



EAA Chapter 919 Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE!

July 2007

EAA Chapter 919 Monthly
Meeting. 07-20-2007 at 7:00 PM at
Rushford Airport (55Y)

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

FAA PRIVATE PILOT QUESTION OF THE MONTH....

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 Farmer Earl Farmer *
Lowell Finseth *
Fred Gleiter *
Jim & Groebner *
Bob Hawk *
Fritz Husser *
Jim & Wanda Irvine
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 *

No person may use an ATC transponder unless it has been tested and inspected within at least the preceding

- 1> 24 calendar months.
- 2> 6 calendar months.
- 3> 12 calendar months.



Cessna 170

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Private Pilot test correct answer is #1 (24 calendar months.).

Root Beer Floats and Flying?

On June 5th I had the pleasure of taking a friend of mine, Lori, up for a flight in the Challenger. Lori and her husband have both flown with

me in PPC's but this was her first time up with me in a "fixed-wing". So off we go...from Winona MN (ONA) to Rushford MN (55Y).



It was a bit cool in the air but we both were dressed properly for the "almost" open cockpit, 42 mile round trip flight. First land mark along the way was over Stockton, where Lori's parents live. Second stop? Over my place of work where I saw my crew having dinner from a grill (excellent bratwurst!). Then on to Rushford Air-

port.

On approach the FBO, Mike Thern asked me if I was in the mood for a Root Beer Float to which I replied "only if he would make two as I had a passenger". And then out of the blue came another voice that said to "make it three". It seemed Lowell, flying his Champ was just 5 miles out too!

So Lowell, Mike, Lori, and I enjoyed a great hour of conversation along with a wonderful Root Beer Float. Where but at this neat little air-



port called Rushford Municipal Airport would you ever get an FBO say to "drop in and join me for a float"? This is just one of many reasons why '55Y' is so popular. The friendliness of Mike is second-to-none. He is truly a wonderful FBO!

So if you are flying around SE Minnesota, and on 122.900 Mhz....give Rushford Unicom a call. You might just get an invite too for a nice, refreshing, foamy float! And tell them "Russ sent you"!



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FLY IN



DRIVE IN

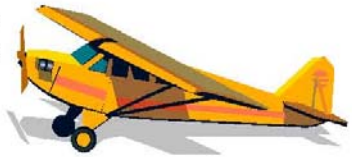
BREAKFAST

RUSHFORD MN AIRPORT

5 Miles west of Rushford MN on Highway 30. Top of the hill, follow airport sign to the south 1/4 mile.



PUBLIC WELCOME



French Toast, Sausage, Orange Juice,
Coffee

Breakfast served from 7:00 AM—12:00 Noon
Root Beer Floats in the afternoon!

Saturday

July 21st 2007

Rushford Municipal Airport (55Y) Runways 16 & 34 Unicom 122.900 Mhz.

Come and join us during the Fly-In. And take in the sights and sounds of
“Rushford Days” too! Hope to see you!

GPS Coordinates

43° 48.9495'N 091° 49.8057'W

Below is an article written by Rick Reilly of Sports Illustrated. He details his experiences when given the opportunity to fly in a F-14 Tomcat. If you aren't laughing out loud by the time you get to "Milk Duds," your sense of humor is seriously broken.

"Now this message is for America's most famous athletes:

Someday you may be invited to fly in the back-seat of one of your country's most powerful fighter jets. Many of you already have . John Elway, John Stockton, Tiger Woods to name a few If you get this opportunity, let me urge you, with the greatest sincerity...

Move to Guam.

Change your name.

Fake your own death!

Whatever you do .

Do Not Go!!!

I know.

The U.S. Navy invited me to try it. I was thrilled. I was pumped. I was toast! I should've known when they told me my pilot would be Chip (Biff) King of Fighter Squadron 213 at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach.

Whatever you're thinking a Top Gun named Chip (Biff) King looks like, triple it. He's about six-foot, tan, ice-blue eyes, wavy surfer hair, finger-crippling handshake -- the kind of man who wrestles dyspeptic alligators in his leisure time. If you see this man, run the other way. Fast.

Biff King was born to fly. His father, Jack King, was for years the voice of NASA missions. ("T-minus 15 seconds and counting ..." Remember?) Chip would charge neighborhood kids a quarter each to hear his dad. Jack would wake up from naps surrounded by nine-year-olds waiting for him to say, "We have a lift-off"

Biff was to fly me in an F-14D Tomcat, a ridiculously powerful \$60 million weapon with nearly as much thrust as weight. Not unlike Colin Montgomerie, I was worried about getting airsick, so the night before the flight I asked Biff if there was something I should eat the next morning.

"Bananas," he said.

"For the potassium?" I asked.

"No," Biff said, "because they taste about the same coming up as they do going down."

The next morning, out on the tarmac, I had on my flight suit with my name sewn over the left breast. (No call sign -- like Crash or Sticky or Leadfoot . But, still, very cool.) I carried my helmet in the crook of my arm, as Biff had instructed. If ever in my life I had a chance to nail Nicole Kidman, this was it.

A fighter pilot named Psycho gave me a safety briefing and then fastened me into my ejection seat, which, when employed, would "egress" me out of the plane at such a velocity that I would be immediately knocked unconscious

Just as I was thinking about aborting the flight, the canopy closed over me, and Biff gave the ground crew a thumbs-up. In minutes we were firing nose up at 600 mph. We leveled out and then canopy-rolled over another F-14.

Those 20 minutes were the rush of my life. Unfortunately, the ride lasted 80. It was like being on the roller coaster at Six Flags Over Hell. Only without rails. We did barrel rolls, snap rolls, loops, yanks and banks. We dived, rose and dived again, sometimes with a vertical velocity of 10,000 feet per minute. We chased another F-14, and it chased us.

We broke the speed of sound. Sea was sky and sky was sea. Flying at 200 feet we did 90-degree turns at 550 mph, creating a G force of 6.5, which is to say I felt as if 6.5 times my body weight was smashing against me, thereby approximating life as Mrs. Colin Montgomerie.

And I egressed the bananas.

And I egressed the pizza from the night before.

And the lunch before that.

I egressed a box of Milk Duds from the sixth grade.

I made Linda Blair look polite. Because of the G's, I was egressing stuff that never thought would be egressed.

I went through not one airsick bag, but two.

Biff said I passed out. Twice. I was coated in sweat. At one point, as we were coming in upside down in a banked curve on a mock bombing target and the G's were flattening me like a tortilla and I was in and out of consciousness, I realized I was the first person in history to throw down.

I used to know 'cool'. Cool was Elway throwing a touchdown pass, or Norman making a five-iron bite. But now I really know 'cool'. Cool is guys like Biff, men with cast-iron stomachs and freon nerves. I wouldn't go up there again for Derek Jeter's black book, but I'm glad Biff does every day, and for less a year than a rookie reliever makes in a home stand.

A week later, when the spins finally stopped, Biff called. He said he and the fighters had the perfect call sign for me. Said he'd send it on a patch for my flight suit.

What is it? I asked.

"Two Bags."



Dryden Flight Research Center EC86 33491-09 Photographed 1986
F-14 VSTFE Glove 1



EAA 919 has a Yahoo Users Group!

Welcome to the EAA 919 group at Yahoo! Groups.

You're set to connect with your group, so drop by soon. Be sure to check out all the simple (and free) ways to communicate, share, and discover:

- * You choose when and how to stay in touch
- * Swap photos, files, polls, calendars, links, and more with members
- * Quickly scan new postings and browse detailed message archives
- * Plus enjoy many more ways to show and tell - 24/7

So get started. Visit eaa919 now.

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Regards,
Moderator
eaa919

**Don't forget...2 great
Fly-Ins coming soon!**

4th of July in Winona

MN (ONA)!

21st of July in

Rushford MN (55Y)!

