



# CHAPTER 42 NEWSLETTER

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Monthly newsletter from Chapter 42 of the Experimental Aircraft Association

## FROM THE LEFT SEAT

Spring and summer in Alaska are such glorious seasons. The days are full of light that fills the world with life. The skies are full of flyers now, I see birds every day. The swallows, robins, and gulls are back from their winter retreats. Flowers are popping up out of the ground, trees are leafing out, life has returned to our little part of the world. Ah, Spring!

The Airman's show was a huge success, thanks to all that provided help. If you were at the show on Saturday you might have noticed that I was wearing a "wanted O-320 sign." Well the response has been great and perhaps by the time you read this I will have an engine in my garage/laboratory.

This month the meeting is being arranged by Rob Stapleton and will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. More details to the right.

I have been making good progress on my RV-9. I am trying to get the fuselage to a point where I can fit the wings and tail feathers. When I get those two items accomplished I will then order the finishing kit. Boy, that makes it sound like I will be done and flying by the end of the summer. But have no fear, the skies will be safe for at least another year. I don't expect that I will have the RV-9 ready to fly until summer of 2007.

Randy Tyler is arranging a program through the Chapter to share rides and experience with fellow members. If you haven't replied to him yet and want to his email address, it is [randy.g.tyler@us.army.mil](mailto:randy.g.tyler@us.army.mil) or call him at 746-2361.

Shannon Gearry has agreed to take the lead on the Nomination Committee this election season. I am sure she will do a great job. She will be looking for some help with this necessary function so don't be shy, volunteer. Let's give a hand to Shannon for stepping up and making things happen (roar of the crowd inserted here).

The Rittal's are thinking about providing a place to have a BBQ for Chapter 42 soon. When? Ask Tim. Lots of food and perhaps live music will be provided.

Matt Freeman has agreed to let us come out to his hangar in Birchwood later this summer to have a picnic and have fun. The time and date will be announced a little later.

Is anyone going to OSHKOSH this year? Would you like to be a representative of Chapter 42?

Onward and upward, keep building and flying,

*Mike*

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm. It will be at Harman's Repair station and should be an interesting look at a piece of the aviation community we seldom see. Rob Stapleton arranged this visit and describes the business below:

Harman's Repair Station (223-1955). This is a pallet, igloo and strap for air cargo repair facility that offers other out services like sandblasting, sewing, etc. It is a Part 145 repair facility for air cargo equipment.

He is located at 3511 Postmark Drive between the Post Office and the FedEx simulator training facility, behind the DHL building directly across from the FedEx Cargo Hub facility. To get there: Go down Northern Lights to Postmark Drive and turn left (south), proceed for approximately 1/2 mile past the FedEx Simulator and onto the DHL building at 3511 Postmark Drive. Go to the south of the building along the driveway. Once behind the DHL building, turn left and go to the smaller grey metal building at the end of the parking lot and you are there.

Don is a graduate of Embry Riddle and can offer advice on metal and fiberglass work.

Here is his website: <http://www.harmanrepair.com>

The May meeting will be the last Tuesday night meeting until Fall as we take our usual Summer break. Matt Freeman has once again offered up his hangar for our annual summer picnic. The event will be the last Sunday in July (July 31st) and starts at noon. There may be other impromptu events as the summer unfolds so watch your e-mail and keep an eye on the website. Annie and I are hoping to have a little BBQ at our house on Sand Lake if we can work out the schedules between our work and family visits. It will be early July if we can pull it off.

See you at the meeting and at the picnic and have a great and safe summer.



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Rainbow Aviation has applied for and received acceptance of this course ("workshop") in accordance with FAA Order 8000.84. The course is 16 hours in length starting on Saturday morning and ending on Sunday afternoon. Students must be in attendance for the entire length of the class. Due to FAA restrictions courses are limited to 16 students.

The course is taught by Brian and Carol Carpenter, authors of *A Professional Approach to Ultralights and Sport Pilot Airplane*. Brian is an A&P aircraft mechanic with an inspection authorization rating, an FAA Safety Counselor, EAA Technical Counselor, a CFII, a Sport Pilot Instructor Examiner, a DAR, and he is the designer and builder of the Ranger aircraft featured in several aviation publications. He has built over 30 experimental and ultralight aircraft. Carol holds a teaching credential and she is an FAA Advanced Ground Instructor, a Private Pilot, an Ultralight Instructor, an FAA Safety Counselor and is the author of the 16 hour course. She is currently writing the 120 hour course.

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 10am



Tim Rittal with engine and prop mounted on his GlaStar N55XP.

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