



Chapter 42 Newsletter

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Mike Ice and his RV-9 at the BCV BBQ and Fly-In

Chapter First Flights earn some big smiles

By Rob Stapleton, Editor

The Chapter is proud to announce that this summer two of Chapter 42's members finished and flew their projects.

Elmer Webster finished and flew his Zenair CH-701, and Mike Ice recently put 41 hours on his Vans RV-9.

Members on hand for the annual Chapter Picnic/BBQ at Matt Freeman's hangar at Birchwood Airport got a first hand view of the Ice project. Ice who was able to secure a catchy N-number of N491CE flew his project to BCV/PABV from Wolf Lake where he has the shiny silver plane hangared.

The RV-9 complete with a 150 horsepower Lycoming O-320 E3D first flew on Sunday Aug. 10 from the Wolf Lake airport after an inspection by Chapter 42 member, DAR John Davis the day before.

The first flight—was about an hour long according to Ice and was

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Calendar of Events

Breakfast Gathering

Sept. 13-Village Inn
720-Diamond Blvd-
9:30 a.m.

September Meeting

Sept. 23-7 p.m.

Alaska Airframes-
20130 Birchwood Spur Rd.
Birchwood Airport-West Side-
Access from the Shooting Range

No Scheduled Seminar this
Month

From the left hand seat...

By Tim Rittal

As we enter the first week of September, I now remember why we put off regular newsletters and meetings in the Summer. It passes in a flash and there never seems to be enough time to do everything we planned. Schools out & kids are into summer activities, the salmon are running or the salmon were supposed to be there.

Out of town company is visiting and want to do all the "Alaska things" with us. And the yard projects! Most of our friends and relatives in the lower 48 have several months to putz around in the yard. We need to cram it all in a few weeks if you account for fishing, flying and out of town visitors. Who has time for meetings?

Nonetheless, we in Chapter 42 still manage to get together. The Saturday breakfasts continue at The Village Inn the second Saturday each month at 9:30am.

John & Sue Davis once again hosted a BBQ at their home in July and on Sunday, August 24th, we had our annual BBQ at Matt Freeman's hangar at the SE end of Birchwood airport.

The chapter will supplied

the hot dogs, burgers & buns, condiments, chips etc and some beverages. Members and family & friends were welcomed and encouraged to bring desserts or side dishes and their own favorite beverages. The gathering started at 3pm. Despiet the rain elsewhere it turned into quite a fly in. It was good to see a good representation of our chapter aircraft. I flew the GlaStar, "Journey", in as well as Mike Ice, John Davis, and many others who flew in. The Hobbs turned over about 150 hours that day. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for some news of at least one "First Flight". of other projects that took to the sky recently. Story to follow. We will get back on a regular schedule of meetings and seminars in September. The guys with the Kenai flight service have graciously offer to deliver on a number of interesting topics. Keep your eye on the website and the newsletters for dates and times. See you on the flight line. SafeLandings,
Tim

Our president will not be present at the September meeting due to a previously planned hunting trip.

Survey on homebuilt aircraft's use of urban airports

For those of you builder pilots out there that don't frequent the Internet here is a survey from AVWeb a daily online magazine that offers aviation news from the world.

A recent homebuilt accident in Nevada has some calling for a ban on experimental and/or homebuilt airplanes at major airports in densely populated areas.

According to AVWeb statistics by those who responded--the majority answered that they should. Here are some of the questions:

Yes, only certified aircraft flown by pilots with Private certificates and higher should fly in and out of airports with congestion areas nearby received positive answers from 3 percent of the respondents.

Homebuilts should have the same or equal access to airports as any other aircraft received 51 percent of the survey vote in favor of allowing access.

Proven homebuilt designs that have been properly inspected should be allowed, received a 27 percent affirmative answer.

To follow up on this how would you vote?

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Ice flies RV-9

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a revelation. To finish the project Ice took his airplane in pieces to Wolf Lake where he put in about 60 hours of assembly before low wing plane was ready to fly.

Although Mike said he wanted to use a donated helmet on the first flight the canopy would not allow the clearance. Ice had ground crew Tim Rittal, Chuck May and wife Marietta on hand with fire extinguishers and radios, anxiously watching the first lift off.

"The engine rebuilders said to run the engines at full power to break it in, but before I knew it the plane was flying at 150 M.P.H.," said Ice. "I did circuits at 3,000 feet, going a round—and around. The ground crew said that it was hard to keep me in sight because I was flying so fast."

Getting used to the aircraft Ice says that the RV-9 flies nicely, stalls at about 40 m.p.h. flaps down, and flies straight ahead in slow flight.

"This has a great flight regime between 120-160 m.p.h.," said Ice. "I am really pleased, this is a good little airplane. If you don't get the RPM down around 1500 your not going to get the airplane

down for landing, it just keeps on wanting to fly."

Looking relaxed and proud the pilot builder gave credit to his supporters.

"I want to thank everyone in Chapter 42, Tom Lawhorn for all of his great fiberglass experience, Gale Partch for inspiring me to build the RV, and my wife for her understanding--for the hours, and hours that I put in on this airplane," said Ice.

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9:30 a.m.
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EAA Chapter 42 Mission Statement:
Promote, encourage and facilitate recreational aviation activities that provide educational opportunities. **Have Fun!**

BCV BBQ & Fly-In



**Thanks Matt Freeman
and Pete Marsh!**