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What is Your Most Memorable Flight?

What is my most memorable flight? That is what I asked myself when Dale McClure recommended we use that theme for the December program. Like most of you, I had to think for a while. I mean, what does that statement really mean? Is my most memorable flight the one that scared me the most or the one where my passengers were scared the most? Could it be the flight where I had the most fun? How about the most enjoyable or pleasant or relaxing? Maybe the flight where I reached another milestone or earned another rating? How about a flight I never took?

I really do not have an answer to the question. It may be that I have been flying for so long and have had so many experiences that not one flight really deserves the honor of being titled "My Most Memorable Flight".

Like the rest of you, I have had some exhilarating flights. I remember my first solo in Ruston, LA. That was excitement! I finally got to fly without someone else in the plane. There was no one reminding me what to do or asking if I had forgotten something. (It could be that I have a problem with authority, but that is for another issue.) It was just me, the sky, the plane and that moving, swaying, heaving runway. They fixed that runway a few weeks later after I complained to my flight instructor and FBO!

I have had some scary flights. Crashing in a B-52H bomber was pretty scary, but so was bending the wings of a T-38 when flying through a thunderstorm at night. Long story, but it had to do with Venezuelan pilots reverting back to their native language. Somehow they managed to clog up the radios on a stormy night with a lot of solo student pilots in the air. Then there was that flight with my wife and friends where it was raining so hard that we could not hear each other on the intercom. But what the heck, we were bouncing around so much the headsets were not staying on anyway. Or the flight where I had an unexpected spin along with an unexpected spin recovery. You know, I never did wear those pants again - besides they were bad luck and had a certain smell.

I have had a lot of fun flights. Like taking my younger bigger brother, who is scared of heights, up in an acrobatic plane, then showing him the earth from many different angles. I must admit, we only landed after he promised not to seek revenge. Of course, any flight in my old Flybaby was always fun. Simple tail wheel plane with a glass canopy, stick, no electrics, short wheel base, hard struts and a 125% fun factor.

So, what was my most memorable flight? Well, it could be that I have not taken it yet. In fact, thinking of all these past flights has got me hankering for another one. Soooo, if the weather is good tomorrow I just might be at the airport, slipping on the ole airplane and putting the confines of the earth behind and below me. It mostly will be the start of another memorable flight.

As a side note: How many of you enter more than just the hours flown and the number of landings in your log book? I use the remarks section to jot down a few words about what



Buck Joyner at the November meeting. I am sure he has many "memorable" flights.
Photo by Scott Laughlin

happened during the flight. Some example are: "Flew @ Linda. Stopped for lunch in Reedsburg. Nice people"; "Flew @ Ray Anderson to Bartlesville, OK for Biplane Fly-in Expo & .Hatz mtg"; "One hop to Oshkosh with 40kts tailwind, Row 41"; "Lost all electric in wx: return MQT below 400 ovc; Bad alt & volt reg" or just a simple "Nice day to fly". I find that these remarks spark the ole memory years after the flight regardless of how long or simple they are.

Will Kroeger

December Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be at 7PM on Monday, December 11th at the Millard American Legion Hall. The hall is located at 4618 S. 139th Street, Omaha. Take "L" street (which is Hwy 275) to 132nd, turn southwest, then take the very first right turn, which is the continuation of "L" street. Continue west on "L" street to 139th. The hall is on the right. See the map on the last page.

Call Dale McClure to order your roasted chicken dinner if you would like one. Come even if you do not want dinner.

December Program.

Once again the program comes from the heart of our members. We will have five (or more) members tell us about one of their most memorable flights. Contact me (Will Kroeger) if you have a story that you would like to share. As I stated in the email last week, you do not have to be an ex-fighter jock, test pilot or super hero to have a good story. In fact, one of the things I like about general aviation over any other genre of flying is the willingness of pilots to relate experiences they have had regardless of how it may make them look. Heck, if you read this newsletter you know it hasn't stopped me from telling stories! Sure, there are some embarrassing experiences out there, but more important is that there is a lot of life-lessons-learned experiences that other members might benefit from hearing.

Chapter 80 Elections: Well, it is now official. The duly elected volunteer officers for next year are:

President - Scott Laughlin
Vice-President - Dale McClure
Secretary - Don Meyer
Treasurer - Rob Hansen

The non-elected volunteers are:

Membership Coordinator - Bob Cartwright
Tech Counselors - Bob Harvey
Mike Howard
Librarian - Scott Laughlin
Young Eagles Coordinator - Jim Rattle
Newsletter Editor - Will Kroeger
Website Manager - Scott Laughlin

P.S. I do not know if Scott minds, but I see his name in several places. Any volunteers?

Future Programs: Do not Forget the Chapter 80 Holiday Event - January 8th.

Spouses & dates are invited to join us for dinner and a presentation at the January meeting. It will be at the Millard American Legion Hall. The program will be on Mountain flying.

EVENTS: (B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (0730-1030)	Crete, NE
Jan 24-27	NE Aviation Symposium	Kearney, NE

15th Annual Nebraska Aviation Symposium & Maintenance Seminar - January 24-27th

This event starts with a reception on the 24th followed by an AOPA Safety meeting. There are a lot of things happening on the 25th to include sessions on Angel Flight, Mountain Flying, Airport Officials Meeting, DPE forum, and a Forum with Shane Osborn. The highlight of the day will be the evening banquet featuring Sean Tucker as the quest speaker. Friday the 26th events include the Maintenance Seminar, Pinch Hitters Course for the Non-Pilots and a Pinch Hitters Flight Training. The evening banquet features Greg Feith as the speaker.

See Tom Wieduwilt (TW) at the meeting for more info and a registration form.

AIRCRAFT OWNERS BEWARE OF REGISTRY SOLICITATIONS

Some AOPA members have recently received e-mails or postcards telling them that they have not registered their aircraft "in compliance with the international treaty ratified by the United States known as The Cape Town Convention...." Read carefully. For the owner of the typical four- or six-seat piston-engine general aviation aircraft, there is no need or requirement to register the aircraft in the international database. And the company sending the solicitations—the International Aircraft Registry in Oklahoma City—is NOT the official International Registry of Mobile Assets in Ireland, nor is it a registered agent with the international registry, according to Aviareto, the company that actually runs the International Registry of Mobile Assets. Seek the advice of an established aircraft title agency—such as AOPA Aircraft Title and Escrow Services—or an attorney, before paying to register your aircraft in the international database. (From AOPA_epilot)

Do you ever wonder where the money comes from to improve the airports in the state? If you do, then I suggest you go to the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics website to find out. In fact, they posted this info, and some very good articles, in the Dec06/Jan07 PIREPS which can be seen online at:
<http://www.aero.state.ne.us/decjan06pi.pdf>

Want to get away this weekend, but don't know where to go? Or what you will find when you get there? Then check out this website: <http://www.adventurepilot.com/> It is a nice website to find what is around the area you are going to. For example, put in MLE with a radius of 120 miles, select all categories and it returns with 25 items. Granted, the location of Subway restaurants is not high on my list, but after playing with this tool you can narrow down the items you want to see.

Another website that gives you possibilities is:
http://www.fun-places-to-fly.com/fun_places_to_fly.asp This site proves a list of states you can select from. Who knows, maybe you will find that perfect destination you have always been looking for. If you have already found that spot, then add it to their list so other aviation families can enjoy it.

EAA Chapter 80 November, 2006 Minutes
November 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Ward Combs at 7:00 in the Hanger One facility in Millard, Nebraska. In attendance were 52 members and 6 guests.

Treasurers Report:

- Treasurer Rob Hansen reported expenses of \$445.55, income of \$486.00 and a balance of \$2936.62 in the checking account. Total cash assets were reported to be \$11,784.44. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made and passed to accept the previous month's minutes.

Young Eagles:

- Ward Combs reported that we have flown 182 Young Eagles to date. It is not likely we will meet our goal of 200 by the end of the year.

Builder's Reports:

- Tom Wieduwilt reported on his RV-6 and is making good progress on his engine.
- Scott Laughlin passed around pictures of his BRS installation and upholstery work.
- Tim Hewett reported progress on his RV-8a.
- Ward Combs reported on his RV-4 project purchase and is just getting started on the completion of this project.
- Bob Cartwright reported that the wings are done on his RV-7 and work on his Quick-build fuselage kit has been started.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- Bob Harvey (who remembered to bring the cookies) reported there are Rotax 4-stroke bulletins out and owners should check to see if they are affected.

Fly-out/Event Schedule:

- Nothing to report.

Librarian Report:

- Tom Wieduwilt opened up the library for members to peruse. He also obtained a signature from Buck Joyner who was our guest speaker.

Old Business:

- The Wahoo hangar now has heat. A hobbs meter will be installed for hourly charging for usage. Also a timer will be installed so the heat cuts off after six hours.
- Pat Houlihan and Bob Streba were in attendance and thanked the group for the cards we signed last month. We all were glad to see both men in attendance and out of the hospital.

New Business:

- Scott Laughlin proposed that we consider building a chapter project – a CH701 STOL Aircraft. He brought some sample parts and drawings and a video of a CH701.
- Ward Combs announced the new volunteers for Chapter Officers and a motion was made and carried to accept the 2007 officers.
- The December meeting and Christmas Dinner was announced to be held the second Monday of December at the American Legion in Millard. If you want to eat, the cost is \$10 per person. There's no cost for attending the meeting.
- The "Cookie-Raffle" drawings does not apply because of the Christmas Dinner next month. Dale McClure was the winner and pointed this out.

Program:

- Buck Joyner, a former WWII flying tiger told of his experiences in China flying the P-40 under the command of General Claire Chennault.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by
Scott Laughlin

2007 Chapter 80 membership renewal - Avoid the rush and pay Bob Cartwright your 2007 dues at the December meeting.

What the heck is a Bearhawk? Ask our new president or go to www.bearhawkaircraft.com. I heard a rumor that Scott is going to build one.

FOR SALE: Fractional ownership in a 1941 J-5 Cub. Value of Cub is set at \$20,000, so a ¼ ownership would be \$5,000 or a 1/5 would be \$4,000. Contact Bob Moser
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