



EAA Chapter 241 Newsletter

September 2017

Our next chapter meeting is Monday, September 11. Dinner at 6:30 (barbecue), program at 7:00 pm. See Letter from the President below for more information.

The EAA Pancake Breakfast at Hinckley Airport is September 17th. More information below.

August Meeting Update & Ford Trimotor Visit (from Tom)

Good evening 241,

Those of us who made last night's meeting were treated to an interesting discussion by USAF Col Joseph Helsing Ret and his 30 years of service in maintaining some of the best aircraft money could buy. Thanks again Joe.

As discussed last night, here is the initial package sent to me by National regarding our tour stop with the Trimotor the 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September. There is a lot here to digest and comprehend here, but I wished to get it out there promptly so we can get ideas and discussion going on how best to make OUR tour stop a most productive one for the Trimotor, DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport AND for our EAA Chapter 241.

I'm willing to be involved, but like I mentioned last night, if someone really wants to run with this as Chairperson, please contact me. I will run with it for now, best I can, but we really need a dedicated volunteer who can spend some time on it and make it a memorable stop. FYI, a typical stop for a town like DeKalb, at this time of year, weather pending, etc... 175-200 is what they consider a success. More is obviously welcomed, but at only 9 passengers per load, plus one right seat spot purchased at the event, we are talking about 20 loads.

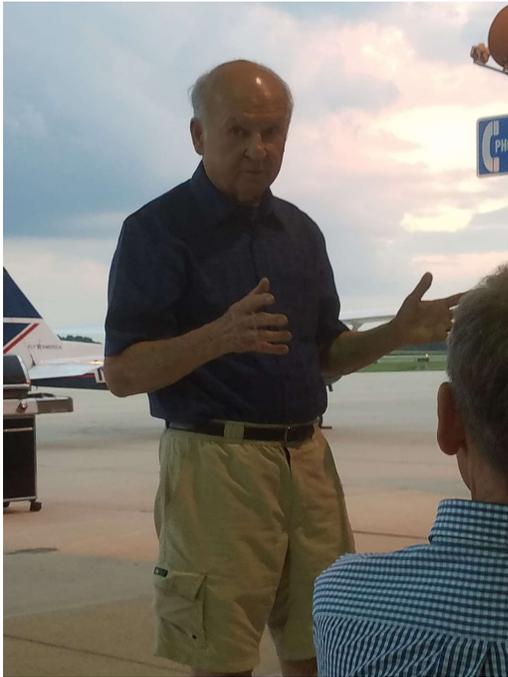
Ok, that is all I have for you with this introduction. Read it, take notes, scribe some ideas and I hope to hear from you soon. Please put "Trimotor" in all subject header lines.

Regards,

Tom

Thomas Burgan, EAA Chapter 241 President/Treasurer

From Steve Klopfenstein (Thanks!)



Col. Joseph Helsing (August speaker)

Letter from the President

Hi Gang,

September 9, 2017

Who here will take tornados over hurricanes, raise your hand.

Seriously, I hope anyone with friends and relatives in Florida and Texas are in contact with them and know they are safe.

Monday is also 9-11, so a time for reflection is in order and to remind everyone that if you see something, say something when you see anything that is amiss on or around our home airport, or any airport for that matter.

A slow month, so we'll be showing a chapter video for our program on Monday night right after our light dinner. We'll also have James Hois speak to us about his time at Air Venture Camp this summer, of which our chapter contributed our earned Young Eagle credits to his family to help offset the cost. I would also like to welcome our newest member Don Karper, who introduced himself at last month's meeting and sent in his dues and membership application sheet just this week.

We'll be taking the trailer to Hinckley next Saturday, the 16th and our breakfast is Sunday 8-11:30. Expect to commit to helping on Monday night. Just maybe showing up really isn't sufficient and we need firm commitments please. We will be needing help unloading the trailer on Saturday at Hinckley at 11:00. Plan on being at the airport Sunday morning by 0740 so we can get going the minute the gliders

are out of the hangar. We were short handed at DeKalb with not enough people for cooks to even take a break.

Only the CAP Cadets assistance helped to make that event work as well as it did and they're not even chapter members.

Trimotor preparation is ongoing. I'll be working a schedule for the days it is here in conjunction with Tom Cleveland so we have enough help to handle the crowd flow and for safety around the aircraft. If anyone knows someone with a Model T, please let them know that we're looking for a few cars for photo opportunities each day. I, along with Dan's help hung up the two banners on Peace Road this week. They look nice and in fact, one woman pulled over while I was securing one banner and yelled out... "HEY, HOW MUCH?"

Don Karper has been working the dealerships trying to get sponsorship money, but I don't believe any is forthcoming just yet. Don will have a current list of dealerships approached so far at the meeting.

There is plenty of PR material at the front desk of the hangar. Just ask for it, or if no one is there, grab only what you think you can use and please distribute it however you can. Speaking of PR material, we now have chapter business cards available for everyone. Please grab a few at Monday's meetings for distribution whenever you by chance meet someone interested in more information about Chapter 241.

In the near future, our website will hopefully have a contact menu for interested parties to access the current leadership telephone and email information. Our hope is that this way, the cards will remain up to date even though leadership may change.

This will probably our last barbecue for the year and we have Hinckley, the Ford Trimotor and the USO Hangar Dance in the next five weeks alone.

Please people, we will be needing your help, or these events will simply cease to take place. I hate to say it, but it really is that simple.

Be safe, fly even safer.

Tom

Thomas Burgan, EAA Chapter 241 President/Treasurer

New Members

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a member of EAA241, here is a copy of our Membership Application. Please feel free to share . . .

[eaa-membership-application.pdf](#)

It is also available on our website at <https://eaa241.org/about/>