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This meeting was called to order by President Adolfson and began with the introduction of our guests.

Steve Springer, Attorney

Dick Trail, Airport Authority

We had one other guest that immediately became our newest member. Please add his name to your roster, and welcome:

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TREASURERS REPORT:

Larry Jacobi gave his report indicating a healthy, if not abundant, balance in our treasury. Bills paid were few and routine.

NUTSERT KIT

Ron Reimer demonstrated this kit and described how easy it now becomes to afix blind nuts in non-structural areas. The kit will be available at the hangar for use by our members. Your cost will be 12¢ per insert. Sizes available are 6, 8, and 10. Payment by users will be on an honor-system basis.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

John reviewed numerous calendar items, and notices received by mail. A good deal of discussion centered around our Headquarters' report and the pending Convention in Oshkosh. Are you going? Do you need a ride? Can you take someone with you? Our meeting room chalk-board (blackboard for you young guys) has two (2) lists-- one for those needing a ride, and the other for those offering a ride. If you need, or can offer, stop by and indicate the details-- be sure to give your name, phone number, dates, and anything more you can include.

Another item presented by our President dealt with statistics relative to safety and Homebuilt aircraft. Everyone wanted to learn where their "Pride and Joy" ranked in the listings presented. If you haven't started your project yet you might want to review these numbers before making your final decision.

LAPEL PINS

Don Barnhart had two display pins to show as samples of the lapel pins recently ordered. We should have our supply on sale in 6 to 8 weeks. They are a miniature replica of our jacket patches. The price will be \$2.00 per pin or two (2) pins for \$3.00.

WELL

Walt Fritz reports our well has been drilled on the east side of our building. The depth is 65 feet. Walt plans to follow up on obtaining the additional hardware necessary to bring water service into our building.

TOOLS

Phil Brown presented a motion, that was passed, to purchase a drill bit sharpener. John Adolfson suggested consideration be given to the purchase of a Nico-Press Squeezer. He will price this item and report more later. What's a Nico-Press Squeezer?

INSTRUMENT RATED

Larry Jacobi reports he just received his Instrument Rating and owes it all to his instructor, Dick Ervin. Nice going guys-- who's next?

PICNIC

Our next picnic date has been set for September 14, 1980. Mark your calendar now. Plan to attend and bring your family and some good weather.

AUGUST MEETING

While you're marking your calendar, be sure to note and remember our next meeting will be on Monday, August 11, 1980. This will be one week later than usual to allow for attendance at the Oshkosh Convention. We all hope to see you at both places.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Steven Springer, an Indianapolis Attorney. Mr. Springer spoke to us about "Flying and the Law". If you fly, know the laws that govern and protect you. If you are accused of violating a law you should be aware of your rights. If you are uncertain of any of these it may be best if you say as little as possible and seek legal help. This is but a portion of the information offered by Mr. Springer in his presentation. Numerous questions followed indicating perhaps a lack of, or a limited amount of knowledge concerning the law and what to do if you are guilty, or accused, of a violation. When in doubt, seek help. Thanks Steve, for a fine presentation.

CLOSING COMMENT

Here's a closing comment somewhat akin to our speaker and his profession. This news item is now over a year old but according to an article in LEGAL EAGLE NEWS, a publication for lawyer-pilots, "While a helicopter pilot landed to ask a young lady sunbathing in the nude for a date, his helicopter fell over on its side and beat itself to death."

Owners sued the manufacturers, the State of California, whose non-pilot firefighters were on board, and the firm which rebuilt the helicopter into a different configuration.

The accident occurred during a flight where three California firefighters were on their way to fight a fire in the Big Sur area. En route, they spotted a young lady sunbathing in the nude. First the pilot circled taking pictures; then he landed to ask the lady for a date. Unfortunately, he left the helicopter running and three passengers on board.

While the pilot was talking to the girl, one of the passengers felt the helicopter coming off the ground and pushed the cyclic control forward. The helicopter promptly fell on its side and destroyed itself. There were no injuries.

As they say in the television detective programs, the facts are not in question. The plaintiff's theory was that a positive control lock should have been in the bird to prevent anyone from moving the controls while the pilot left three passengers on board the running helicopter.

Defendants argued that under the circumstances of the pilot's anxiety to make a date, he would not have bothered to install control locks in any event.

Although the trial lasted three weeks, it took the jury 40 minutes to decide in favor of the defense. We do not know if the pilot managed to get a date with the sunbather or not.

I'm not sure there's a moral here, but I do want to caution you: Ladies, when sunbathing in the nude, please stay out from under helicopters (and homebuilt aircraft.) And guys, when flying--FLY--keep your eyes on Needle, Ball, and Airspeed--not on the curves below.

See ya next month....

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald F. Barnhart, Secretary

Peter Wiggin, Typerupper