
	<h1 style="color: blue; text-align: center;">PROPWASH</h1> <p>PROPWASH is published for the dissemination of information for and about the members of Chapter 190 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). President Jeff Spencer, Vice President Charles P. Cozelos, Secretary Bryan Tauchen, Treasurer Ed McWhiney, WebMaster Jeff Spencer.</p>	
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Photo of the Month:



Enjoying Hot Dogs & Hamburgers before the 12 April 2011 Chapter Meeting

Presidents Message:

Jeff Spencer

I'd like to begin this month's message with a few observations regarding the historic tornado outbreak on April 27, 2011. First, I hope none of you or your families suffered any injuries or loss of property. If you did and still need some help clearing your property or cleaning up, contact me and I'm sure we can get a team of Chapter volunteers together to help. On Wednesday, May 4th, I flew the second leg of a Pilots N Paws flight of three puppy mill dogs from Huntsville to Quincy, FL (fellow Chapter member Bob Kuehltha flew the first leg from the St. Louis, MO area to Huntsville). On the way to Quincy, I flew over three separate tornado tracks – one between Arab and Guntersville, one between Gadsden and Talladega and one from Lake Martin east about 20 miles north of Auburn – and the devastation is just mind boggling. It is going to take many months, if not years, for Alabama to recover from these storms. Please take the time to help your neighbors by volunteering your time and/or donating to those in need.

On to flying – May is going to be a busy month for the Chapter. We have our Chapter workday rescheduled for May 14th at 10 am to refurbish the EAA kitchen area. I have purchased the new Blackstone pancake griddle (needs assembly), the 40” flat screen TV and wall mount. Jim has completed the tables with the storage area underneath and installed them in the kitchen (they look great). Jim has also marked out on the wall where we are to widen the door opening and install a new door. We need to clean out and remove the big bookcase and move the second stove into the kitchen. We also need to pick up from Harold McMurrin the donated file cabinet. Please come out on the 14th to help.

On May 21st, we’ll have our normal fly-in breakfast in the morning. In recognition of EAA’s International Learn to Fly Day, we’ll also have Young Eagle flights from 9 am to 5 pm. If you can help, either on the ground or flying, please contact Aaron Wypyszynski at (908) 419-3318 or email him at aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com. Additionally, there will be a limited number of free orientation flights for adults 18 and over who think they might be interested in learning more about aviation and/or learning to fly. If you would like to help coordinate these flights or are willing to help fly adults, call me at (256) 714-9195 or email me at jilspence@hiwaay.net. As always, if you have any ideas for Chapter projects or programs or suggestions on how to make the Chapter better, please pass them on. Thanks.

Member Spotlight:

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bryan Tauchen

EAA 190 Chapter Meeting 4/12/11

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Moontown FBO. Jeff Spencer set up a grill and cooked for the chapter members before the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been published in the newsletter. The treasurer’s report was not complete due to no availability of the bank statements.

Motion was made and seconded to transfer \$16,000.00 to a 14 month CD that presently earns 1.25% interest per recommendation of the BOD. Motion seconded and passed.

Youth Eagle coordinator, Aaron Wypyszynski, reported that we have received young eagle credits valued at \$1,560.00. We are awaiting confirmation that a slot is available for the Air Academy. Confirmation is expected within a couple of weeks.

International Learn to Fly day is on May 21. Jerry will not be providing extra support for this event. It was agreed that we could advertise and schedule X (TBD) rides for adults through the day. Aaron Wypyszynski will coordinate.

Jim Harchanko discussed his kitchen reconfiguration plans. Motion to proceed was made, seconded and passed. Initial work is scheduled for 23 April.

Aaron Wypyszynski proposed that we support a student membership program. Discussion concluded that we could consider it complementary membership, as provided for in the existing bylaws. Aaron proposed that contact be made with local schools to find interested students. The program would probably consist of a monthly activity, focusing on aviation topics of interest to students. Motion was made and seconded and passed that the chapter would support this activity. Aaron Wypyszynski will be take the lead.

George Myers lead a discussion on the initial planning for the annual fly in on September 17-18. He passed out a sheet of task assignments.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Jeff Spencer for the food purchased for the cookout prior to the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Attendees: Andrea Atwood, Harold McMurrin, Geoffrey Jeram, George Myers, Shirley Myers, James Harchanko, Jeff Spencer, Charles P. Cozelos, Aaron Wypyszynski, Hannah Brock, Bryan Tauchen. By proxy: Paul Jacobs, Mark Bowden, Wes Conkle

Treasurers Report:

Bryan Tauchen

	<u>Ch#</u>		<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
2/28/2011		Bank Statement balance			\$23,318.77
		Outstanding checks ????			\$23,318.77
	1016	Breakfast payment ????		\$435.47	\$22,883.30
		Jeff Spencer - YE Credit reimburse-			
3/8/2011	1017	ment		\$614.98	\$22,268.32
		Jeff Spencer - Chapter Ins and Re-			
3/8/2011	1018	newal		\$321.00	\$21,947.32
	1019	void			\$21,947.32
3/19/2011		Breakfast gross	\$897.72		\$22,845.04
3/19/2011	1020	Buckhorn 176.84 exp + 360.44 profit		\$537.28	\$22,307.76
3/20/2011	1021	Cozelos - Speaker's dinner + Easel		\$75.40	\$22,232.36
3/27/2011		dues	\$30.00		\$22,262.36
4/16/2011		Breakfast \$312, dues 30	\$342.00		\$22,604.36
4/24/2011		dues	\$15.00		\$22,619.36
4/16/2011	1022	Buckhorn 186.72 exp + 125.28 profit		\$320.00	\$22,299.36
4/16/2011	1023	J Spencer - meeting cookout		\$102.55	\$22,196.81

Technical Corner:

Harold McMurrin

For all of you who have or fly a Piper Aircraft and are concerned about the latest AD issued concerning the control wheel/shaft. I wanted to report to you that 100% of the aircraft I've inspected were OK and required nothing further concerning the issues presented in the AD.

Safety:

Wes Conkle

Young Eagles:

Aaron Wypyszynski

Flight Advisors NotePad:

Jerry Barnett

3M5 NOTAMs:

Jerry Barnett

Every Saturday Moontown has a Buffet Lunch at noon; Donations accepted.

SUN 'n FUN or was it Rain 'n Pain?:

Jamie Dodson

Frank and Bonnie Klatt of the Florida Aviation Museum located on Lakeland Airport, Florida invited me to attend the Sun 'n Fun (SnF) 2011 Author's Corner. They also asked if I would present, *Howard Hughes, the Pilot Behind the Legend* and *The 75th China Clipper Anniversary*. I had never attended before and was looking forward to a few days in the sun and a little fun with airplanes.

My first mistake was to decide to camp. I had spoken to many EAA members who had assured me the camping was enjoyable and the mosquitoes tolerable. I arrived after dark on March 30th to a thunderous rain storm. My SUV shook and the lighting illuminated the night sky with a gorgeous display of raw energy. It was a bad night to be driving, let alone flying.

At the campgrounds all the available sites were taken. That is all the sites above the water line. I swear when I was sweeping my MAG LITE across the area for a suitable spot, I saw an alligator slither away into the darkness. Brave as I have sometimes been called, I decided I was not in the mood for a contest with the gator. I asked the camp minder where I might find a hotel.

The grizzled gent looked out from under his southwester hat and pointed at me with a soggy pipe. "Young man..."

While he paused for dramatic effect, I thrilled at the title of young man. Although pushing sixty, his comment just goes to show that perspective is everything. Meanwhile, Ol Grizzly was about to impart some wisdom.

"You'll never get a hotel during Sun 'n Fun. Been sold out for weeks!"

I thanked him and drove off to seek my fortune, or at least a dry place to sleep - sans Mr. Gator. Luck was with me and Motel Six had a bed. Apparently, some erstwhile aviator had thought better of trying to make it through the storms of Armageddon for a little Fun in the Sun. Regardless I was thankful and said a prayer that the unlucky pilot was safe on the ground somewhere.

Early the next morning the sun was out and I had a pleasant drive back to Lakeland Airport. That is until I found myself in traffic backed up almost to the interstate. I sat for almost 30 minutes before I was crept up to a County Sheriff.

I asked, "Deputy, is there a crash up head?"

She pulled down her aviator shades and looked at me. "No, sir. This is the line for Sun 'n Fun."

"The show doesn't open for two hours. Is it like this every year?"

Clearly annoyed that I had disturbed her contemplation of the morning newspaper, she responded. “No, sir. The rain has made three of four entrances impassable. Now, please move along, you’re holdin’ up traffic.”

I looked ahead and saw she was correct. After I apologized for interrupting her morning reverie, I closed the 25 foot gap that had appeared before my front bumper.

Well, I thought, at least it’s sunny. I turned on the radio and heard the announcer with the weather report. “...mostly sunny today, after a few morning sprinkles.” Sounded delightful, but it was not to be. By the time I made it to the museum for my first presentation, it was raining.

The light rain, gave way to darkening clouds, and a sudden increase in winds. Attendees at an AOPA Airport Support Network at an outdoor pavilion next door left their seats and ran for cover at the Florida Air Museum.

Inside the museum others were streaming in including about 100 children from local schools. The skylights darkened only to be stabbed by forked lighting. The tornado sirens went off and the full force of the storm slammed into the museum and the airport.

Planes suspended from the ceiling began to sway menacingly and the large hanger doors began to lift until we could see the horizontal rain start to pour in. There was a loud pop and the roof began to leak. The water poured in like a fire hose and emptied into a WACO biplane swaying from the roof line. The water snaked through the plane and emptied out the tail wheel hole – right onto the author’s books. Quick actions saved most however about fifteen books were water logged and ruined.

As the storm’s intensity increased, I realized that the suspended aircraft had a good chance of coming down. I yelled above the din of the storm. “Everyone out from under those planes!”

The storm refugees looked up to where several of us pointed and quickly moved to sides. Then a huge gust hit the converted hanger, the building groaned and the lights went out.

Kids screamed, adults screamed, and I screamed – but it wasn’t for ice cream. Once the emergency lights kicked in most of us were able to laugh off the fright. Volunteers moved between those huddled in fear against the walls and gave out water, cokes and very cold coffee that tasted like mud – ancient mud.

After about half an hour, the rain slackened and I took a walk outside. On the flight line, many homebuilt aircraft, which their owners had devoted thousands of hours building, were tossed like dry leaves. Tad “Stripes” Sargent, of Charlotte, N.C., saw the RV-7A that he had spent two-and-a-half years building tossed aside. It tumbled about 50 yards before coming to rest upside down.

“I had a lot of love in that airplane, and my 14-year-old son helped me build it,” he said. “But it’s only an airplane and I’m so glad that no one was hurt.” Sargent is a member of TEAM RV, a formation flying group that brought a dozen airplanes to perform at Sun ’n Fun. In a display of the random nature of the destruction, other airplanes parked nearby were untouched.

Many display aircraft were destroyed. Aviat Aircraft of Afton, Wyo., was especially hard hit. A new Husky on amphibious floats was tossed by the storm into several other display aircraft, causing severe damage.

The airfield was flooded with torrential rain, tree limbs were scattered, and display tents were blown over. Many exhibitors had their displays damaged. A large tent in the light sport aircraft area collapsed.

Some listening to the emergency radio now reported that a tornado had inflicted heavy damage to more than 60 aircraft and to the Sun 'n Fun site. Other damaged or destroyed aircraft included a Cessna Caravan that was flipped upside down on the ramp, a Helio Courier, two Thorpe T-18s, three Air Cams, and many others. The announcer related that storm was extremely localized and Sun 'n Fun officials said they were not aware of any serious injuries.

A crowd was gathering by a wrecked tent and I headed that way. There Sun 'n Fun Board Chairman Bill Eickhoff addressed the media. "We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss of – or damage to – a significant number of exhibitor and individually owned aircraft, but we are also eternally grateful that it was not accompanied by the loss of life.

"And we are so very proud of the way our entire organization – volunteers and staff – as well as our exhibitors, emergency response personnel, on-site services, partners and friends responded to this huge challenge."

Yada, yada... I was glad that there were only a few injuries that required hospitalization. The most shocking was the collapse of venerated "99s" tent. The roof came down on the grand dames of World War II - most of who were well past 80. The amazing thing was the ladies had to repeatedly calm the rescuers. I heard one say. "Sonny, this ani't nothing but a thing. Take your time, these girls have had much worse."

I could see the rescuers had the task well in hand and was made my way back to the still dark and hot box like museum. The students were waiting for transportation and many come over to speak with me. It was good to discuss aviation with so many youngsters with an interest. I pitched EAA Young Eagles program to them and told them about the upcoming Young Eagles day. I even made a few books sales so it wasn't a total loss.

That is until I returned to the camp ground – what a mess! The grounds were flooded, tree limbs were scattered, and campers tents in shreds. And the weather gurus were predicting more rain. 'Ol Grizzly said that no more campers were going to be admitted and many were being moved to the Aviation Academe building where volunteers were setting up cots. So it was back to the Motel Six for me.

Surprising, SnF did quite well after the storm. Gate receipts were up about 10% and many of the venders reported decent sales. It takes more than a tornado and hurricane strength winds to keep the crowds away from the traditional start of the airshow season.

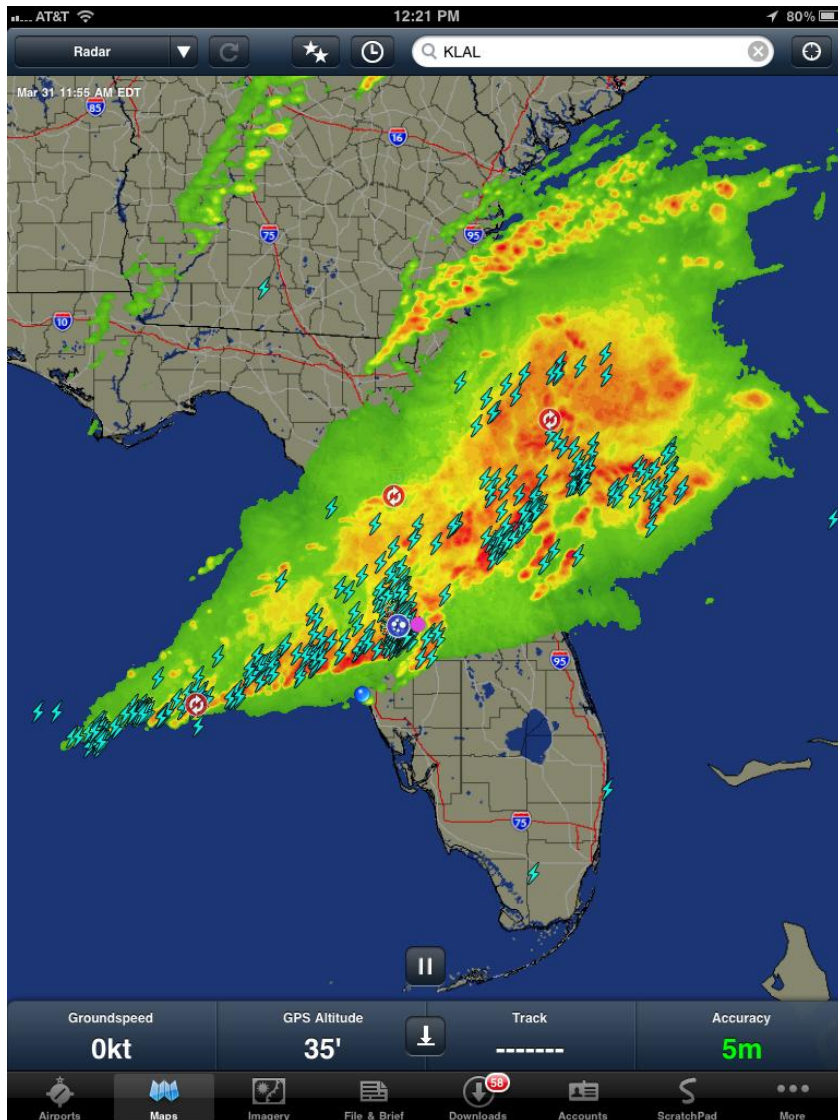
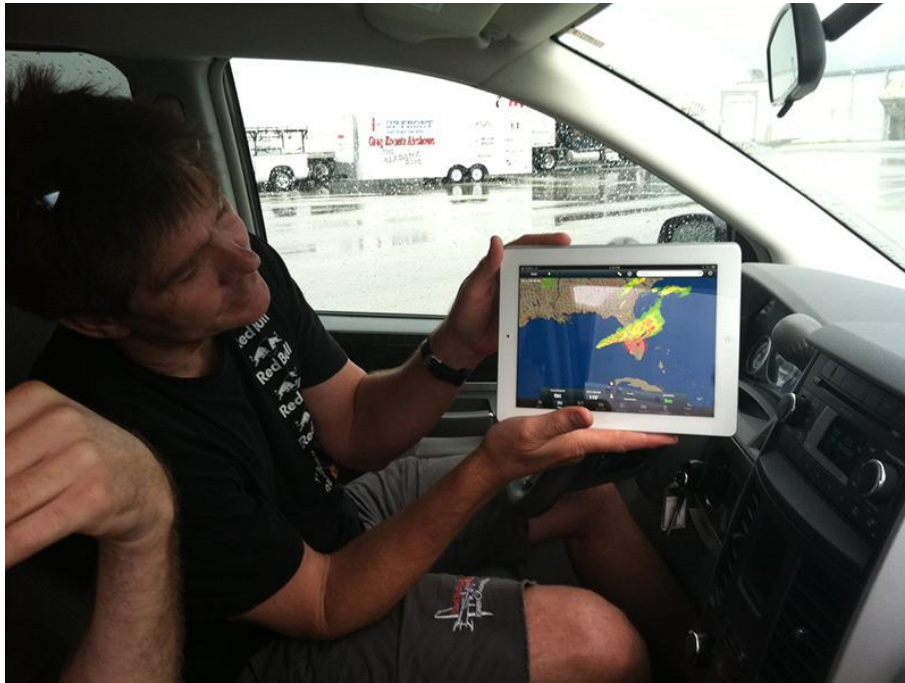
Who knows maybe I'll be brave enough to return next year.



Taken before they shut the doors and power went out. There were a few unsettling moments at that point.









The 99s. The Grand Dames of World War II



The aftermath: Owner works on the remains at the “Bone Yard” – where SnF dragged the damaged airplanes after the storm passed.

Projects Update:

Jim Harchanko

RV

www.flickr.com/photos/rvflyer03/sets/

Calendar of Events:

May 17	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
May 20-22		Lake Guntersville Splash In	256-582-6087
May 21	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown International Learn to Fly Day	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jun 14	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jun 18	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jul 12	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jul 16	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jul 25-31		Oshkosh AirVenture 2011	http://www.airventure.org/
Aug 16	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Aug 20	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Sep 13	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Sep 17-18	0730hrs	Annual Moontown Grass Field Fly-In	http://moontownairport.com/

Oct 12	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Oct 16	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Nov 12	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Nov 16	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Dec 12	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Dec 16	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jan 17	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jan 21	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Feb 14	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Feb 18	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Mar 13	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Mar 17	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/

Joke of the Month:

Following are a few random thoughts from a few random minds.....

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it's a valuable plant.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: The quick and the dead.

Why do they call it a "Hamburger" when there aint no "ham" in it?

Life is sexually transmitted.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about it?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

From the Editor:

Charles P. Cozelos

What a month!! The PROPWASH is a bit late coming out due to the weather and events associated with it the last week of April. I think this storm is almost as bad as the one on April 3, 1974, fortunately back then the population around here wasn't even close to what it is today! I remember going hunting on what is now Slaughter Rd back then... I hope all of you and your relatives escaped with no injuries and minimal property damage. If there is anything you need (any of you) let someone here know. We aviators have a long history of looking out for one another!!

It was such a surprise to me to hear of the passing of Ed McWhiney. It seems like just last month I was watching him take his usual post at the West turnoff from the runway at 3M5 to help park planes during the monthly breakfast. I know I'll never forget him; it was just a few months ago he wanted to sell his hand held radio and I needed one. I'll think of him every time I use it. Ed, God bless you.

Ya know, summer is here, and we only have 3 months to get everything ready for Moon-town Airport's Annual Grass Field Fly In. Check with George and see if there is anything you can do to help out. It might be a good idea to go ahead and begin planning to take Friday 16 September off to come on out and help prepare the field.

Going Someplace:

If you are planning on going somewhere and have extra seats or if you are looking to find a ride and are willing to split the expenses get the word out here; For example:

Joe Hasaplane	Cessna 172	2 seats	Oshkosh July 25-31	256-123-4567
Bob Needsaride		1	Sun n'fun 3/29-4/3	256-987-6543

Members Network:

. If you are a chapter member in good standing, feel free to add one (1) line in this section. You may advertise anything you wish. The intent is that it will be your business, your company, your house, car, plane, hanger or whatever. It's free and can run forever; the only limiting factor is one line per member per month. If you see something below that you can use, try them out, you'll be helping another chapter member.

Air Conditioning	Air Comfort Control	256-851-6991
Aircraft Maintenance	Southeastern Aircraft Rebuilders, Inc.	256-852-9781
Piper Warrior – 1978, 1/3 Share	Bryan Tauchen	256-852-7505
Pressure Cleaning	ReNew-it	256-682-0251