

## **SUDS SLINGERS**



What does it take for an organization to really grow and prosper? Leadership. Members. Programs. Participation. And money. Where does the money come from? Well, many great members who participate in a number of moneymaking activities. Like selling beer at KC's Air Expo event at MKC last month. Was it hard? Yes. Was it fun? Uh huh. But was it profitable? O-o-o-h, yeah! (Insert enthusiastic nodding head here.) I regret not having pictures of all our volunteers, but each one was awesome!

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#### Special points of interest:

- Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. Young Eagles breakfast and flights continue Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- •It's the perfect time to tell Chris St. Germain of any interested groups for Young Eagles, and remember that you can fly individuals also
- •Remember that Charles Gosselin is always looking for good ideas for programs!

President: Larry Young

Vice President and Young Eagles Coordinator:

**Chris St. Germain** 

Secretary/Treasurer: Pam Ratliff

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Bob Gurski; Mike McKinzey, Paul Rodriguez

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At Aviation Expo over the weekend of August 22nd and 23rd, Chapter 91 members operated two beer tents and the results were very satisfying! We won't know for sure how much money the chapter earned until we get the check, but I feel it will be substantial. I know we received over \$1,000 in tips! That is a huge amount over airshows we have worked in the past. I am a firm believer in giving credit where credit is due, so to Ron Penrose, Dennis Rowland, Chuck Gosselin, Mike McKinzey, Robert Carlson, Lynn O'Dell, Charlotte Johnson and her husband James, Pam Ratliff, Bruce Hood, Paul Rodriguez, Griff Pickett, Mark Burrow, Tom Owen, Tatjana Kamatavic, and Phil Ishmael a big THANK YOU! Congratulations on a job well done. These are the people who worked (some both days) in the beer tents. We were very busy both days and sure could have used four more relief people as some of the folks missed lunch! Charlotte and Tatjana were selected to be pole-holders for Sean Tucker's precision ribbon cutting act. To say they were excited about this is an understatement. Tatjana is an intern presently working at Lee's Summit Airport and graciously volunteered to help sell beer. She asked me to include her if and when we do this again!

Have you been to the airport to see the progress on Hangar M? It is coming along nicely and will likely be ready for occupancy by early October. The builder, M.A.C. Corporation, has agreed to repair the water leaks in Hangar L. They tell me they know what to do to stop these leaks and it won't be too expensive.

I see Nancy Inderwiesen and Mike Dooley have been doing a great job of making the grounds look good and I see Pam Ratliff has trimmed the rose bushes again. We thank you!

Exciting things are happening with Chapter 91, so get involved and stay involved. And don't forget the Young Eagles pancake breakfast September 19 and the regular chapter meeting September 21. See you there!

Blue skies and tailwinds,

Jarry)

## **AUGUST 15 BREAKFAST & HANGAR-M PROGRESS**

















# EAA CHAPTER 91 MINUTES OF THE MEETING August 17, 2015

The meeting of EAA Chapter 91 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Larry Young in the chapter meeting room at Lee's Summit Airport. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by David Miller. Larry welcomed visitors and guests including Scott Warren and his children.

The minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting were approved as printed in the August newsletter. Pam provided the balance on hand in the checking account. She passed a sign-up sheet for the September 19 pancake breakfast and Young Eagles day. Pam said chapter name badges could be ordered as well as chapter caps and patches were available along with polo shirts could be ordered to size. Program Chairman, Chuck Gosselin, said the program for September 21 would be presented by Mark Musick on his book about Howard Hughes. The next board meeting was scheduled September 7, 7:00 P.M.

Young Eagles Coordinator Chris St. Germain said almost 100 Young Eagles were flown at the Downtown K.C. Airport August 8 with another 2 flown August 15. Don Daly, representing Wright Flight presented the chapter with a donation of \$500.

Larry said the concrete had been poured for Hangar M and red iron would begin 8/18/15 if weather allowed.

The Aviation Expo at Downtown KC Airport on August 22 and 23 was discussed. The chapter was committed to handling 2 beer tents and volunteers were still needed. It was decided to meet at 7:15 A.M. at LXT to carpool downtown and that Dennis Rowland and Ron Penrose would be driving.

Pam commented that election of officers and board members would take place at the October meeting. Anyone interested in holding a position was encouraged to let her, Larry or Chris know so a ballot could be devised.

Regarding wants and needs, Paul Rodriguez had the airframe for his Zenith 601 for sale as he was changing to a Zenith 750. Paul also had 3 landing gear wheels such as would be suitable for a powered parachute. Mike Dooley had a small, 2½ horsepower 20 gallon air compressor for sale and is asking \$100. Wayne Moore had a wooden propeller for sale at \$600. Dan Norman was seeking hangar space for his J-3 Cub beginning in September for a short time. Susan Calvin said KCRC had recently held a fund-raiser for the Wounded Warrior program and she would gladly accept any other donations.

Nancy Inderwiesen volunteered to clean and set up the meeting room before the September 21 meeting and that she a Mike Dooley would take care of mowing and trimming.

After the break, the program on "Phase 1 Revisited: The Honeymoon is Over" presented by Don Halbert with the FAA.

The meeting adjourned 9:20 P.M.

# AIR EXPO 2015 AT MKC

















## THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Major General (ret.) Mark Musick will present an incredible story of fabulous wealth, a reclusive man unable to escape his famous life, alternate identities provided by the CIA, and a loving wife who knew how to keep secrets. Nothing has adequately explained Howard Hughes' later life until <u>Boxes: The Secret Life of Howard Hughes</u> was published. In it, Eva McLelland describes how the reclusive Hughes was hiding, using another identity, in a remote location in Alabama for 25 years. She kept this incredible secret until his actual passing in 2001, which released her to tell this history-changing story.

Eva McLelland relayed this amazing story to General Musick over a period of eight years. After four years he came to believe the story, and set out to fully develop the intriguing tale. Howard Hughes changed his appearance, employed a stand-in to create a diversion, accepted another identity, faked his death, yet continued to operate his business through his cadre of aides. After his stand-in died in April 1976, Howard and Eva lived a reclusive lifestyle at a remote location in Alabama.

Yet the story is pertinent since Howard Hughes was deeply involved in aviation, so come hear the details of how he pulled the wool over the eyes of the public and lived the remainder of his years with the woman he loved. It will happen in living color, Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Oh, yes -- we expect Elvis and Jimmy Hoffa to attend. too.

#### LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

What do you do when the project's done and ready to fly? You're at "Phase I." Phase I is the point at which you and the FAA determine where you may fly your hours off, perform flight tests, create all those critical numbers that say how fast or how slow your baby can go, what maneuvers to avoid, speeds never to exceed and basically figure out the whole flying thing. The FAA's Don Halbert knows all this inside out and passed on his knowledge and expertise at our last meeting. If you're building or planning to build a homebuilt, we hope you made this meeting because you did – or would have – learned a lot! Our sincere thanks to Don Halbert for his informative program.

#### **UPCOMING CHAPTER ELECTIONS**

October marks our biannual election of officers and board members. Every seat and position is eligible so if you would like to step up and make a difference, you're welcome - and encouraged - to run for office. Larry and Pam have indicated they would like to step aside if someone will move into their positions. Both have served for a long time and are more than willing to share their experience and expertise with their replacements. addition, the four board member seats are also up for grabs. While most of the current board members are willing to stay in their positions, that does not preclude you from running for one of those as well. While membership is the lifeblood of any organization, leadership is crucial to its ultimate success. When current leaders have served for extended times, they would welcome other members stepping up to relieve them and take on the It's not easy, especially in an all-volunteer mantle of leadership. organization, but it's necessary and extremely satisfying. Just being a member can be fine for some, but others have skills and vision that could contribute immensely to the chapter. If that's you, please come to the next meeting when we'll discuss this very issue and ask for nominations. Your chapter needs you, and you need the chapter. Make it effective by volunteering your abilities to help keep Chapter 91 a vibrant and viable concern.

# ZENITH AIRCRAFT OPEN HOUSE IN MEXICO, MO

Zenith Aircraft Company's 24th annual Open Hangar Day and Builder Fly-In gathering is Friday and Saturday, September 18 & 19 at the Zenith kit aircraft factory in Mexico, Missouri (Mexico Memorial Airport – KMYJ). This is a great time to visit the airplane factory and see where these kits are made, meet the factory staff and get together with fellow pilots, builders and enthusiasts. Many activities will be available including free education seminars on preventing loss of control incidents, first flight preparedness, transition training, homebuilt aircraft rules, insurance, engine oil analysis and much more. Contact Zenith at 573 581-9000 or online at zenithair.com.

# **REMEMBERING AIR VENTURE 2015**















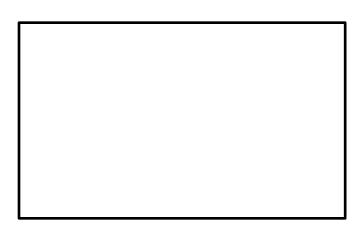


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