



# The Sky's the Limit

News letter for EAA Chapter 651 Volume 23 Issue 4

## **Meeting Notice:**

### **Meeting:**

**April 11th at  
Nicolet 7:00pm**

**May 9th at  
Nicolet 7:00pm**

**Pancake breakfast Nicolet  
May 22nd**

## **From the Prez**

As part of our EAA President's Grassroots Pilot Tour, Rod Hightower will be present at the Sheboygan Aviation Heritage Center. The date is Monday, April 18- 6:00 Social Hour with a 7:00 p.m. program. The Center is located on the Sheboygan Airport, N6191 Resource Dr. Family and friends are welcome-Admission is free. Rod will be talking about the leading aviation issues of our time and what EAA is doing to grow participation in aviation. I do not know if Rod has any stops at any Chapters nearer to us in the future. RSVPs to chapter 766 are appreciated for the event. This will be part of our agenda at our April 11 meeting, in the event that anyone would like to carpool.

Forward in Flight, their quarterly magazine contains an interesting article about Tester Lea who is Wisconsin's own McPilot. Lester took his first flight lesson at the age of 20 which lead to a corporate career which took him across both oceans. Following time he spent test flying special equipment to help pilots fly in turbulent weather, in 1959 McDonalds was in need of a pilot to fly their Aero Commander. Tester loved to fly and averaged 120-130 hours per month flying for McDonalds. Tester retired from McDonalds in 1988 at the age of 71 with 25,979 hours logged. He will be 94 on April 3. There is a lot more history about Tester-a very interesting pilot story.

April 11, our next meeting-at Nicolet.

Your Prez;  
Clete

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### EAA Chapter 651 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3 /08/ 2010

Clete Cisler called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with 22 aviation enthusiasts in attendance at Nicolet Airport.

#### Meeting Minutes:

The March Chapter Meeting Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter

#### Finance Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented by Karen Kalishek. The report was accepted as presented.

#### Correspondence:

Clete talked about the Memorial Wall at EAA and if the Chapter would like to put Armand Ulmer

Roy Shwery's names on it. The cost is \$350.00 each. After discussion it was decided not to spend

EAA Chapter Leaders Academy April 1 to 3.

#### Committee Reports:

Al Timmerman Young Eagle's. Al is planning on flying 33 Boy Scouts at Shawano airport on May 7.

at 10:00 AM any help would be appreciated Al needs pilots and ground.

May 22 Chapter pancake breakfast and Young Eagles fly out. Al is expecting to fly 22 kids for

Young Eagles

from McAuliffe School.

So far the Chapter has 73 credits \$365.00 from Y/E that the Chapter puts toward the EAA Acad-

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## **Airwaves**

Mother Nature seems so busy with storms that I think she has forgotten we're supposed to be having Spring in Wisconsin.

Surely was great to be home for the March EAA meeting. Had a very interesting, informative and humorous presentation by ATCT specialist Steve McNicoll. Steve is very knowledgeable in aviation and so approachable that you feel comfortable asking him any question. THANKS Steve for sharing some of your time and expertise with us. Our April 11 EAA meeting speaker will be our own Chapter maintenance advisor Dale Jorgensen. Bring your questions and I'm sure Dale will be able to give you some insight.

See you at the meeting and meanwhile THINK SPRING!

Cavu..... Noel

## **Congratulations**

1ST SOLO X/C

3/31/2011 Jennifer Keller

MULTI ENGINE

3/8 Vinnie Mastropieri ATP

3/13 Terry Glembo CFI

FLIGHT REVIEW

3/6 Jim Schlumpf

# From EAA

## Old Business:

None

## New Business:

A fund raiser for the American Cancer Society will be held at Jet Air. Al Timmerman is looking for models for a fashion show. Call Al at Jet Air.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:25 and turned over to ATCT specialist Steven McNicoll. Steve works in the (GRB) operations and talked about radio procedures phraseology, landing long, taxi instructions & holding short of the "runway approach" area.

Meeting Minutes recorded by Alan Georgia

For many of us it was a sad day on 3/31/2011. Cessna N73836 or around the Cavu and then Tailwinds crowd "836" was flipped at Appleton. For many of us she was the plane of choice during our lesson times and the plane you wanted for your check ride. She'll be missed. Jim

**April 2, 2011** —A Gulfstream G650 prototype crashed at Roswell, New Mexico (KROM), on Saturday morning killing both test pilots and two flight test engineers, all employees of Gulfstream. The crew was conducting takeoff performance testing when the accident happened. The names of the people lost have not yet been revealed.

"The aircraft had been in the pattern for a couple of hours before the crash, conducting braking tests. This involved several takeoffs and landings. The plane had just lifted off when the right wing struck the concrete," FAA Spokesperson Lynn Lunsford told EAA. "The plane hit the ground again and the landing gear collapsed. It slid to a stop about 40 feet from the control tower. The aircraft was destroyed by fire."

The G650 is the longest range, fastest business jet with a top speed of Mach .925 and a nonstop range of 7,000 nm. The G650 was expected to be certified later this year with first deliveries next year. Five prototypes have been flying and much of the developmental testing has already been completed.

By [Mac McClellan](#), Editor-at-Large, EAA 747337

## Baumann Floats Ceases Operations

**March 31, 2011** —Unfortunate economic conditions have caused the current owner of Baumann Floats LLC, of New Richmond, Wisconsin, to discontinue production of all float models, according to Joe Birkemeyer, general manager. In a letter addressed "To all of my customers, friends, and colleagues in the aircraft float industry," Birkemeyer announced the company assets, including equipment, design data, STCs, and inventory, are in the process of being relocated to Basler Turbo Conversions LLC, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. "I realize that many of you have invested significant amounts of hard-earned money into your airplanes by purchasing and equipping your planes with floats from Baumann Floats LLC," he wrote. "It is my sincere hope that there will be continued customer support addressed in a timely fashion for parts and products manufactured by Baumann Floats LLC."Randy Myers, head of production at Basler Turbo Conversions, is the new interim contact for any Baumann parts orders beginning April 1, 2011. He did not speculate about the brand's future prospects. "The physical inventory and parts are being brought to Oshkosh," he said. "Some parts in the remaining inventory will be used to support existing customers, but no new sales or manufacturing will take place."He added the company would either be sold or its assets liquidated, and that the ownership at Basler Turbo Conversions would make the final determination. Baumann customers who have questions can contact Myers at 920-236-7820 or [via e-mail](#).