



# Chapter 42 Newsletter

Sept./October 2010

Anchorage, Alaska

## Calendar of Events

**Chapter 42 Sept.  
Meeting**

**Birchwood Airport  
Lars Gleitsmann's  
Hangar**

**Come see the progress  
on the Dornier 27  
7 p.m.**

**Hangar 21 Northeast Ramp  
Birchwood Airport  
907-229-6792**

**Board Meeting  
Piper's 7 p.m.  
Oct 6th**

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**Breakfast Get-Together  
Oct. 9th  
Place TBA**

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**Oct. Chapter Meeting  
Oct. 26th, 7 p.m.  
Alaska Aviation Museum  
Lake Hood**

**Jessica Cox UAA  
Nov. 5 and 6  
Call 245-1251**



One of Gale Partch's grandsons wows at an Experimental aircraft while playing at the Birchwood BBQ this summer.

### **Young Eagles, picnic, barbecue draws local EAA Chapter members to showcase aviation to local enthusiasts**

Despite a lack of regular meetings the summer of 2010 was a good one for social and flying events. While the summer lacked sunshine most of the time we started out with a bang at the John Davis and Sue Miller picnic and barbecue event held at their home in Sand Lake.

It was an exciting day for the Young Eagles who got to fly with pilots from the Anchorage Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association on July 24 at the Palmer Air Fair and Rendezvous. Organized by former FedEx pilot Ed White, three pilots and their aircraft flew 25 young people in the Young Eagles Program from seven to seventeen as an introduction to aviation. White flying N2525Z a Cessna 185, Dave Schwartz flew his Aeronca

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## Clear prop?!

Craig Wolter flew his Skybolt to the Aug. 21-Birchwood BBQ impressing us all.



### The Builder's Corner

By Rob Stapleton,  
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How to stay motivated while building your airplane is a constant battle.

Ask any builder who has an airplane project in their garage and they will tell you that the average building time to completion for a project is around 10-years.

This morning I received a e-mail from Chuck May announcing that after 8 1/2 years or 1573 hours of building his RV-7A passed the airworthiness inspection, allowing it to be test flown.

Congratulations Chuck you beat the average!

I am building a plans built wood and fabric Pietenpol that has been taking up room in the west side of the garage for the last four years.

In an attempt to keep going on the project I have tried to reward myself in some small way each time I work on it.

The progress has been punctuated with periods of activity usually generated by finding a used part or parts that I can assemble to move the project ahead.

This spring and summer saw no real progress on the building aspect of the airplane but I was able to find a set of tires, wheels and brakes that fit my landing gear perfectly and worked on getting those in place.

What I really need to do now is to finish building the wing ribs and I am working with an expert woodworker and aircraft rebuilder Mitch at the Alaska Aviation Museum who has some very unique ideas for the rib jigs that will speed up my slow-motion on the wing.

In the meantime my allegiance to the aviation community took a turn after helping spread the word about a potential hurdle in the future of general aviation. The EPA asked the aviation community to voice their opinion about how curtailing the use of much needed 100 Low Lead fuel would affect their flying.

Along with other builders and aviators we launched into a campaign to inform those in the Alaska community how dreadful it would be if they were to wake up someday and not be able to get 100 Low Lead avgas.

This also bled off my building time, but this is just an excuse because every builder, and pilot has those

teasers that are so important to get involved with but are really excuses that waste valuable building time.

Today it snowed in Anchorage. This is a warning for me that unless I get going this winter and finish this airplane I will probably not fly it next summer.

What does the Avgas issue have to do with this, you ask?

I have decided that after this building effort, much like thousands of other builders in the U.S., finishing a project and not having a powerplant to fly with would be a waste of our time.

So I have decided to use a Corvair automobile engine conversion that can use regular car gas.

Taking a look at the future it looks pretty certain that the 100 Low Lead fuel will either be curtailed by the refiner or outlawed by the EPA. This conversion will add an additional layer to the project, but now I am more motivated to get going and finish the project to its completion.

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**Summer events-Cont. from Pg.1-**  
Sedan N1354H, and Rick Henry impressed his passengers in N727RH a Mini-Mustang that he built. The event was part of a daylong session called the Youth Aviation Adventure Event that was just one of many seminars held at the Palmer Air Fair and Rendezvous.

In August Bob Edison suggested that the Chapter hold a Barbecue again at Birchwood Airport and suggested a change of venue when we couldn't track down Matt Freeman. Instead the event was held on the other side of the field.

Over 30 people from the Anchorage and Mat-Su area attended the casual airplane affair held at Hangar Number 9 at Birchwood Airport.

The event was sponsored by Chapter 42 and hosted by club vice president Bob Edison, Chris Gill who was the chef, and Rob Stapleton who offered the hangar. On display was Chuck May's Vans RV-7A that was just moved in the hangar for final assembly before its airworthiness inspection. Also in the hangar were two weightshift Antares Experimental Light Sport Aircraft. DAR and club treasurer John Davis flew his RV-7 up from Merrill Field. Alaska Cirrus dealer Charlie Hewitt flew up to Birchwood from Anchorage with a Homer pilot. Elmer Webster flew his Zenith CH-701 from Lake Hood and Craig Wolter flew his red, white and blue Skybolt in from Wolf Lake. A special Subaru powered Bearhawk was flown in by Danny Shilling from Merrill Field as well.

**Armless pilot to speak to Alaskan youth this fall**

Born without arms pilot Jessica Cox will speak in Anchorage this fall, to attract and interest young pilots to general aviation.

Cox, 27 received notoriety in 2008 when she achieved earning her Sport Pilot license in an Ercoupe with the use of her feet. Cox learned to fly using her feet without the use of any special aircraft modifications.

Jessica will speak at a formal Alaska Airmen's Association banquet to be held November 5 in UAA's Lucy Cuddy Hall. Her story is a one of kind and his hailed by all who have heard her speak, according to the Asian Journal.

Cox who has given motivational speeches in Canada, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Greece, Malaysia, and the Philippines is eager to come to Alaska.

"I am thrilled to come to Alaska and speak and give my message, and I am really looking forward to meeting and seeing the lifestyle in the rural areas," said Cox. "Getting my license has been an incredible and enjoyable experience for me and other people all over the world." **Tickets are \$35 for more information call: 245-1251**

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**Volunteers Welcome we need suggestions for meeting ideas and new venues to meet this Fall**

**Monthly Meetings 4th Tuesday of most months**

Venue needed for monthly B-fast Yes once again we got the boot from Piper's. So we need suggestions about where those who promise to attend would like to meet for breakfast on the 2nd Sat. of each month .



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EAA Chapter 42  
**Monthly Breakfast**  
 Second Saturday of every month  
 9:30 a.m.  
**To be announced**  
 Anchorage

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