fly among the rocks two hours west of Phoenix Arizona. Others traded their winter rockers for their PPCs and came to fly with me – “MN Jim” Irvine from Dexter, “PA Jim” Hoopes from Ulysses, Oskaloosa IA’s Gary Kelderman, and others from OK, CO, WA, OR, and 2 local farmers from Yuma AZ. The Desert Gold RV Resort (<http://www.grapevine7.com/desertgold.htm> 800-927-2101) in Brenda AZ graded a slightly rocky but nice airstrip for us, and is paving a longer, nicer one for next year.

We had “Rocky Mountain highs” “commuting” 16 miles to and from Quartzsite over 1500’ AGL Plamosa mountains. Over one million people in thousands of RVs and motor-homes bor-ingly camped in the BLM desert waved excitedly as they headed to town for the Rock & Gem, RV & Recreation, and Classic Car Shows. Two 2600’ AGL mesas, irrigated farmland, glimpses of mountain goat rams behind our RV park, rock formations, and Indian intaglios geoglyphs (“best viewed from 400 feet up” per a brochure) were frequent flight destinations. Many times we’d stop at one of 2 other runways or simply land in the desert to ‘drain the radiators’ after too much morning coffee.

One evening, I went for a little spin, climbing to 2500’ AGL quickly in the dry Arizona air. But after a few minutes, some relatively nasty breezes popped up making me rock n’ roll. I decided 5 days in a row was enough flying anyway and decided to land early, dropping the throttle to idle.

PLOP – a rock slightly smaller than a golf ball dropped in my lap! I looked quickly around, trying to determine who was throwing rocks. BUT I was still at 2200 feet, nobody else was flying, and not even Rocky Balboa could throw a rock that high.

Then “it hit me”(pun intended.) My canopy naturally came forward as the PPC descended, and the trapped rock simply rolled out the front and fell in my lap. It was an aviation first for me after 23 flights totaling 27.12 hours in 56 days here in Arizona. See photos at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/generaldc mills/>

PPC pilots have been accused of having rocks for brains by those who don’t realize how safe PPCs really are. Some aviator “wannabes” say they just don’t have the rocks to fly a PPC.

Go eat some rocky road ice cream while humming the theme from the movie *Rocky*. Then rock on, fellow pilots!

“The General” Denny Mills, Cedar Falls, Iowa

(The photos from Denny are on the next page)

ROCKY FLIGHT PHOTOS 2007



*** **Note from the editor.** The day that Denny sent me his story was the same day that all of us in Winona had our first “Minnesota Blizzard” in years! 30” of snow, high winds etc. This location in Arizona looked very inviting then! Denny and his wife Karen are members of EAA Chapter 919 and live in Cedar Falls Iowa. Joining them in AZ was EAA Chapter 919 member Jim and Wanda Irvine from Dexter MN. ***

CHILI FEED



If anyone in our little chapter needed proof that there really is a God, it came last Saturday in the form of the Chili Feed Fly-in. The event exceeded even our wildest expectations. Recall last year when we had three batches of chili and we ran out? We had to make a run to town for some factory made chili. We weren't going to let that happen again. So in our planning session I suggested that we should have at least four batches of chili. As luck would have it some others apparently didn't agree with me because on the day of the fly-in we had before us in the kitchen eight batches of chili. Some of us chuckled about the fact that we over-killed for the event but consoled ourselves with the knowledge that we could take the excess chili home and freeze it for another day. Well, it didn't exactly turn out that way.

Around 10:30 of that fateful day the planes started coming and they just didn't let up. Russ was doing the counting while taking pictures of the arrivals and has pictures of about 50 planes. Another person mentioned that at one time there were 39 planes parked in front of the FBO. We ran out of parking spaces for planes and we ran out of chili and everyone had a great time. Barb Thern had to make two trips to town; once for more spoons and another time for more factory made chili to keep our pilots and passengers happy. In the process we received and little over \$400 in donations. Talk about a win-win situation.

What great people we have in our chapter. I was supposed to be in charge of the event but other than making a couple of calls to folks to see if they were going to bring chili and picking up some supplies at the grocery store I did very little. Everyone just jumped right in and did their share. Chapter members were very generous with their contributions of chili, bars, fudge, cake, etc. Special thanks should be given to some who did more than their share. The kitchen crew consisting of Jean Braatz, Marilyn Owen, Helen Marsolek and Barb Thern kept thing going inside the FBO. On the outside Max Tentis did a great of directing traffic out at the end of the runway while Russ Marsolek and Mike Thern made sure the planes got parked safely. I hope I didn't miss anyone. And, thanks to every chapter member who contributed or helped out in any way.



Tom Lee





More photos from the EAA 919 Annual Chili Feed held on March 17th, 2007 at the Rushford MN Airport (55Y). Over 55 aircraft flew to this event!

