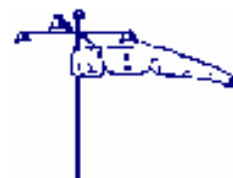


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Unsolicited submissions are welcome and encouraged. Please send photos, art, articles, letters, calendar events or classified ads to the Editor. Submissions may be made via email (preferred) to the address listed above. CDs or paper can be submitted by USPS mail to the return address listed on the mailing label portion of this newsletter. All electronic submissions should be in standard MS Office (.doc, .xls, etc) or graphic (.jpg or .bmp) formats. Paper and CD submissions will be returned upon request.

Classified ads are free to all current members of EAA chapters and should be aviation-related.

Submission deadline is the last Tuesday of the month prior to the month of publication.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

submitted by Myra Ridder
06/19/08

Beginning Account Balance: \$ 3,760.00

Income:

Raffle	\$ 46.00
Nametag Kitty	\$ 4.00
Reverse Bank Fee	\$ 10.00
Total Income:	\$ 60.00

Expenses:

Office/Computer	\$ 43.31
Bank Service Fee	\$ 10.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 53.31

Ending Account Balance: \$ 3,766.69

Membership: 59 Paid Members for 2008

From the President's Desk..

Greetings one and all. First, the bad news. I received an email from Deem Davis stating that he must resign the newsletter editor position as he is currently over-committed and has no time for it. Tina has graciously agreed to temporarily take this back over with my help to research articles.

Please try and attend the next meeting as we have a couple of Air Force volunteers coming to give a presentation on Luke AFB's airspace and how to avoid interference fits with F-16s. I attended one of these before under the auspices of the FAA and found out I was practicing right in one of the lines to the South!! I never saw one, not surprisingly, but had no idea whether they saw me.

For those not familiar with AOPA, they are an excellent organization to join. I originally joined to get help with my medical. They are excellent at that and have a database of approved medications and how and what to submit to get the process expedited. My first attempt took 4 months, the last took 2 weeks. You can also get legal advice and I have used them to evaluate the fine print in rental agreements. I'd recommend them as very worthwhile.

As Tina has no vacation days, we will not be going to OSH, so those going, please take lots of pictures and notes. On August 12th, we will all listen in rapture!!

RV-8A (someday),
Bill Christie, EAA Chapter 538 President

AVweb Question of the Week: How Much is Too Much for Avfuel???

Fuel prices topped \$7 a gallon in Detroit earlier this week, and the U.S. average for 100LL is currently sitting at \$5.54/gallon according to our own Fuel Finder. This week, we want to know where (and if) you draw the line at paying for ever more expensive fuel. Plus: See what type of instrument panel AVweb readers rated their favorite in response to last week's Question.

To vote on AVWeb's site (www.avweb.com), click on the heading "Community" then select "Question of the Week."

For our Chapter, we'll ask the same question: **At what fuel price (if any) would you quit flying?**

- They're already too high. (And I've already quit.)
- \$7 a gallon
- \$8 a gallon
- \$9 a gallon
- \$15 a gallon
- I could never quit, no matter how much I have to pay for gas.

(Choose the answer that's closest to your personal limit and send it, along with any pertinent comments to ea538tinac@cox.net and we'll publish the results in a future newsletter.)

Secretary's Report

submitted by Dave Biddle

June 10, 2008 meeting

Called to order by Bill Christie at 7PM at Deer Valley airport Pan Am classroom A.

Current **Secretary Report** and **Treasurer Report** given and accepted.

Tech Counselor Report:

Service Bulletin for RV10 horizontal stabilizer front spar attach point cracks. Stay in touch with the manufacturer to stay aware of service bulletins. FAA Quarterly Safety Seminar – at Honeywell July 10.

Young Eagles Report:

Ryan Crompton was present and gave a short talk about his upcoming trip to the Young Eagle Air Academy in Oshkosh. The next Young Eagles Rally will be held Saturday June 14 at Glendale Airport.

Old Business:

Nomination package was prepared by Tina Christie and sent to EAA for Young Eagles Coordinators Jim Moss and Cheri McGunagle.

New Business: From Officer and director meeting: Annual Chapter dues will change to \$20 per member. Authority given to Treasurer Myra Ridder to move bank account to a more favorable bank. Chapter 538 logo needed. Member ideas and submissions are sought. Meeting schedule changes: July - Luke Air Base representative, August - Oshkosh Review, September - Affordable Flying, October – TIG welding? November – Officer election, Copperstate report, December- Baja Bush Pilots.

Reminders: Don't forget to check the Chapter Website for newsletters and updates on meetings.

See: <http://www.eaa538.org/>

Yahoo group created for Chapter members to communicate with each other-

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ea538/>

Program: Michael Goulian presented a short video and spoke about his experience as an Airshow Performer and pilot in the Red Bull Air Race series. See <http://www.mikegoulian.com/> and <http://www.redbullairrace.com/> He is sponsored by Castrol Aviator piston engine aircraft oils. For more information see http://www.castrolaviator.com/north_america/index.html

Calling All Members: Logo Needed

Are you creative? Or not? Are you artistic? Or not? We need you!

The board voted to hold a contest to create a logo for our chapter. You do not have to be a great drawer to participate. We are just looking for an idea for our logo. Send you ideas to ea538tinac@cox.net or bring them to a meeting. The board will determine the winning design at a future board meeting.

TIDBITS & TRICKS...

[WEB SITE HIGHLIGHTS LITTLE-KNOWN AIRFIELDS](#)

Some of the best content on the Web is being compiled by dedicated amateurs with a passion for a particular field of interest. Paul Freeman of Sterling, Va., has created a Web site (http://members.tripod.com/airfields_freeman/) about abandoned and little-known airfields. Since 1999, the site, which is broken down by state, has grown to include information and photos on nearly 1,400 airports. It provides a fascinating and often overlooked side of American history.

[ROCKET RACING REVELATIONS, AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH](#)

The drumbeat driving the march to this year's AirVenture Oshkosh will end with the roaring cacophony of the Rocket Racing League, which plans a public debut at EAA's July 28-Aug. 3 "aviation celebration." Competition rocket-driven aircraft will be unveiled and flown July 29, with full flight demonstrations planned (weather permitting) for Aug. 1 and Aug. 2. Special presentations throughout the show will offer insights into the League, its modified Velocity canard-design aircraft and the 3-D "raceway in the sky" technology that defines a course to its pilots. During flight demonstrations, large outdoor screens will showcase the race and as an evening program at EAA's Theater in the Woods, July 28, a presentation will showcase the story behind the creation of the rocket racing league concept. Granger Whitelaw, founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Rocket Racing League, said of the events, "Not only are these first public demonstrations important milestones in the progression of the Rocket Racing League, but by sharing the experience and thrill of rocket racing with the public, as well as harnessing the technological and business development power of the aerospace industry, we will be changing the future of sports and entertainment." For more information, check out the AVweb website, specifically, <http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/1151-full.html#198194>.

[AOPA'S BOYER RETIRING, NEW PRESIDENT CRAIG FULLER](#)

AOPA President Phil Boyer, who's been hinting at retirement for several years, announced today that he'll "get my life back" at the end of this year after 18 years as president of AOPA. Replacing him will be Craig Fuller, a former Washington heavyweight who is currently executive vice president at the Washington PR firm of APCO Worldwide. He came to Washington as President Ronald Reagan's assistant for cabinet affairs and served as Vice President George H.W. Bush's chief of staff. Fuller has been a pilot for 40 years and "is as comfortable with fellow pilots and 'hangar talk' as he is facing a Congressional committee," said AOPA Chairman William C. Trimble III.

Trimble said they hired Heidrick and Struggles a year ago to find Boyer's successor and there was one primary prerequisite: The successful candidate would be among the 597,000 certificated pilots in the U.S. The search boiled down to 100 contenders and Trimble said Fuller quickly rose to the top. It was clear that Craig Fuller, a recognized leader in business, public affairs and association management, would be ideally suited to carry-on Phil's tremendous legacy.

To read Boyer's note to the press, visit

http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/news/AOPAPresident_PhilBoyer_Retiring_CraigFuller_198206-1.html.

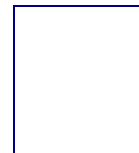
[HOMEBUILDING HINTS: Available Weekly in EAA e-hotline...](#)

Are you subscribed to EAA's **e-hotline**? It is a weekly e-mail newsletter for EAA members and affiliates. Delivered weekly on Thursday afternoon, *e-hotline* provides brief synopses of current EAA news, upcoming events, and general and recreational aviation news.

One of the weekly features is "**HOMEBUILDING HINT OF THE WEEK**". You can also send in your own hint to info@EAA.org and please put "Hints" in the subject line.

To subscribe to **e-hotline**, go to www.eaa.org/ehotline/, click on the "Sign Up Now" link. You will need a login for the site, which is available to all EAA members at no charge.

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Next Chapter Meeting: The Usual Time & Place

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm

**Program: Capt. Chris "OGOR" Hansen
56 FW Flight Safety Officer, Luke AFB**

Our chapter meetings are held Pan Am Classroom "A". Pan Am has 3 buildings; the classrooms are located in the one-story building East of their hanger building. From the parking lot go through the fence gate just north of the hanger building to the southeast building.

The airport is located at the intersection of Deer Valley Road and 7th Avenue in Phoenix, AZ.

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Please see page 4 for details.