



**EAA Chapter 206  
Yakima, Washington**



## **EAA CHAPTER 206 NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER, 2011**

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT,**

#### **A Tale of Two Fly-Ins.**

Every year, just about every weekend from early May and through the summer there is a fly-in or aviation function somewhere to attend. This year has been no exception. Often there are two events that you might want to attend on the same day or weekend. Twice that was the case for me this summer so I ambitiously laid plans to visit both locations of interest in the span of a day or two. A reasonably fast airplane helps with these ambitions. The first occurrence was the day of the Richland Fly-In that also coincided with the Northwest Super Cub Fly-in in Concrete, WA. The morning was spent having breakfast and perusing the aircraft available for viewing at Richland. Then it was off to Concrete, over the mountains and, as was the case that day, over the clouds nearly to Bellingham before I could get down under the clouds and backtrack to Concrete. After a couple of hours there, it was back to the west under the overcast and then up and over the clouds and mountains back to Yakima. By the way, we all need to go to Concrete sometime. It is a nice airfield in a beautiful setting with an interesting museum and unique aircraft in the hangars along the grassy and rhododendron studded taxiways.

My most recent twofer was a couple of weekends ago starting with smoky flight to Madras on a hot Friday afternoon. I flew down to Madras for the evening airshow. There was a fire about 20 miles north of Madras that I had to deviate around and several more to the west. This turned out to be a bigger deal than I thought it would be. There were lots of planes, hot rods, food and drink. It is the place to be in Central Oregon on that weekend. Everyone is there. The airshow went on in spite of the smoke, including an aerobatic glider performing after dark with fireworks shooting out of his wing tips. After spending a sleepless night camped out on the FBO lawn (too many revelers and the airport beacon flashing all night), I got up and had breakfast at the Elks all-you-can-eat pancake, ham, eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy breakfast. You will have to ask Mike Bull about the Saturday airshow and Scott Bach about the Saturday nightlife because after breakfast, I headed out for another fly-in at Republic. I climbed into a smokey sky and got above it at 9500 feet and finally got past it about Mattawa. From there it was clear and I could see all of the mountains to the west and the blue Columbia, Banks Lake and all the other smaller lakes were a sharp contrast to the rest of the landscape. It was a pretty day. The Republic fly-in was a huge contrast to the one in Madras. Curlew Lake is a short hike away and the town is excited to show you a lot of other attractions in the area. The meals were sort of family style, you eat with the rest of us and you take what you get. It was a lot quieter, and had a kind of down home atmosphere, but there was still a lot of airplanes and fun and entertainment. I didn't spend the night, but I should have. I'm sure I would have gotten some sleep during the quiet, cool, starry night. Instead I flew back to Yakima on a hot, but not too bumpy afternoon.

Next year, I'm again going to Madras for the Friday evening airshow, but I'm not camping on the FBO lawn. I'm finding a spot away from that beacon. Then I'm going to have breakfast and take off for Republic. When I get there, I'm going to pitch my tent and spend the next 24 hours enjoying the sights, sounds and atmosphere of Republic. Anyone want to come along? I'm sure Lance will be flying by then. Maybe Ola, too.

Blue skies,

Steve Sundquist



RV-9A at Madras



Republic Fly-in campground



Lake Curlew and Republic Airfield



Lake Curlew  
Republic Fly-in



Hood River WAAAM Fly-in 9/10/11

### **Nominating Committee.**

Our new bylaws require us to appoint members to the nominating committee for chapter officers. Those appointed to the Nominating Committee are Stu Copeland, Lance Sorensen, Tom McMahon and Steve Sundquist. To reiterate the announcement at the August meeting, our current Vice President Cindy Fahsholtz and Secretary Dennis Franz have agreed to stand for reelection to their current positions. The current members of the Board of Trustees, Stu Copeland, Jim Keene, Tom McMahon, Lance Sorensen, and Ola Vestad have all agreed to stand for reelection. If you have suggests for nominations or would like to run for election to ANY Chapter office, let one of the members of the Nominating Committee know about it.

### **Thursday, Sept 15**

This month's meeting is Thursday, Sept. 15 @KYKM Airpark, hangar # 1, 7:00 p.m. Our program will be "Remembering Ralph Richardson" by Brian Thompson. We have had programs from Brian in the past and they have always been interesting and entertaining. This one will be no different as he relates his experience with the Missing Man Fly-over Formation at Ralph Richardson's memorial service. He will also relate experiences from his many years of acquaintance with Ralph.

### **Aircraft Builder's Workshop**

EAA is sponsoring 5 special builder workshops Sept. 17-18 at Prinville, Ore. Topics include Fabric covering, Composite construction, Sheet metal basics Electrical Systems & Avionics and What is involved with kit building. For further information call 1-800-967-5746.