



EAA CHAPTER 284

Grass Roots

Dedicated to the spirit of aviation past, devoted to the future.

July Meeting

The July meeting will be the beginnings of prep for the 2004 Taildragger Fly-In. Hope to see you here at Red Stewart Field **Sunday July 10 at 2 pm.**

Happenings from the Prez' Bob Luken

The chapter is now an authorized provider to teach CPR, so we can begin to schedule classes at the airport. Cost should be \$20.00 per person. I hope we can attract many folks from around the airport and make our CPR classes not just an EAA affair. This is a good skill to have for anyone.

In preparation for the 2004 TDFI, I have found another griddle like the one that we bought last year for \$200.00. I had to make a road trip to pick it up, but it will make a fine addition to the kitchen and help move more pancakes. From the following hints see if you can figure out where I went to retrieve it.

I went through Panama and Cuba. I passed through Indian Territory (You break the treaty, you break the law.), the "Cradle of Aviation", saw a C-46 parked on the side of the road, and on the way home I stopped for gas in Lucille Ball's birthplace. Winner gets a "free" pancake breakfast.



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Pete and Jeanne Reed have been gracious enough to offer to host the Chapter at their airstrip at Hickory Grove on August 8th. This is also the home of Reed's Restorations, specialists in Stearman restorations. It will be a great time together at a very scenic residential airport. Yes, if you don't already know, Pete and Jeanne are selling lots on their airport to prospective buyers in need of a home with a hangar and its own runway. It should be a good event and more will be coming in next month's newsletter.



Special Privileges in Store for EAA Members at AirVenture

July 2, 2004 - EAA Membership has its privileges at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Every member attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004 will receive an EAA Member Perks book when they pass through registration. The book includes special members-only coupons, discounts, and other perks such as a coupon to ride the Wright Flyer Simulator, an entry form to win a John Deere Gator, ICOM radio giveaways, and many more.

And remember to bring your EAA membership card; *don't leave home without it!* With it you'll receive special savings on convention grounds. For example, show the card at any McDonald's or DJ's food vendor at AirVenture and receive an automatic \$1 discount on the "EAA Meal Deal."

Also, if you join EAA or renew your membership at AirVenture 2004, you will receive an EAA Member Mug. (Offer valid only during EAA AirVenture July 27-August 2, 2004.) It's our way of saying, "Thanks for coming! We appreciate your support!"

WPAFB 'Hanoi Taxi' to Visit EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

July 1, 2004 - A very special U.S. Air Force Lockheed C-141C Starlifter jet is scheduled to be on display at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh's showcase AeroShell Square from Friday, July 30 through Monday, August 2. This particular Starlifter, nicknamed *Hanoi Taxi*, was the first aircraft to airlift American POWs to freedom from Gia Lam Airport in Hanoi, North Vietnam, on February 12, 1973. It got its nickname after the newly freed prisoners signed their names inside during their historic flight home known as Operation Homecoming.

Pictures of the POWs and their homecoming in the United States line the interior, while the words, "Return With Honor," appear on the aircraft exterior. Now based at the 445th Airlift Wing (AW) at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, *Hanoi Taxi* is essentially a flying museum.

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