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A Message from the President

I'm Jerry Ronk, President of EAA Chapter 80 for 2015. Most of you know me, but for those that don't I have put together a little of my history. At my age there is much more, but this is what I'll admit to here.

How does a ten year old boy with little more than a dream experience his first flight? My break occurred when I spotted a beautiful Bonanza in its open hangar at my home town airport. The owner of that plane saw my enthusiasm and offered a ride in exchange for a bit of cleaning around the hangar. Mr. Brown will forever be remembered by me as the man that made my dream of flight a reality. Flight is one of life's rare experiences that is so intense it can guide a young boy's or girl's future choices and shape their lives. For me it was that magical day at the Woodbine, IA airport in a plane owned and piloted by Mr. Buss Brown.

As a retired pilot with more than 13,000 hours, 8,000 in jets, I guess you can say that my ten-year-old dreams really took off. I've built four planes, rebuilt two others, acquired instrument, Commercial, Multi Engine, and ATP ratings. I hold type ratings for Lear Jet, Falcon 20, Boeing 737, Challenger Jet and have time in Cessna Citations. I have experience in Van's RV models 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12. One of my favorite planes has been my F1 Rocket, a very high performance plane that is a dream to fly.

I have an amazing group of people to work with and together we have accomplished some things already this year. At our meetings you will see the large flat screen TV; it has been very beneficial in facilitating our meeting presentations, PowerPoint and videos. I want to invite your ideas and participation. I would also like to welcome all to jump in and help me make 2015 a year filled with entertainment and learning as we continue to dream about the joys of aviation in our great country.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Jerry Ronk

From The V. P.

Hello, everyone!

I'd like to thank **Rick Bernardi** for his presentation at the March meeting. That would be a trip I'd be glad to ride along on. Definitely a once in a lifetime experience landing at the lakebed.

A big thank you to **Josh Scott** for hosting the March builder's meeting. Josh has a nice setup in his basement for the construction of his Van's Aircraft RV-14. He'll really appreciate the climate control when the weather outside goes to hot and cold extremes. Remember, Josh, patience and persistence!

The next meeting is April 13, 7 PM at Oracle Aviation. **Jim Beyer** and **Paige Hoffart** will be giving a presentation on formation flying.

The April builder's meeting will be April 25 at 9:00 AM. **Mark Miller** is hosting the meeting. He is in hangar C7 at Millard and is building a Zenith 650B. He is about to the point of installing the wings! Please RSVP to Mark if you plan to attend: kmillerm@cox.net. If you don't have access to the Millard hangars, please plan to park in the parking lot at Oracle Aviation. Entry will be through the gate on the west side of the parking lot.

For the May 11 meeting, **Tom Mann** will be giving a presentation on fiberglass construction.

If you have a subject you think the group would be interested in or if you want to present something at a monthly meeting, drop me a note. We are always looking for presenters at the meetings.

Remember, you can find us at www.eaa80.org and www.facebook.com/ea80.

See you at Oracle Aviation, April 13, 7 pm!

Your VP,
Chris



Chapter 80 on the Web

Keep up to date with Chapter 80 on the Internet! Of course there is the original Chapter 80 web site at <http://www.eaa80.org>. It offers Chapter members the opportunity to create their own project web pages, post pictures and comments and read newsletters going back several years.

Jim Beyer recently set up a Facebook page for the chapter, which can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/ea80>.

Are you a Twitter fan? Well, we're there too! Follow @EAA_80 on Twitter for chapter news and updates.

Pilots Bill of Rights 2

New legislation has been introduced in both the House and Senate that would significantly impact many private pilots. If

you haven't heard of it by now, the [Pilots Bill of Rights 2](#) has several provisions that will affect all of us. Included in the bill:

- **Third class medical reform.** Private pilots would be able to fly aircraft up to 6,000 pounds gross weight, up to 250 kt, up to six seats, at or below 14K feet VFR or IFR without a third class medical.
- Requires Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) to follow general law enforcement standards when exercising its powers.
- Allows local airport offices to manage the use of private hangars at airports.
- Attempts to make it easier to install new, safety enhancing equipment on existing aircraft without going through a lengthy, expensive certification process.
- Provides some protection for all certificate holders under FAA investigation. For example, the FAA would be able to request only documents pertaining to the alleged infraction, not go on a "fishing expedition" looking at all records.
- Prohibits enforcement of NOTAM violations if FAA has not finished its NOTAM improvement program by the end of the year.

The bill has numerous provisions to try to make the FAA treat pilots and other FAA certificate holders in a more fair and reasonable manner. This bill is not just about third class medical reform. Even if you have a current medical certificate and aren't worried about losing it, this bill could have a major positive impact on all pilots. Please take some time to read the bill, then contact your Senators and representative to voice your support for the bill and ask that they do the same. You can find details at govt.eaa.org, including a convenient link to send support letters to your Congressional representatives.

March Flyouts

Mike Howard has been busy organizing flyouts! March 7th saw a group fly up to Norfolk (OFK) for lunch at Barnstormers, always a good place for a meal. I hear the staff was hard pressed to keep up with the big Chapter 80 crowd that showed up. There were 12 airplanes and 25 people.



The following weekend (March 14) a smaller group of 3 planes and 5 people flew to Beatrice, NE (BIE) for lunch. While it lacks an on-airport restaurant, there is a pretty decent little sports bar about half a mile down the road. As of the time of this writing the plan is for a flyout to Paola KS (K81) for BBQ on March 21st, and York on April 4.



From left: Chris Halfman, Aaron Madison, Bob Cartwright, Jim Beyer, Jerry Ronk, Dale Botkin, Paige Hoffart. Not pictured: Josh Scott (behind camera)

March Builders Meeting

On March 14, a Builders Meeting was held at the home of Josh Scott in Bellevue. Josh is starting construction of a Van's RV-14 kit.

The group met at 9 AM and stayed until around 11. There were plenty of doughnuts and coffee. Everyone got the chance to see the level of detail in Van's latest kit — it's pretty impressive! Josh was also able to get a few questions answered from people who had been at his stage of construction before.

This was the third in a series of builders meetings. Past events have been at Jim Beyer's and Bob Condrey's places to see their RV-10s in progress. The April meeting will be at the Millard Airport hangars to take a look at Mark Miller's Zenith 650B.



These meetings are a great opportunity for anyone who is building or is thinking about building. We're hoping to get a look at all types of construction — aluminum, tube and fabric, composite and wood. It's a great opportunity to ask or answer questions, get or give advice, see what others are doing and maybe figure out if building an airplane (or *another* airplane) is right for you. Anyone is welcome to attend. Check the EAA 80 web site for details about upcoming events, and please RSVP prior to the day of the meeting.

March Chapter Meeting

EAA Chapter 80 Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2015

- Meeting called to order @ 1900 by President Jerry Ronk at

Oracle Aviation.

- 2 Guests Present.
- Minutes Approved.
- Treasurer's Report: None / Treasurer Absent.
- Membership Report: Tim Hewitt reported 75 members paid with 6 additional paid at meeting. Tim needs to know if every paid member is receiving the newsletter.
- Young Eagles: first event is April 18 at Oracle Aviation, Millard Airport. Start time is 0900. Business cards available with YE events for handouts.
- Tech Counselor: Nothing to report.
- Social Coordinator: Looking for ways to get our non-pilot members into airplanes and a program is in the works to fill all the seats when the Chapter does a fly out. Empty Seat Nesters and other names suggested:
 - Bald Eagles
 - Golden Eagles
 - Old Buzzards
 - Old Crows

Objective is to get our members flying again!

- Tool Report: Jim Beyer and Jerry Ronk have all the tools. Contact Jerry if you need any.
- Fly Out Report: Mike Howard reported a fly out to Norfolk on March 8 with 12 planes and 25 participants. Three planes flew to York on March 7.
- Builders Report: Mark Miller- Zenith 650, putting engine mounts on now and hope to have completed by June 1.
- Discussed program to visit our builders and projects. There are estimated to be around 30 builders in the area and next visit is scheduled for March 14 at Bob Condry's to view his RV-10 project.
- Old Business: Library cleaned out and Chris and Jerry organized locker at Oracle Aviation.
- New Business: Mike Howard reported on the EAA TriMotor coming to Millard in late August or September or October. EAA has 2 TriMotor aircraft, an AT4 and an AT5. We would need to hangar overnight while here and we would need minimum of 4 volunteers to assist with flights. Sponsors are also needed as we need to raise \$3,000 to \$4,000. Once we reach this amount then chapter receives \$5.00 from each ticket sold. Flights are \$70.00 each.
- Announcements: We were sorry to hear that Jack Jackson's wife passed away. We extend our sympathies to Jack and his Family.
- Oracle Aviation will start construction on the new FBO building on April 1.
- Jim Beyer has set up a Facebook page for Chapter 80. Google it and should be able to view it, we will still have our website.
- Program: Rick Bernardi presented his flight from Connecticut to Rosemont Dry Lake bed at Edwards Air Force Base. 2010 trip was won by lottery as only 200 planes were allowed out of 2000 applicants. Rick and his friend flew a Mooney the southern route out and returned by a northern route stopping in Oshkosh. Rick provided numerous pictures of his trip and completed a trip that most of us would like to do.
- Meeting Adjourned 2030
- Next meeting will be April 13 at Oracle Aviation. The program will be a presentation on formation flying.



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