



## EAA CHAPTER 206 NEWS

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### From the President

Time is flying fast, almost as fast as Tom Holbrook's Lancair ! At our meeting this month, we get to see Lance Sorensen's RV-9A project and we also start coordination efforts for the September 13th Airport 80th Birthday and Young Eagles event. Also, we will be coming up on the BBQ at Dick Pingrey's hangar and not too many weeks later we will have our October fly-in pancake breakfast. Wow, time flies when you are having fun and I hope all of you have been having as much fun as I have this summer.

Keep flying safely ! I seem to recall one safety seminar that said 80% of all aircraft accidents are related to poor decisions by the pilots. We all know some of those bad decisions, such as get-home-itis. Stay on top of good decision making and we should all be around for many more years. See you at the August meeting at Yakima Airpark for hamburgers at 6PM and the meeting to follow !.

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### Coming Events

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, **August 21** at Tom McMahon's hangar.

Plan on arriving early (6:00 p.m.) for an extra treat of hamburgers and the associated condiments, drinks etc. You may help defray expenses of the food purchases with a donation. Following the eating and visiting time we will have the regular business meeting in the meeting room and then walk over to hangar # 9 to take a look at Lance Sorensen's progress on his slooow-build RV9A.

Sept. 13, our chapter will be sponsoring the annual Young Eagles day at McCallister Museum. This will be occurring concurrently with the Yakima Airport's 80th birthday celebration. This will be a very busy day, so think about how you can help out.

At this month's business meeting we will be announcing the time and date for Dick Pingrey's annual BBQ event.

### Memories from Oshkosh

Oshkosh was just awesome! It was as much fun as our first airshows in YKM, except everything is directed at pilots and builders. The venue is huge, the grounds were impeccably clean, but the best part was that anybody that had anything to do with flying was there and were approachable. Aircraft manufacturers from Boeing to our own

Cub Crafters, more kitplanes and LSAs than imaginable, avionics to spin your head and lots of ancillary stuff to make flying, navigating, building and your imagination expand. Every forum I attended was professionally done with great information and my camp mates at the Homebuilt Camping Area were quality people from the four corners of North America.

The airshow flying was the best I'd ever seen with my favorites being the Red Bull Racing League demo where the pilot flew a very crisp and quick routine to the Rocket Racing League and their rocket propelled Long Eazys that alternated between powered flight and soaring. On Monday, MIT had two of their graduates give presentations on current projects: the Terrafugia roadable car and an EFIS system that used off the shelf electronics from Radio Shack to project the image onto the propeller disk using lasers. The guy did this for \$700.00 including the AHRS. These are the kinds of innovations that are found all around Air Adventure and why the tinkerers of EAA are carrying the General Aviation Market.

Will I go again? In a heartbeat and I will stay the entire week. This is just too stimulating to miss!

Tomas Holbrook  
Lancair IVP

## Happenings at McAllister Field

1. Due to fuel costs, we have lost two tenants: Delta and DHL.
2. The airport property being developed by Marquis Development has it's first tenant, a restaurant called SAGE. Other businesses are in the works and will be announced at the appropriate time.
3. The board has adopted new rules and regulations for airport tenants. There are copies at the airport office. Every tenant should have a copy.
4. The YKM Airport birthday party is scheduled for September 13, 2008 and will include Young Eagles, static displays, food, etc. Watch for the schedule!
5. 16th Avenue is slowly moving along with the environmental process being the hang up. The project will go out to bid in January, 2009 with construction starting in the spring.
6. We have made adjustments to the mid year budget to reflect the loss of Delta, DHL and fuel costs. We eliminated the purchase of any new equipment for the remainder of the year.
7. The lease for the Central Building by O'Dell Enterprises is complete.

8. The Airport Overlay is ready to present to the Regional Planning Commission at it's next meeting. There will be a number of groups commenting on the proposal and we need pilots to weigh in so that our safety needs are protected.

9. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:00 PM for a study session and Thursday, August 28 at 7:30 AM for the regular board meeting. Both meetings are at Barnstormers.

(submitted by Tomas Holbrook, Yakima Airport Board director)

## Because I fly

"Because I fly  
I laugh more than other men  
I look up and see more than they,  
I know how the clouds feel,  
What it's like to have the blue in  
my lap,  
To look down on birds,  
To feel a thing called the stick....

Who but I can slice between God's  
billowed legs,  
And feel them laugh and crash with  
His step?

Who else has seen the unclimbed  
peaks?  
The rainbow's secret?  
The real reason birds sing?  
Because I fly,  
I envy no man on earth."

(by Tom Clark, Idaho pilot, circa  
1960)



Steve Sundquist and Lee Bates carefully examine the quality of Pete Dougherty's craftsmanship on his Airbike at last month's meeting.