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Great Circle Air Safari

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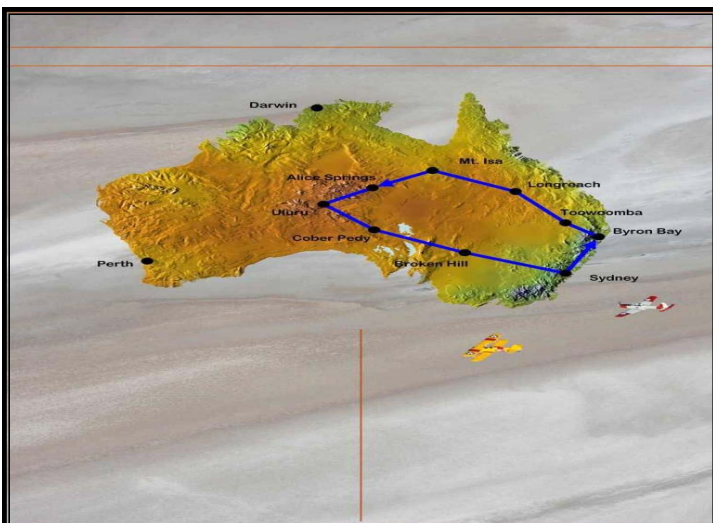
7:00 PM, Pike Hall

Collin County Community College, McKinney, Texas

The Great Circle Air Safari

Thursday, March 13, 2008

It's time for popcorn and a movie! Experience an exhilarating flight through the vast Australian Outback. Two Americans, Doug Davies and Rob Richey, shipped their 1942 Stearman biplane all the way to Australia to join up with their Australian mates for a 4,000 mile flight through one of the most remote and unusual places in the world. Shot in stunning high definition color by Oscar-winning director of photography, Eric Thiermann, this film portrays a compelling flight of discovery and adventure.



Congratulations!

Mike Burnett and his wife, Rola are pleased to announce the birth of their new baby girl!

She arrived Friday, February 15, 2008, She just missed being a Valentines day baby, but what a gift!

Congratulations to Mike, Rola, and their son Nicholas, (a new brother!) on the addition of a new member to their family. We are expecting to see another pilot in the air in a few years!

Update on EAA and Major Fly-Ins

Editor's Note: The following message from EAA national headquarters is being re-published for your information.

For the past several months, representatives of the major fly-ins throughout the nation commonly known as "regional fly-ins" have been discussing with EAA staff the structure and relationships between EAA and these large events that have carried the EAA name.

Some of these events have existed for many years. These are not and have never been EAA-owned or -operated events, but rather grew from the efforts of local EAA members, chapters and aviation enthusiasts seeking to create a community that shares EAA's mission of promoting the spirit of aviation.

EAA encourages events that bring people together to enjoy the world of flight. Through the years, however, the perception of these events and the environment in which they operate may have changed, often due to forces beyond anyone's control. This requires clarification in the relationship between EAA and these events.

Naturally, there are questions that come from such discussions. Below are answers to some of the most common questions:

• **What changes are being discussed?**

EAA headquarters and leaders of the regional fly-ins are finalizing a relationship which will provide mutual benefit to everyone involved and more accurately reflect the actual relationship between EAA and the independent local groups that organize these fly-ins.

• **Why are the changes being discussed?**

EAA wants to address any misunderstanding among fly-in attendees that EAA may be active in or responsible for the operation of the regional fly-ins. In addition to EAA's concern about confusion in the minds of the public, this apparent misunderstanding

was a significant factor in a recent judgment and damage award arising from an accident at a regional fly-in. The damage award affected the evaluation of EAA's coverage in the insurance market and created a situation that, if not addressed, would lead to very significant and unsustainable increases in the cost of EAA's insurance coverage at the levels required for all of its programs. Such a situation would harm not only EAA, but the regional fly-ins. Therefore, it was prudent for EAA and the organizers of these fly-ins to evaluate and clarify their relationships and public communications.

• **Is EAA no longer insuring regional events?**

In the past, EAA arranged for insurance coverage as part of its overall aviation insurance plan. The regional events then reimbursed EAA for their portion of the insurance costs. Due to changes discussed previously in this document, EAA will no longer be able to include regionals as part of that operating model. Fortunately, there are brokers and underwriters willing and capable of serving the regional fly-ins as independent events at what we anticipate will be affordable and sustainable rates. EAA will introduce the fly-in organizers to insurers that can independently provide quotes for this coverage.

• **I heard these will no longer be called official EAA events. Why not?**

All of these fly-ins have independent operating bodies, all separately incorporated within their home states. While not specifically carrying the EAA name, the event names will reflect their distinct identities as independently owned and operated events.

• **What will EAA do at these events?**

EAA would like to participate at these events through sponsorship of specific areas, such as forums, workshops, aircraft judging and awards banquets, among others. EAA will also provide visibility through its publications, internet resources and other members' and chapter communications to encourage EAA members to attend these outstanding events.

• **How does this impact the future of each event?**

There is a consensus from the event organizers that they want to continue. However, each event annually decides on its own whether it will operate in future years by evaluating a variety of factors. That ability for the local organizers to determine their own course will not change.

• **How does this affect typical EAA chapter events?**

It doesn't affect typical EAA Chapter events. The more than 5,300 individual EAA Chapter events held each year are subject to a separate set of guidelines for their operations. EAA Chapters are chartered by EAA and are operated in accordance with guidelines established by EAA. Chapter events receive their insurance coverage based on following those guidelines. EAA will continue its support for these chapter activities.

I am drawn to the new chart with all of its colorful intricacies as a gourmet must anticipate the details of a feast . . . I shall keep them forever. As stunning exciting proof that a proper mixture of science and art is not only possible but a blessed union.— Ernest K. Gann, 'Fate is the Hunter

EAA's New Online Calendar of Events Designed With the Pilot in Mind

The world's largest aviation calendar

There is now one comprehensive listing of aviation activities that is designed with the pilot in mind: EAA's new online calendar of events - the world's largest - featuring more than 1,000 events from throughout the aviation community. This calendar, open to all aviation events and available at www.eaa.org/calendar, features everything from EAA chapter meetings, pancake breakfasts and Young Eagles rallies, to local fly-ins, safety seminars and airport open houses.

"In many ways aviation events are the lifeblood of EAA," said Adam Smith, EAA vice president of membership. "Throughout the year EAA members express their passion for aviation by attending fly-ins, air shows, workshops, Chapter meetings, Young Eagles rallies, and other events. By creating a calendar that contains all these events, EAA members can connect with activities they find valuable. The calendar is also a useful promotional tool for event organizers, particularly for EAA Chapters that want to publicize their local activities."

This online calendar was designed by our own Jim Smith, the Award-winning webmaster for EAA Chapter 1246 in McKinney, Texas.

It has many powerful search functions found no place else, including:

- Search by distance from your home airport or zip code;
- Find listings arranged by date, mileage range, type of event, location or event name;
- Instantly link to EAA Flight Planner and maps to plan your journey;

Get detailed information on individual events through web and e-mail links.

"EAA Chapters alone account for thousands of activities each year, and they have enthusiastically responded to fill this new calendar, which is the most comprehensive and versatile listing in aviation," said Charlie Becker, EAA's director of member programs. "There are dozens of great reasons to go flying each week, so check the calendar and find one that fits you. The more active pilots are, the better it is for everyone in grassroots aviation."

EAA also welcomes aviation events of all types to be included, with event submissions accepted through the handy link provided on the calendar site.

"The growth of the Internet is having a revolutionary effect on EAA, especially since we're a group of people who seek innovation in our aircraft and in our lives," Smith said. "This new calendar of events is part of our ongoing efforts to be responsive and provide better online services to EAA Members as they share the spirit of aviation."

Give it a try today at www.eaa.org/calendar.

April's Annual EAA 1246 Fish Fry!!!

This years annual Fish Fry will be held on

April 19, 2008

At Collin County Regional Airport

Pete Huff has graciously donated the use of his hanger at the MHOA hanger area.

Gary Ackerman and crew has also volunteered to cook this year!

Help spread the word and tell all your flying buddies to come participate in our annual Fly In!



April Meeting Time Change!

Please take note that the **TIME** for Aprils General meeting has been changed to

7:30 PM

Due to a scheduling conflict with the college this month.

We apologize for any inconvenience a month in advance!
We'll see you there!

ChallengeAir Fly Days

Come on out and participate in one of ChallengeAir's fly days. Your experience will be an interesting and rewarding one!

Currently scheduled fly days are:

March 29, 2008 Fort Worth Tx. Meacham Field (FTW)

April 26, 2008 Houston, Tx Lone Star Executive Airport (CXO)

May 17, 2008 McKinney Tx. Collin County Regional (TKI)

November 1 2008 Dallas Love Field (DAL)

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer to participate as a pilot, please contact:

Steve McCarter at

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We have no effective screening methods to make sure pilots are sane.— *Dr. Herbert Haynes, FAA*

MINUTES

EAA Chapter 1246

Officer's Meeting

February 20, 2008

7:30 p.m.

March Movie/Popcorn

Andy will check supplies

James will bring popcorn

Display Case

Display case lost, Kitchen case available

Future speakers

April – Rick White will speak on avionics

Fly- out for March

Ardmore OK on March 15

Fish Fry in April

Pete Huff agreed to let us use his hangar

Russ will deliver fish

Garry Ackerman agreed to do the cooking

Status of Finances

Reimbursements made

Membership

Steady at about 90

Newsletter

Articles welcome

James will write article on Air Racing

Web site

Jim Smith hired to re-do speakers bureau for EAA national

Sales Tax on airplanes – Bill Ducharme

Jim Wilson will give slide show

Dr. Kramer willing to speak with advance notice



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Calendar of Events

(Items in **Bold** are Chapter 1246 events)

Mar 13 **EAA 1246 General Meeting. 7:00pm**
Pike Hall, Collin Co. Community College.
Great Circle Air Safari Around Australia

Mar 15 **EAA 1246 Fly Out. Ardmore OK ADM.**
Meet at 11:00 AM Blue Pig BBQ.

Mar 15 Ranger Tx. Antique fly in. Ranger F23.
 Texas Antique Airplane Ass'n Picnic & fly
 in. 12:00 pm

Mar 19 **EAA 1246 Officers Meeting. 7:30pm**
Cutter Aviation, TKI. All members
Welcome!

April 10 **EAA 1246 General Meeting. 7:30 PM**
Pike Hall, Collin Co. Community College.

Apr 16 **EAA 1246 Officers Meeting. 7:30pm**
Cutter Aviation, TKI. All members
Welcome!

Apr 19 **EAA 1246 FISH FRY & Fly in. TKI**

May 8 **EAA 1246 General Meeting. 7:00pm**

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New Member: _____ or Renewal: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Wk () _____ Hm () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

* EAA Number: _____ * Exp. Date: _____

Pilot/A&P Rating: _____

Notes/Comments/Projects:

Membership dues are \$20 per year due Jan 1.
Make checks payable to **EAA Chapter 1246**.
Mail applications to:

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2250 Purdue Dr.
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* National EAA membership required.

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