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We had two guests at todays meeting. They were John Niermeyer, of Indianapolis, and Ben Bartlett, also of Indianapolis.

ANOTHER HOMEBUILT FLIES

Van Eller recently completed his L-4 Observer project, and it is now flying. It has a 150 HP Lycoming engine, and an authentic Air Force paint scheme. Dick Ervin presented him with an official "Bird Builder" patch at todays meeting. Congratulations, Van.

A LAUNCHING EXPERIENCE

John Adolfson told us about an experience he had on a recent trip to Europe. He took a ride on a sailplane in the Austrian Alps, and the sailplane was launched by a ground operated winch. He said the launch was very sudden, and the plane flew straight up for a time. Those sailplanes could stay aloft almost indefinitely because of the orographic effect of the wind flowing over the mountains.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EAA and its annual Convention are a success because of the dedication and enthusiasm of the volunteers who contribute their time and talents to make them a reality. You should be a part of this years Convention. Be a part of maintaining the high standards for which EAA and its members are known by participating in the Chapter Volunteer Program at OSHKOSH '81.

Your Chapter President has received detailed information and registration materials to schedule Chapter members to take part in this important activity. Your participation and support is essential to the success of the Chapter Volunteer Program and Convention. Your working Saturday and/or Sunday would be particularly valuable.

--Chuck Larsen, Chapter Director

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AVIATION TRIVIA

Here is some World War II aviation trivia questions, taken from The Proficient Pilot by Barry Schiff, an AOPA book.

1. What does a pilot mean when he is "counting insulators?"
2. What are "cloud landings?"
3. For what purpose did World War I pilots use stove lids?
4. What kind of gun was used on the first Allied fighter planes of World War I?
5. Why was it dangerous to pick up an English "calling card?"
6. Why were the discarded belly tanks of Japanese fighter aircraft sought after by Americans in the Pacific during World War II?
7. When a pilot has a fatal accident, it is said that he has "bought the farm." What is the origin of this expression?
8. What is the origin of the word "Mayday?"
9. Why is it dangerous to leave airplanes unguarded in a cow pasture?
10. What is the universal definition of a good landing?

ANSWERS

1. Early barnstormers used to fly so slow and low over highways and railroads that they were able to count the insulators on telegraph poles.
2. The tops of flat clouds were used as imaginary runways when teaching students to make conventional landings.
3. They sat on them for protection against enemy ground fire. Stove lids were the first armor used in airplanes.
4. None. The first weapons were rocks, which passing pilots hurled at one another. They later took to fighting with pistols, shotguns, rifles, hand grenades and, eventually, machine guns.
5. These were pieces of cardboard about the size of playing cards that were treated with yellow phosphorus. They were scattered moist from aircraft, but belied their innocent appearance by bursting into flames upon drying.
6. The belly tanks, when cut in half and cleaned, made admirable bathtubs in an area where sanitary facilities were few and far between.
7. Early pilots frequently made forced landing on neighboring farms and usually were required to pay for crops and other property damaged in the process. In other words, each of these pilots "bought" a part of the farm. From this, pilots who failed to survive were said to have bought the "whole" farm.
8. Mayday comes from the French "m'aidez," which means, "help me."
9. Because cows are attracted by the smell of dope, the chemical finish used on fabric covered surfaces, and will chew on these parts.
10. A good landing is any landing from which you can walk away.

JULY CALENDAR

4th Madison Chap. 423 Pitch-in dinner Frank Robinson Airport
11-12 Columbus Huge CAF Airshow Bakalar Airport
11th Hobart Chapter 104 Picnic Porter County Airport
12th Rochester Chap. 549 Pancake breakfast Mentone airport
18th North Vernon Fly-in breakfast and Airshow
25-26 Dayton Air-Fair Dayton Ohio
Aug 1-9 OSHKOSH

JUNE PROGRAM

John Waltz from the Indianapolis GADO was here, and talked about the importance of weight and balance. Also, Phil Brown provided a fun movie on ballooning at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

JULY MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 6, 1981, 7:30 PM, at the Chapter Hangar. Lou Owen will be telling us all about building and flying his Wittman Tailwind.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete

Pete Wiggin

