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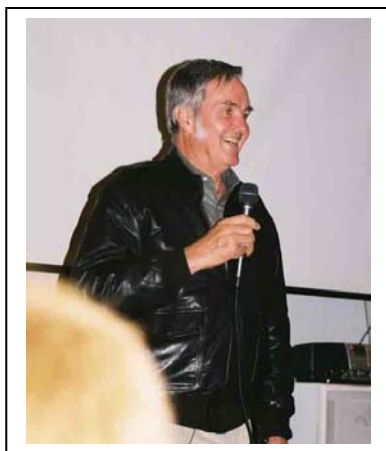
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Meeting Notice

Calendar & Events

The November meeting will be at **the Moontown Pilots Lounge Tuesday the 16th and the Breakfast is Saturday the 20th.**

Hi Folks, Well the election is over. What a ride! Now we can get on with life again. We had the honor of sponsoring Burt Rutan while he took some R&R here in Huntsville. We helped get him a few Von Braun rocket scientists and about 250 local folks together at the Space and Rocket Center. Then we had the honor of having Burt visit much of the day and evening with us and about 300 other folks at Moontown International (a small space port for a day). Notes on that follow further on.



As we went through the National election I was surprised at the media biases. Well this is the media for our

chapter and it is biased as well, but not for the national slots, but rather our chapter's slots. As you know I am not an elected President, but rather the guy that just picked up the task. I knew I was not going to be here much and in fact made 2 meetings out of the year – next year I will be here even less – spending a month or two at sea. George Myer, Wayne and Jim conducted the meetings this year and I deeply appreciate that. We have not had an opportunity to put the BOD together in a meeting this year either. None the less, the chapter continues to operate – but not grow. We have actually added members and e-mail subscriptions to the NL, grew the fly-in and each monthly fly-in and most indicators of growth can be stuck on our logo, but in fact we are not focused. We (past members) have either built planes, flown YEs, worked the fly-ins and breakfasts, contributed to discussions of issues National EAA, acted as Flight Advisors, or Tech Counselors, and so forth. All this work has resulted in many new opportunities for those who want to fly, those that want to build, or those who want to participate in some fashion and we have offered each person an opportunity to contribute

Near Term Events – Courtesy of Southern Aviator, Contributors and EAA

11/13 Pell City, AL

Chapter 1320 Breakfast Fly In, St. Clair County PLR Contact Information: Terry Capps 205-338-9456 Email Address: breezyflyer@coosahs.net Website:

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11/5- 11/6 Ozark, Alabama -- Curtis Pitts Fly-In.

Web: www.CurtisPittsFlyIn.com

12/11 - Pell City, AL

Chapter 1320 Breakfast Fly In, St. Clair County PLR

Regularly scheduled events follow

in the future of aviation. Indeed the level of sport aircraft activity in the Valley has grown significantly. Each of you should know that a major reason for that is the added opportunities that the EAA has afforded through legislation, coordination, exposure, and communication. Each of you whether you are a Warbird driver, UL driver, Experimenter, auto fuel user, or Sport Aircraft driver, must reflect on this grand accomplishment.

But these gifts haven't just dropped in your lap without lots of work. It is not the job of the EAA to serve your desires specifically, but rather those of the entire aviation community. They in-turn depend on the chapters for guidance and support from the members. Without the chapters, the EAA would be without any constituency,

or method for outflowing the advantages gained.

The Chapters are not just a gaggle of aviation enthusiasts. They should have a goal or aspiration. We are becoming more of a gaggle than an organization, and that is due in part to the incredible amount of time we all work, and the large number of hours spent on projects, and many other commitments. None of us have much time! This year we need some people to reexamine our goals with respect to aviation and **join in the leadership of this chapter.** We need a full suite of officers. Some of the current officers move the BOD this year, so they don't walk away and leave the new crew without support. We have a responsibility to shepherd the monies we have accrued through the last 13 years of breakfasts and fly-ins so that it benefits the chapter, the air field we use, and the community we draw from. We have a responsibility to continue to provide for the area aviation community with resources for growth and a venue for gathering. All of that takes work. Either a lot from a few, or a little from many. We have been blessed in that we have pretty good volunteerism from our 30 members, probably about 40 percent contribute a few hours a month in officer positions, appointed functions such as membership, or breakfast operations, fly-in operations or project meetings. But there are many of our members that simply attend and do not provide any support.

I want to draw YOU into the leadership of the club. We do need a President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Breakfast coordinator, fly-in

director membership chairman, newsletter editor and other positions throughout the year.

Make a point to come to this meeting, join for next year and volunteer for a position. The current officers are at the top of the newsletter, they all need to roll this year. These positions take a few hours a month – no more, and the resulting activities are really fun. If you step up and take a position, you will have plenty of help.
..Jon

Minutes of October

The president called the October meeting to order at 7 PM at the Moontown FBO lounge. Topics discussed were the election of officers in November for next year, the considerations for changing the date of our annual fly-in, scholarships for the Space and Rocket Center Aviation Challenge or the EAA Air Academy, and Moontown support projects. November is the election month, and he will be calling members to solicit volunteers for the officer positions as well as breakfast preparations which include set up, supply purchasing, coordination/management, cooking teams, and clean-up. In addition he volunteered to prepare a new membership directory for next year

A move was made to approve \$400 in expenditures for the support of Burt Rutan's visit to Moontown on October 23, 2004. These funds were approved for the rental of 200 chairs and the purchase of snack food for the evening.

Burt and Tonya Visit Moontown

Burt's visit went off very well with over 300 in attendance.

Mr. Rutan arrived shortly after 5 PM and was engaged in informal discussions, signing autographs, picture taking and enjoying the snacks. At 7 PM he began his presentation of work and accomplishments on SpaceShipOne and showed DVD's of the test launch and the two \$10 million dollar prize winning flights. This was followed by a one hour question/answer session which was completed at approximately 10 PM. Special thanks goes to Mr. Rutan for



Eat your heart out! I also have Burt's autograph on a picture of SpaceShipOne and my grandson has Burt's autograph on his football.

honoring EAA 190 and Moontown Airport with his presence and superb presentation. It is noted that the night before, Mr. Rutan made a similar presentation to 250 honored guests at the Space and Rocket Center. There he was recognized by still living members of Dr. Wernher Von Braun's Rocket Team for his technical expertise, vision, and leadership equal to that of Dr. Wernher Von Braun.)

Appreciation is also given to the EAA 190 and Moontown volunteers who helped support Mr. Rutan's visit which included preparing

George's hangar, preparing the food/refreshment table, parking cars, and cleanup.
..Jim

Regular events

1st Saturday:
Lawrenceville, GA. (LZU) Ch 690

Winchester Municipal, TN. (BGF)
Ch 699
2nd Saturday:
McMinnville, Tenn. (RNC)
Murfreesboro, TN (MBT) Ch 419
Rome, GA. (RMG) Ch 709
3rd Saturday:
Chattanooga, TN (3M3) Ch 150
Covington, GA (9A1) Ch 1025

Dawson, GA (16J) Ch 354
Moontown Airport (3M5) Ch 190
4th Saturday:
Kennesaw, GA (RYY) Ch 268
Dayton, TN (2AO), CAP
Memphis, TN (M01)
Russellville, AL (M22)
Shelbyville, TN 7-11AM

It's the EAA 190 Breakfast. 20th of October 2004 at Moontown International (3M5). Please join us and if you are a member check with Mike Wesley for an opportunity to help!

Many of you may not know it, but George made an emergency landing in a field near Scottsboro as a result of a total engine failure on the way to Rome. As you would expect, he made all the right decisions and slid the bird into a field with almost no damage to the plane (excepting the prop). We are very happy for his safe arrival – it could have been nasty. Below are a couple of pictures of the plane and the visit by Burt Rutan.

The pictures of the plane kind of remind me of the adage that there are those that have landed gear up and those that will. George decided to claim the engine out and the gear up at the same time. Of course you know that the gear on the YAK is extended far enough when it is up, to allow the plane to roll on the ground with the gear up ala Bellanca, Unfortunately, the prop is a little long for that mode



of operation, but it self adjusted. The gear up landing kept the plane from nosing into the soft field and flipping – good head work George.

The mode of failure is not yet



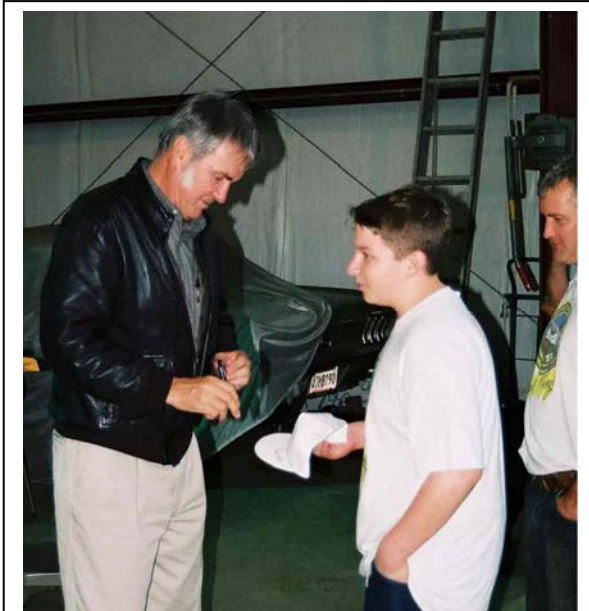
understood. Perhaps a broken crank shaft. Power went to zero, engine stopped but prop did not.



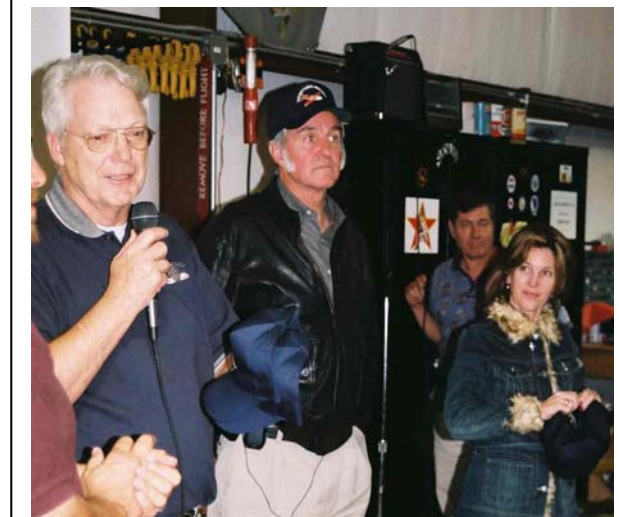
Wil Good (a composite builder) makes a funny with Burt

The chapter had a great time with Burt in George's hangar in the rain. With the door open about 3/4 of the way, the rain ran off it like a roof extension making room for about 50 folks.

Perhaps we can get Richard VanGrunsven to come visit. We have had Mike Lohle and other kit suppliers. Mr. RV would be proud of the Valley builders. By the way, Dave Edgemon and Ed Seigler are flying their Red and White RVs. What beautiful birds. Congratulations to both of you!



Jimmy Holt (one great photographer for our chapter) gets that signature.



George introduces Burt and Tonya to the crowd of over 300.