



# CHAPTER 42 NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE RIGHT SEAT

The decision to do a newsletter came at the 11th hour since I have been out of the country. There was no time for our esteemed president to get a "Left Seat" article to me. We will be back in normal mode next month with Mike's Left Seat back in place.

Hope everyone had a great summer and was able to get out enjoy our great state. When have we had better weather? Ann and I just returned from 3 weeks in Italy with a couple of stops in London. It was a nice trip and we helped her parents celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary along with Ann's brothers and sister and their spouses...ten of us in all!! We saw many beautiful and interesting sights in our travels around Italy and England.

Then one day I was looking up to the sky and realized, I hadn't seen a small plane in weeks! It made me realize how lucky we are to live in a place where general aviation prospers and the opportunity to fly small aircraft exists for many. The experience drove home the point that I NEED to finish my GlaStar and start participating in that most wonderful world of "private pilot." Hope to see many of you in my garage/workshop next Tuesday. I am at the point of making decisions on my panel and powerplant. I will be picking the brains of anyone willing to tolerate it.

I am always looking for new ideas or articles for the newsletter. If you have something to contribute, give me a call and we will find a way to put it together. That is it for now. Ciao.

*Tim*

## NEXT MEETING

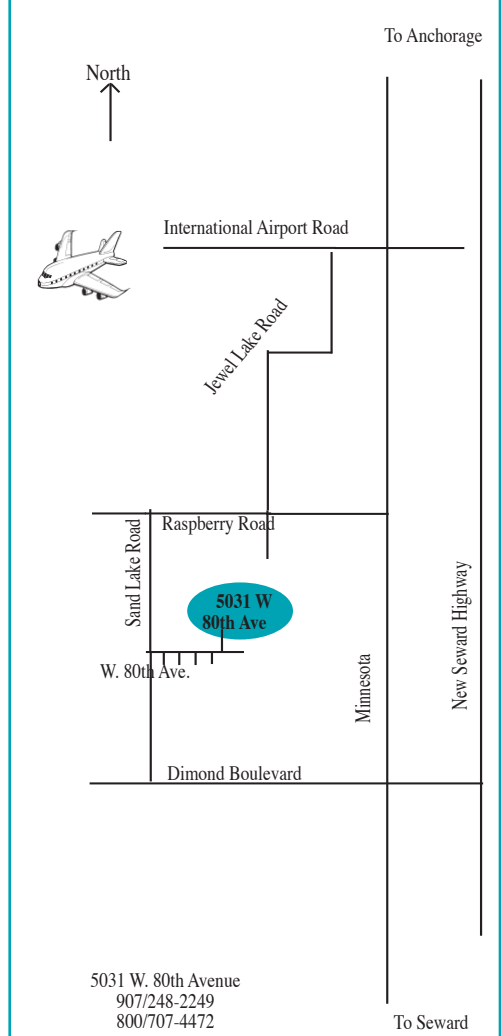
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 25th, 2005 at 7pm. Time to look at another GlaStar in progress. This time it will be my (Newsletter Editor) slow built project. By Tuesday I should have all my fishing and camping gear out of the way and ready to show you my project.

To get there, go to Sand Lake Road from either Dimond or Raspberry. Take Sand Lake Road to W 80th Ave at the top of the hill across from the sand pits. Turn east down W 80th to 5031 W. 80th.

Several cars will fit in the lower driveway by the garage and the rest will have to park by the shed part way down the drive, in front of the fence at the head of the drive or in the street. Should be fun.

We'll have some cookies. If anyone wants to go swimming, the lake probably won't be frozen for a few more weeks. See you Tuesday!

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Some of you may not have heard that a long time member of Chapter 42 and an old friend of our Jim Moss and others passed away in September. His name was Wally Chapin and many Chapter 42 meetings were held in his workshop years ago. Wally made it to 86 years and sounds like he made the best of them. We have reprinted the obituary written by his family.



Jim Moss (l) and Wally Chapin (r)

Wallace Hadley Chapin, an EAA member for many years, recently of Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away September 5, 2005 at the age of 86. Memorial services were held on Sept. 8 at the family's residence.

Wallace was born in San Francisco but moved to San Jose at an early age where he attended San Jose High School. While a teenager, he developed an interest in flying, which was to be a driving passion for the rest of his life. Along with a lifelong friend, Glenn Kelly, he purchased a glider in the mid-30s, hitched the glider to his dad's car, and went aloft in the area that is now Foster City. He continued this interest in aviation at San Jose State and was a member of the Flying Club there, flying out of Reed's Hill View Airport in the late 30s. While at San Jose State, he joined the Navy Reserve and was active in this until the outbreak of WWII. Because he had prior flying experience, he was quickly and willingly utilized as a flying instructor during the war. This included providing Night Evasive Tactics training to fighter pilots in the

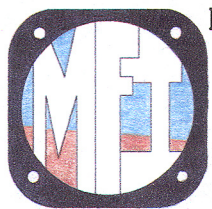
USMC squadron commanded by Maj. Pappy Boyington in the Solomon Islands in 1943.

With the end of the war, Wally continued his passion by flying for a number of commercial airlines, namely Transocean Airlines, then for Japan Airlines, from which he retired. After another couple of years flying into the wilds of Alaska and pilgrimages to the Middle East, Wally settled in Anchorage where he worked on and completed his lifelong dream of building an aerobatic biplane (below). Originally designed by a U.S. Navy aeronautical engineer for World Class Aerobatic Competition in 1960, designated as a PJ-260 Senior Aero Sport, Wally's highly modified beautiful 290 HP biplane N3321WC took 27 years of meticulous construction to complete. It will continue to be flown by his children and grandchildren for many years to come.

Wally lived in California, Tokyo, and his favorite place, Anchorage, Alaska for 25 years. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Chiseko, and his children: Beth Meckfessel, Randy Chapin, Claudia Vongrey, Paul Chapin, Jodine Sorensen, Robin Kucera, Chimmi Chapin and Sandy Kukla. He has 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



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EAA Chapter 42 summer picnic attendees at Birchwood Airport.

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*Matt Freeman stands in front of his hangar, site of the EAA Chapter 42 summer picnic; Chris Gill's cooking machine is in the foreground.*

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