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RUSS KAMTZ

WINS BEST OF SHOW



Russ won Best of Show at the 9th Annual Twin Cities RV Forum held on May 30, 2003. The event was sponsored by the Minnesota Wing of Van's Air Force. It was held at the Anoka County Airport in Anoka, Minnesota at the

Golden Wings Air Museum. More information is available at <http://www.rvforum.org>
 Congratulations, Russ! Your hard work has paid off, and we are happy for you.

EAA Chapter 515 Presents

July Meeting At FNL Airport!

When: Tuesday, July 1, 2003 • 7:30 PM

Where: Ron Grob's Hangar #16X, Fort Collins Loveland Airport,

Program: **Ken Smith, Alaska Bush Pilot and his Super Cub.** Ken is an original native of Colorado, born and raised in the foothills NW of FTC. Now in Alaska ,flying, rebuilding airplanes, fishing and hunting and associate editor and photographer of "Northern Pilot" magazine, he has many interesting stories. He is here now with his rebuilt and highly modified Super Cub featuring 31 in. Tundra wheels and tires after flying the Alaskan Flag to Kitty Hawk for the EAA program in connection with the buildup for the 100th Anniversary in December. Hopefully they will acknowledge his Kitty Hawk trip, with the State flag.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Lange

June 3, 2003, Meeting Minutes

By Larkin Larkin, Jr.

At 7:45 p.m. Dean Hall called the meeting to order. There were no visitors in attendance. The treasurer, Ron O'Dea, passed around the list of unpaid members. Ron Grob read notices about the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. National Convention in Denver in September, including a Young Eagles event on August 5th, as well as a June 14 fly-in at Gothenburg, NE, which included a pancake breakfast. Britt Crowell discussed the upcoming Chapter 515 Young Eagles event at FNL on June 14th. Registration will begin at 8:00 and flying will begin at 9:00.

Jack Lange told the membership that he had received a call from a friend in Alaska named Kendall

Smith. Kendall has a Super Cub and is a writer for Northern Pilot magazine. Kendall won the honor of flying the Alaskan flag to Kitty Hawk for the EAA Celebration Ceremonies. Kendall needs a volunteer to donate hangar space while staying in Loveland on the way back from Kitty Hawk.

Ron O'Dea announced that member Russ Kamtz (RV-6A) took Grand Champion, Best of Show honors at the 9th Annual Twin Cities RV Forum at the Anoka County, MN, Fly-in. Congratulations Russ!

There were several project updates given by members in the process of building or finishing their aircraft. Tom Lucas passed around sign-up sheets for the EAA Regional Fly-in at Longmont, June 27-29th. He also announced that there would be a temporary tower at the field this year.

Hugh Beckham, an EAA member since 1960, talked about the early EAA fly-ins at Rockford, IL. It sounded like a lot of fun back in a time when the event was smaller and everybody knew each other.

Following the break, a video brought by Dean Hall and featuring Tim Lewis flying through arches in Arches National Monument was shown. One of the planes repeatedly flying through an arch was Dean's, with Dean as a passenger.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:30 p.m.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED

By Hugh Beckham

Several years ago I went to Oshkosh prepared to take advantage of some fly-in specials and I purchased all of the instruments and the radio needed for my Sonex. I knew that it was going to be a while before I needed them, but the money was available at that time. Among my purchases was an EIS or Engine Information System built by Grand Rapids Technologies, Inc. of Byron City MI. Because of the small amount of panel space available and because of the good experience that Mel had from a similar unit it seemed like a good choice. The price seemed high but no more than the sum of the units that it was to replace.

As many of you are aware health problems slowed the building of my Sonex to the point of almost stopping. Although the airplane has been flying for a year anything that I purchased that day at Oshkosh has been out of warranty for years.

During a recent test flight the poorly placed master switch was accidentally turned off. The result was that the now unregulated output of the alternator was thrown into the EIS which responded by reporting a 22 volt surge, then retiring. On the ground all of the trouble-shooting tests were tried and the unit was then boxed up and sent back to Grand Rapids with hopes that enough of it could be salvaged to make the repairs at least cost less than replacement.

Then that funny thing I mentioned happened. I got a phone call from the company, apologizing for the unit having failed. The man kept saying, "that shouldn't have happened." They repaired the unit and returned it without charge and it

2003 Chapter 515 Activities

June 28 & 29 - Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In, Vance Brand Airport, Longmont.

July 1st - Chapter Meeting

July 29 -August 4 - Airventure 2003

August 5th - No meeting due to AirVenture 2003. Probable Young Eagles Fly-In at Front Range Airport, in conjunction with Tuskegee Airmen Inc.'s National Convention in Denver

September 2nd - Oshkosh Review (bring your pictures and your stories)

September 6th - Bald Eagles Rally and Fall Picnic

October 7th - Program TBA

November 4th - Program TBA

December 2nd - No meeting due to Banquet

December 5th - Winter Banquet (details soon)

was back in the airplane within ten days.

I have to recommend this company and their products to anyone looking for an Engine Information System. They have shown that there is more to a product's cost than the original purchase price.

June 14 Young Eagles Event

Submitted By Britt Crowell

The Young Eagles event on June 14th went well with the help of lots of people from chapter 515. Without Anne Standerfer I would have been lost! With her knowledge of past events, she was invaluable. We only flew 24 kids, but a lot of parents got to ride also, which I hope is very positive for general aviation as a whole. The Pilots/Airplanes and kids flown are as follows:

Mickey Hansen	Kitfox	1
Dean Hall	RV-4	2
Bill Standerfer	Barron	3
Randy Bailey	Bonanza	4
Susan Wolber	Cessna 182	6
David Larson	Cessna T210	8
Total =		24

We got started about 9 am and finished about noon. Susan also parked an extra CAP Cessna 182 for kids and parents to climb around in/on. Dan Olsen dragged (literally) over his mostly completed Lancair 320 with the cowling off, and Larry Drake had the RV-1off parked out front for a short while too. Afterwards, most of the group went over to Greeley for a late lunch and some of that cheap gas. I believe that Phillips 66 gives back a dollar rebate per gallon of gas for people who fly Young Eagles.

July Chapter Meeting at Ron Grob's Hangar, 16X Fort Collins/Loveland Airport

Just in case you missed the announcement on the first page of this newsletter.



For low-and-slow views take a flight with Ken Smith, this months speaker, and his column Rag & Tube. Ken has been flying in Alaska for 26 years. He enjoys flying with his grandchildren in his 1963 Super Cub. Either Ken has done it or he knows someone who has! We can all benefit from his many years of bush flying experience.

Ken's e-mail is ken@northernpilot.com.

Thanks to all who helped out on such poor planning and short notice. I hope to do another one some time in late August, so be ready.

On a side note, the website is down but should be up the first week of July with YE pictures and all.

Chapter 515 TOOLCHEST

Here is a list of tools and equipment either owned by the chapter or available for use by members. CONTACT: Walt Ellwood, 635-3436, wellwood1@compuserve.com

- Engine hoist**
- Flat bed trailer**
- Instrument panel hole cutter**
- Nico press, with gauges (bolt cutter style)**
- Scales**
- Stoves**
- Torque wrench**

Tools that members may loan out
Lycoming Engine Overhaul Stand (Mel Callen, 587-4824)--may work with a Continental
Cable Fitting Swaging Tool (Hugh McTeague, 586-5910)

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