



EAA Chapter 827
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Presidents Column

We had a great day in Patten on Saturday. We didn't get overwhelmed by kids as I thought we might, but there were enough to keep everyone as busy as we wanted to be. In all, 58 kids got an airplane ride, most of them for the first time. Allen Tubbs brought Michelle in the Champ and she served as ground crew for him and for Jim McCurdy who had his 150. Doug Kell brought Dennis Bradley as ground crew for the Cougar. All Jenkins came along with Jim Jordan and George Patterson with me in our 172's. Paul Griffin came with a friend in his Maule and they did preflight briefings for the kids, relieving pilots of that duty. The Morses were great hosts, pilots and ground crew could not buy anything to eat or drink all day and those of us who stayed to the end were treated to a steak supper in the hangar. For everyone who participated, many thanks!

An interesting sidelight happened the following afternoon. Norma and I stopped at a rest stop at Port Jervis on the NY-PA border on our way to Chatanooga. I chanced to notice a truck with Patten Maine on the door and the driver was just climbing down. I asked him if he was from Patten and he said he was. I told him I was just up there yesterday giving airplane rides to kids. He said he thought I looked familiar. One of us gave his son a ride! He expressed his appreciation to all of us and I wanted to pass it on.

Last week I got another gallon of paint and was able to do about 80% of the meeting room floor, all but the small portion that "stuff" is stored on. Had some paint left over so put a second coat on the kitchen floor. Ran out about four feet from the back door, but got most of it, which was badly needed. And for those who know the story, I used a four inch brush this time. It went a lot better!

Early in the week I got an e-mail from the president of the EAA Chapter in Apex, NC, near Raleigh. He and his wife are coming up so that she can attend a five day course being put on in Bar Harbor, Aug 25-29. He writes for the EAA publications and would like to do a story on the grass fields in coastal and eastern Maine. He asked me if I would be willing to ride around with him in his '52 Cessna 170 and visit those airports. I told him I would probably be too busy. Yeah, right!

Sorry I can't be a part of the festivities at Millers this weekend. Many of the folks in the business of growing and selling Christmas trees are gathering in Chattanooga for a four day Convention. Norma and I will be in the car Saturday morning for the two day ride home.

Jim Corliss

Monthly Chapter Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

Chapter Meeting - This month's fly-in at Miller's Field will take the place of our monthly meeting. The Fly-In will be held both Saturday and Sunday the 15th and 16th.

Wagabond Builder's Group - Most Wednesdays nights from 6:00 to approximately 9:30. Call Don Hansen for more info.

Millers Fly-In:

Don't forget that week coming weekend is the fly-in at Miller's field. Our chapter is supplying the breakfast and lunches on both days as well as helping out with other tasks on an as needed basis. If you have any time this weekend to come down and help out your assistance would be most appreciated. Please keep in mind that the event is both Saturday and Sunday so we'll welcome any/all volunteers on both days.

Tim Letourneau is helping to coordinate all of the efforts of the volunteers during the event. Please contact him for any questions.

Young Eagles:

By all accounts the Young Eagles event in Patten was a terrific success with nearly 60 kids flown. The weather was great and the entire event seemed to go off without a hitch. Thanks to all who came out to lend a hand in some way. A good showing all around.

Club House Progress Report:

Progress continues on the club house. Despite a call for a workday on the Monday after our last monthly meeting, there really weren't enough of us to do much good. Still, progress continues with some fresh paint on the floors, and some insulation and paneling on the walls. The ceiling fans were being installed and the appliances were being moved into a nearly completed kitchen. It is still going to take some good workdays to complete but at least we're starting to see the fruits of our labors.



The Airbus A380 at Oshkosh 2009

Aviation Flea Market / Fly-In

Sponsored By EAA Chapter 827

August 15 & 16 , 2009

Miller's Field....Newburgh , Maine

Clean out that hanger , shop , garage .

Aircraft Parts , Instruments , Manuals ,

Pilot Supplies , and Memorabilia

Buy ...Sell...Trade

Rain or shineSet up in the hangers if poor weather...

Fly In or Drive....

Camping permitted on the field

Breakfast & lunch served

Millers Field is 2400' of rough rolling grass with good approaches ...No problem for the experienced pilot

Runway : 18-36 ...Unicom : 122.80

Location : N 44 45.09 / W 068 58.97

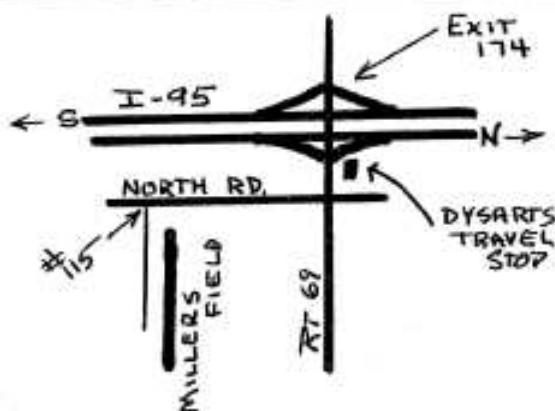
Contact : John Miller 207-234-2777 or 207-356-9313 for info & field conditions ...

Computer ...Go to : vintagewings-millersfield.com and click on Millers Field Info

For Safety : Dogs must be on a leash

: No unattended young children

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**Pictures from the Young Eagles Day in Patten
August 8th 2009**



In the News ...

EAA Oshkosh 2009: "One of the Best Ever"—EAA's Tom Poberezny

(from: Flying eNesletter)

EAA Chairman and President Tom Poberezny admitted it strains credibility to keep saying, time after time, that this AirVenture tops them all. "But," he said, "I'm going to say it this year—AirVenture 2009 was the best ever. It's difficult to imagine a week that matched the highlights, enthusiasm and passion for aviation that we saw this year at Oshkosh." With close to \$4 million spent to update and renovate the show site, the money and effort paid off. Attendance was up 12% compared with last year, totaling 578,000 this year. More than 10,000 aircraft flew in, either to Wittman Field in Oshkosh or to the overflow airports in Fond du Lac and Appleton, Wisconsin. Of those airplanes, 2,652 were on display as show planes—1,023 homebuilts, 1,007 vintage, 355 warbirds, 116 ultralights, 99 seaplanes, 36 aerobatic airplanes and 16 rotorcraft—including the sole surviving example of a Pitcairn PA-18 Autogiro. There were also 750 exhibitors on the grounds (30 more than 2008), including Aircraft Spruce and Specialty, which sponsored one of the four massive exhibit halls. Jim Irwin, company president, said the showing at this year's AirVenture was a pleasant surprise, with more customers and more products sold than any previous year at Oshkosh.

FAA Changes Stance on Disciplining Controllers

(from: Flying eNesletter)

New FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt has a fresh view on how to handle controllers responsible for "operational errors." These events are defined as when proper distance between aircraft is not maintained. Previously, the controller on duty had his or her name included in the report and was automatically removed from their position. Under the new rules, said Babbitt, "We're moving away from a culture of blame and punishment." Controllers will still be held accountable, he assures, and necessary training and disciplinary action may still result. The event will also be recorded on the controller's record. But effective immediately, controllers will not be automatically removed from their positions after an operational error (unless necessary); and it is hoped that removing the controllers' names from the incident report will lead to better communication with the "front-line" people and help eliminate the core cause of the errors.

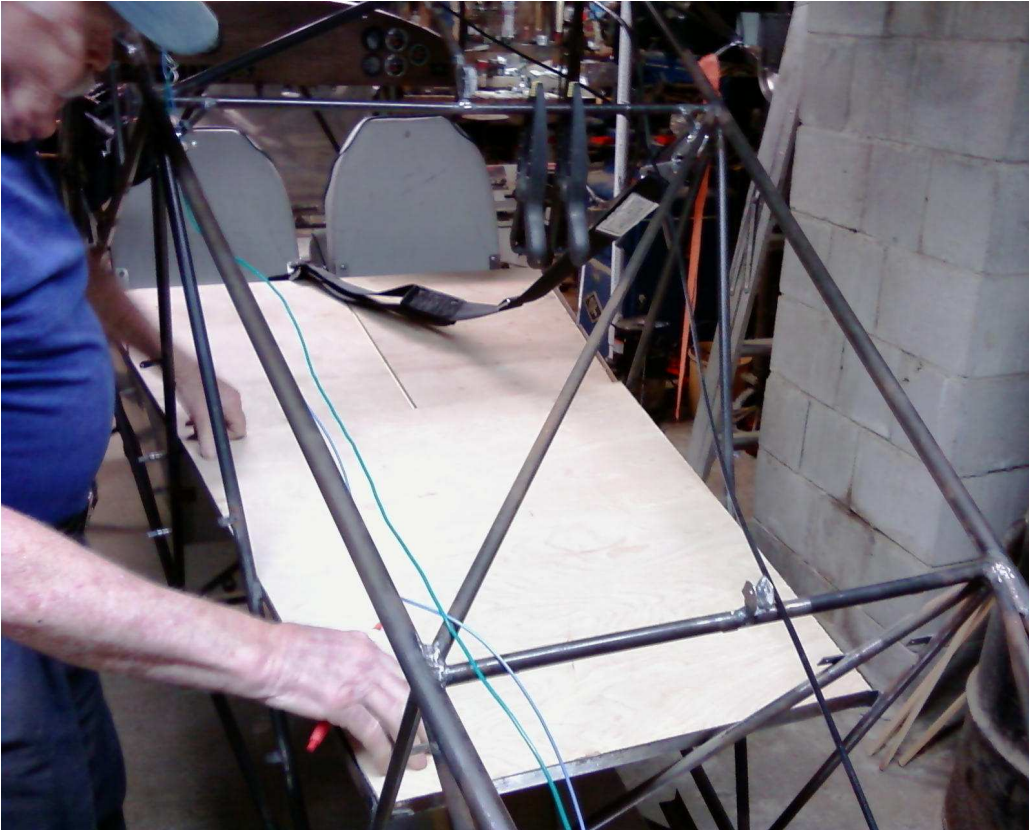
Senate Votes in Favor of Joint Strike Fighter Over F-22 Raptor

(from: Flying eNesletter)

The F-22 Raptor will cease its production run at 187 units, with funding shifted to the multirole F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF). While the Raptor is a more sophisticated air superiority fighter, the less expensive JSF is intended to replace both F-16s and A-10 attack jets. The F-35 would also be available to Navy and Marine squadrons as well as the Air Force. The 58-40 vote, supported by Republican Arizona Senator John McCain, is nevertheless seen as a political victory for President Obama, McCain's opponent in last year's election. Critics of the vote suggest that the need exists for between 250 and 380 Raptors. There is currently funding available to build about 30 F-35s.

Wagabond Builder's Group

This past month saw the completion of the wooden deck behind the seats. With some luck and creative thinking, we were able to get all of the pieces cut out of a left over section of sub-flooring with absolutely minimal waste. Also this month, Tim Letourneau brought the fuselage to his Wagabond project over to Don's house for some tubing repairs.



Top: The new wooden deck.



Bottom: Tim's stripped fuselage.