

June, 2009

Anchorage, Alaska

Calendar of Events

Breakfast Gathering
July 11th -Village Inn
720-Diamond Blvd-
9:30 a.m.

Summer Picnic

June 26, 6 p.m.
at the abode of John
Davis and Sue Miller
located
at 6827 Caravelle Dr. at
the corner of Raspberry
and Caravelle

**Fourth of July Salmon-
Bake and Fly-by
at the Alaska Aviation
Heritage Museum**

3p.m.- 8 p.m.

Chapter Board Meeting

July 7th

ReMax Office

7 p.m.

**July 11-12 Wrangell St.
Elias Backcountry Airstrip
Work Party**

**EAA Monthly Chapter
Meetings Postponed until
the August 30th Hangar
Party at Matt Freeman's
@ BCV/Birchwood after 3
p.m.**



Mike Ice in front of his recently completed RV-9 at Birchwood Airport. Ice is now flying his homebuilt aircraft on cross countries around Alaska.

Club member marvels at RV performance after building for years and says its worth it!

The RV-9 is unlike anything else I have ever owned," said Mike Ice. "We (Marietta and I) flew to Fairbanks on Sunday and met with John Miller who has one of the nicest RV-8's I have ever seen. It is beautiful, really great workmanship and a stunning paint job (flawless)."

The trip to Fairbanks was the first long trip for us in the 9. After last summers mishaps with the electronic ignition I did not have any confidence in the plane. But after this last Sunday I am ready to go anywhere and I think the 9 can get us there fast.

The 9 is the fastest airplane I have ever owned and is a new experience for me. I have lots to learn to make the experience more efficient and enjoyable. The 9 excels at flying high and

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Left Seat...

By Tim Rittal, EAA Chapter 42 President

Well at long last it is Summer in Alaska and so far looks like the real deal this year. Lets hope that 2008 marks the low point of Alaskan summers in our lifetime.

Young Eagles. In June we kicked off our first Young Eagles flights in years and hope this is just the beginning. Chapter member Ed White has volunteered to take up the Young Eagles program for us and started off with a bang by giving ten kids rides during the Palmer Youth Aviation Adventure Program. Ed flew from about 11:30am till 5:30pm and gave each kid a good first taste of flying from preflight to actual hands on flying. Ed also happens to be a flight instructor with more than 20,000 hours of flying. A big thank you and attaboy to Ed for his time, patience and skill. Ed and the board are working on more Young Eagles flights later this summer. We have some insurance issues to get cleared up and hope to have that done soon. Any pilots willing to fly kids in future events please contact me or Ed White (edww1@hotmail.com) to volunteer. It appears you need a private pilots license, an airworthy plane and liability insurance. There is a larger liability policy in place from national EAA which adds further coverage over and above your basic policy but your policy must be in place.

Nominating Committee. We will have an election this Fall and John Davis is heading up the nominating committee. He needs 2 more volunteers who will then poll the membership for folks wanting to get involved and take up leadership roles including president. My term is up this year and I will not be a candidate for another term. I will be involved in some other form but not as president. It is time to begin replacing your board members with some new blood with fresh ideas and energy. If you are willing to help John or want to be considered for a board position, please contact John.

Summer Activities. Usually we don't have Summer meetings. Rather than not seeing each other in June, John Davis and Sue Miller have offered to host a BBQ/potluck at their home on Friday June 26th. The plan is to start at 6pm till.....The chapter will provide the meat and buns and main course, condiments and some beverages both alcoholic and non. However, if you have a favorite beverage bring it along and maybe one for a friend. Side dishes, salads and desserts will also be welcomed. Sometimes we are short on chairs so if you have a camp chair bring it too. See you there, Friday June 26th 6pm 6827 Caravelle Dr. The weekend of July 11th & 12th is time once again for our Wrangell-St Elias remote strip maintenance. For now the plan is to meet at May Creek and go from there. We will

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covering huge chunks of real estate in a hurry.

We took off from Merrill Field and were on the ground in Fairbanks in 2.1 hours. I am sure we could have done it more quickly but I flew here and there looking at this and that, basically sight seeing.

After our visit with John in Fairbanks he suggested a flight plan to explore what the 9 can do for us. We took off from Fairbanks headed 180 degrees and contacted Eielson Range Control and got clearance to cross the MOA's and restricted areas, we turned to 120 degrees and cruise climbed to 12,500 above a broken cloud deck which was at about 10,000. The airspeed indicator was reading 140 mph and the GPS was showing 165 as we headed towards Mt. Hess, Deborah and Hayes. Earlier we had been bumping along in the thermal induced turbulence but at 12,500 it was silky smooth.

We flew within 3 miles of Mt. Hayes admiring the glaciers and then turned towards Lake Louise, love that Garmin, which we circled a few times then headed for Sheep Mountain and back into Merrill Field. This trip took 2.4 hours from take off to touchdown. Thanks for the idea John.

Today (June 8) I flew down to Homer to have lunch out on the spit with some friends. There was a head wind going down so it took 1.3 hours to fly down. Coming back at 8,500 the A/S was 140 and the GPS was showing 185, take off to landing took .8 hours.

have more details soon and will post on the website. In August once again the Chapter will have a BBQ at Matt Freeman's hangar at Birchwood airport. The date is set for Aug 30th and we usually start gathering around 3pm. Watch for updates on the website. That's it for now. Get out and enjoy the Summer.

Safe Landings, Tim

Newsletter Update!

The board of directors at EAA Chapter 42 has decided to both mail the newsletter out to members and to post it as a PDF file online at www.eaa42.org. In the interest of saving money if any member would prefer to get the newsletter online as a PDF instead of mailed using the US Postal Service please tell the newsletter editor Rob Stapleton, send an E-Mail to robstapleton@alaska.net, or call 230-9425 and decline the USPS hardcopy version My apologies for not getting the newsletter out for several months but here have been some extenuating circumstances. No excuses just self flogging.
Rob

What a plane. I think as my skills improve flying the plane and exploring it's envelope those numbers will improve. I need to find the best ways to climb and descend efficiently.

For those of you sitting on the fence wondering about building a plane, get off the fence and do it. Those of you still building, keep at it, the end result is well worth the effort.

Blue Skies, **Mike Ice**
Mike is a former Pres. and V.P and is currently Vice Pres. of EAA Chapter 42

Editors Note: *I would like to thank Mike for writing this up and contributing to the Chapter's Newsletter. Please write up your building experiences and E-mail them or send them in. Hearing stories like this will encourage building and eventually flying by our members.*

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EAA Chapter 42
Monthly Breakfast
 Second Saturday of every month
 9:30 a.m.
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