



## **EAA CHAPTER 206 NEWS**

We are experiencing the summer doldrums so this month's newsletter is very short. The main announcement is that July's meeting will be held at Pete Dougherty's home July 16 at 7:00 p.m. We will be checking up on the progress with Pete's Airbike. Directions to Pete's place:

- ◆ Take Hwy 12 West towards Naches.
- ◆ Look for access road on left to McLaughlin Rd.
- ◆ Turn right on McLaughlin Rd and follow around corner around to the left.
- ◆ Turn left on Chickadee Lane.
- ◆ Our driveway is the second on the left.
- ◆ Park in the driveway or along either side of the road.
- ◆ Follow walkway through board fence to back yard.

We should have considerably more news to report next month. At least 5 of our members will be attending Oshkosh and will present an overview of what they experienced.

### **ERCOUPE N93716.**

In May several people from the Yakima and Ellensburg EAA chapters joined together to purchase a 1946 Ercoupe model 415C. The purpose is to have a Light Sport airplane available for people who have made the decision to become Sport Pilots. The Ercoupe can also be flown by pilots with a

private or higher airplane pilot rating. Some are facing difficulties maintaining a third class medical and others simply want the simplicity of flying a light sport airplane. The tricycle gear Ercoupe meets all these requirements.

The goal is to eventually have seven owners at \$5,000 each. At present there are five owners. Starting the first of July the Ercoupe is available for rent to members in the Yakima Aero Club. Owners will have priority in scheduling the airplane over non-owners and they will enjoy a hourly discount not available to non-owners.

This airplane is a standard 1946 Ercoupe built without rudder pedals. The transition is quite easy but pilots wanting to fly the Ercoupe will require a check out. Dick Pingrey has been designated as the check out instructor and he will also be available to give Light Sport instruction in the airplane.

People interested in more information or in flying this 1946 Sports Car of the Air can contact, Dick Pingrey, Doyle Hardy, Richard Morken, John Bull, Mike Katz or Aero Club Secretary Jim Wikstrom.

