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This Meeting – May 16th

AFTER the Fly-In about 1030, At Moontown.

President's Notes:

EAA Chapter 190 Members:

We are swinging into a very active time of year for our chapter. We are planning to have significant events at Moontown and in support of other activities. Some items of interest include:

- * Our monthly fly ins, of which we need more participation on field activities.
- * DC-3 Event on 23 May (see Moontown web site for details and participation).
- * A technical session 20 June to build wheel chocks, there is a separate mail out on the specifics.
- * We are starting to plan for the annual fly-in (more to follow at the June meeting).
- * Other events we will participate in include the regional air races at Cortland on 13 June (if supporting we will go 12 June to the organization dinner/meeting), Guntersville Chapter 683 fly-in breakfast on the 8th and other regional meetings as posted on our calendar.
- * There is a display of flyers at the Moontown operations center about Airventure 09 as well as new videos about the direction EAA is headed.

* The library has a significant list of videos on technical, flight, safety and entertainment topics which you may check out.

* Our technical advisor is Jon Moore and our flight advisor is Wayne Johnson. Please get with them on your issues and needs.

* We are working with George for use of space to provide technical sessions and special meetings. He is a great supporter and a long time member of EAA (I get more grey hair thinking about how long it has been)...

* We are still planning a Fly-Mart some time, if anyone wants to assist in this please get with me, Wayne or Jon.

* We also have a list of field improvement projects which we want to do.

* Lastly we will be purchasing Chapter patches and offering them for sale (price TBD). If you are interested, pass us a note.

* See you at the field on the 16th and do not hesitate to become involved with field operations.

V/R

Joe Baldauf

DC-3 Visits Moontown:

Moontown Friends,

The following was posted on the Herpa DC-3 web page. We have been working on this for about two years. It is planned as a DC-3 evening and covered dish dinner. We plan to set up near Gordie's and my hangar at midfield so that we have plenty of room for food, music, parking, electricity, the DC-3 and a good aviation social time at Moontown. I have been arranging for at least grilled burgers and dogs but maybe more. Bring your favorite covered dish and lawn chairs and enjoy the evening. This is an "All Hands" event sponsored by Moontown Airport and the various organizations and groups at the airport:

George and Shirley

DC-3 VISITS MOONTOWN!

We met George Myers on a stopover at Moontown airport near Huntsville, Alabama.

(3M5) George is a RPA formation pilot and one of the key players that keeps Moontown running like clockwork. Moontown is a great vintage general aviation grass strip kind of an airport with a cadre of pilots that often hang out and fly and tell stories together. They have begged for the DC-3 to visit for several years so it looks like we are going to stop in here and spend the night.

These are great aviation people and we invite you to join us at their party for food, fun, bluegrass music, Av Web and the DC-3 on Saturday night, May 23, 2008.

All are invited. Just show up and bring a dish to pass if you are able. Official Av Web Pie testing and evaluation will be available by the Av Web DC-3 crew as a courtesy to those that make and bring homemade pies. There is no charge for having your pie tested or evaluated by DC-3 crew - We consider this a service that we are proud to provide.



Fiberglass Workshop:

At the 20 June Fly in we will have a fiber glass workshop where we will build wheel chocks. We have the foam and some materials but will need to ask for a \$8 donation from those attending for the fiber glass and other materials necessary to build the chocks. Please sign up for the technical session at the May fly in or leave me a message (joe.baldauf@us.army.mil) of your intent to donate for materials and sign up...

Ed McWhiney will be taking money for the technical session. The session will begin about 1100 and last till about 1200.

-Joe Baldauf

April Meeting Minutes:

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First item of business was to discuss the breakfast preparation. Mrs. Anita Donovan of the Meridianville Middle School Band Parents organization expressed thanks for their participation in our breakfast. Their last event will be the May breakfast. They will leave several pieces of equipment including the warming box and the heated serving trays. Mr. Ed Martin of the Buckhorn High School Band Parents organization was present and indicated that they were interested in taking over the breakfast preparation. They will observe during

the May fly in and be ready to prepare and serve the June breakfast. Since Buckhorn will need to purchase food and supplies, the net amount will be less than it has been in the past with donated food and supplies. The terms are for Buckhorn to take the greater of 50% of the net or \$200.

The gross receipts from this morning's breakfast was \$735.00

Joe Baldauf discussed the national EAA award nominations.

Wayne Johnson is coordinating the runway lights repair project. Most of the work will be completed today. Future projects include extend the patio, a beacon tower, and a segmented circle.

Discussed the feasibility of holding a Fly Mart.

Two events were announced, A DC-3 is expected to stop at Moontown on 23 May. George Myers is making arrangements. An air race/air show will be at Courtland on June 13.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Bryan Tauchen

Annual Lake Guntersville Splash-In:

May 16th. Enjoy a full day of Seaplanes, Boating, and Great Foods. Friday Night Dinner at "Top of the River" Saturday morning Dawn Patrol to Moontown for breakfast. Saturday Splash-In at Wally's Place on Lake Guntersville. Flyer Below



Moontown Airport News

By George Myers May 2009

Dan Grider is bringing his AV Web Herpa Miniature Models sponsored DC-3 to Moontown Airport on May 23, 2009. Moontown is one of the 3's stops for the 2009 tour. We expect the plane to land around noon and it will be at Moon-town overnight. Along with the DC-3 we will have a covered dish dinner and BBQ beginning at 6:00 P.M. Dan leads a blue grass band so we are expecting the evening to include music in the shadow of this beautiful DC-3/C-47. This event is for all friends and customers of Moon-town so bring your favorite dish, your lawn chairs, and enjoy the evening. We will park the DC-3 near the midfield hangars (Myers and Seuell) and set up tables and chairs in one of the two hangars. We are also expecting some transient planes and warbirds.

Dan Grider and his Blue Grass Band



Dan's DC-3 making a 3-point landing, one wheel at a time

A special note from Dan Grider and crew: **“All are invited. Just show up and bring a dish to pass if you are able. Official Av Web Pie testing and evaluation will be available by the Av Web DC-3 crew as a courtesy to those that make and bring home-made pies. There is no charge for having your pie tested or evaluated by DC-3 crew - We consider this a service that we are proud to provide.”**

Visit <http://www.thedc-3network.com/>

Moontown Looking for A&P and IA

Kim McCutcheon has decided that he cannot continue his aircraft maintenance business at Moontown. He has been filling in since Rickey Weldon's accident last August. Therefore, the aircraft maintenance hangar and some equipment and supplies are available to the right A&P/ IA after July 1, 2009.

It is difficult to find good maintenance people and most airplane owners do not appreciate the effort and knowledge it takes to do the job correctly and efficiently. There is plenty of business at Moontown for the right person. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call or see me at the airport.

UFO's at Moontown?

Last month a History Channel film crew showed up unannounced at Moontown and wanted permission to film. They came complete with actors, directors and UFO experts. They set up in Gordon Seuell's hangar and commenced to de-cribe saucer shaped German and U.S flying vehicles. The show, UFO Hunters, was on TV the last Wednesday in April and should be repeated sometime later this year.



UFO Hunters at Moontown discussing German and USAF UFO projects

People have asked me how and why they picked Moontown. It turns out that they were scheduled to use the Barrett Museum but their contact did not show up. Someone in the production crew knew of Moontown and suggested that they try filming there. They also did some filming at the Space and Rocket Center.



UFO Hunters' Bill Baird interview at Moon-town Airport

Moontown Staff

Jerry Barnett has joined Moontown as Airport Operations Manager. Jerry also assists Kim McCutcheon with aircraft maintenance. In his spare time, he has been doing tons of airport repair work. We have been concentrating on hangar repair and rainwater drainage.

Jerry is a retired USAF pilot who flew B-52s and the U-2. He is a member of the Huntsville Soaring Club and has displayed broad talent that is a great asset to our airport

Janet Weldon staffs the FBO along with Sunday and Monday support from Ted Mavrotheris and Patrick Pearsall. Shirley and I spend most of our airport time with payroll, accounting, and "supporting" the tax collectors, ADEM, TSA, and ALDOT. In our spare time we are also do upkeep and repair work around the airport.

EAA 190 Support

The local EAA chapter has been taking on projects to help improve Moontown Airport. Last month a Chapter crew led by Wayne Johnson repaired and painted all of the runway light cones. Billy Perry, Frank Putnam, Ed McWhiney, Charles Cozelos and some other Chapter members helped with the project.

At the same time I lead a crew to revise the threshold lights. Additional threshold lights are being added at the end of run-way 9 to provide approximately 2500 feet of lighted runway for

landing. Run-way 27-lighted length remains 2180 feet to provide legal clearance over Moon-town Road. The threshold lights that protruded into the runway were moved to the outside edge away from taxing traffic. The threshold light helpers were Jim Herchanko, Johnny Hooper, and Jerry Barnett. Ed McWhiney also helped after he was done with the light cone project. Thanks to all who helped and I apologize if I missed anyone else that worked with us. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

EAA is the primary supporter of the fly-in breakfasts and we have had two great months. We had at least 65 visiting planes in March and

45 in April. Howard Heffelfinger reported 80 plus landings in March, counting the local planes that were flying young eagles and other local traffic. The added aircraft parking area on the southeast side of the airport has been a great asset for our fly-ins.

Members of the Meridianville Middle School Band Boosters are passing the breakfast chores on to Buckhorn High School. Meridianville Band Boosters and Biscuit Express have done an excel-lent job of preparing the breakfasts foods. Thanks to all who helped.



Some of the 65 airplanes that attended the March fly-in breakfast

Pryor Field Regional Airport OPEN HOUSE May 23, 2009



Decatur Athens aero service
AND

E.A.A. CHAPTER 941

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO LUNCH FROM 1100-1400 AT THE NEW TERMINAL BUILDING
COME EARLY morning to WATCH THE HOT-AIR BALLOON RACES and landings! (weather and winds
permitting for balloons)

Bring the family and enjoy reuniting with old friends and do some hangar flying.

Bring a lawn chair and an appetite!

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Lake Guntersville Splash-in
Wally Kirkpatrick's
Seaplane Base
May 16, 2009

Transportation available from Guntersville airport.

Splash-in coordinates 34 18.32N 86 22.75W

Bar-B-Q served at noon

Fri night hangar flying for early arrivals

Questions

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