



Chapter 42 Newsletter

October 2011

Anchorage, Alaska

Calendar of Events

**EAA Chapter 42
Board of Directors
Meeting
Wed. Nov. 2
7 p.m.- 9 p.m.
El Tango Restaurant**

**Nov. 16 UAA Community
& Technical College
Merrill Field**

**How we can avoid
Midair Collisions
FAA Safety Team
Listening Session
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.**

**October Chapter Meeting
Alaska Aviation Museum
6 p.m. Oct 29**

**Refurbishing Hangar
Oktoberfest Fundraiser
at the Alaska Aviation
Museum**

**Oct 29, 6-11 p.m.
Live Polka Music &
BEER by Midnight Sun
Special Rate for EAA
Chapter 42 Members
\$10**



Logbook: the first year for N316DT

This weekend I performed the first condition inspection on my Avid+ (with the assistance of Jack King) and enjoyed the fact that I also have the Repairman's certificate for my airplane. Reviewing my first year of flying it brought back some great memories.

Oct 18 2010: John Davis inspected and signed my airworthiness certificate and after correcting the minor deficiencies I took her up for the first flight. It is a great feeling, although not without some butterflies to do this for the first few times. Flight testing proved the plane to be extremely stable and possessing great fuel mileage. Hmm, the possibilities...

Dec - Feb: I flew off my 40 hour test period with the airplane on skis. What a great way to explore the boundaries of the test area from the Knik glacier area to Talkeetna to Skwentna. We have such a wonderful piece of Alaska to play in in our own back yard. I spent some overnights out at Fish Lakes Creek lodge and learned the fine points of getting my plane preheated to start at -23 degrees F. One hint; propane and butane stoves don't work at this temp!

May: Test period completed; Jack and I took the first dual flight in 316DT to Soldotna to meet with another fellow Avid pilot/EAAer for a burger. Nothing better than a \$100 hamburger!

June: Made some fishing trips to the McCarthy River and finally hit the right time for the Kings, what a blast! You can't beat that for having fun with your airplane! I began to think of it as a regular commute.

June: Flew to Deep Creek and landed in a field across from a friend's

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Left Seat

Having Fun With Aviation!

Getting good news has been a bit slim lately, midair collisions, increasing fuel prices, food, tie downs, parts, and increasingly obtrusive oversight, regulations and security. Turn the page...this issue is full of good news so read it and enjoy it. We have some interesting flying and building stories by some of our Chapter 42 members that have not allowed anything to stop them from having fun with aviation. Some building, others flying, but the best news is that your editor made a plea for material and look what we got. Thanks guys this real good inspiration for the rest of us land lubbers. Jonathon Fant gave us an update on his RV-8 project, Randy Tyler offered more photos than we could run in this issue, and a logbook type entry about getting airworthy, flying off his time, and of course using his Avid for Alaskan adventure. Our intrepid bearded friend Lars Gleitsmann's saga of cross country trip in a pair of Citabrias continued from our September issue. Lastly I would like to make an offer to the Chapter members attending the Oct. 29 meeting at the Aviation Museum at 6 p.m. Saturday. For every person who attends the fundraiser Oktoberfest that will be held simultaneously with our meeting we have secured a deal to cut the price from \$18 at the door to \$10, with the Chapter paying \$5 to the museum for each one of you who attend. This deal includes a German type meal of BBQ bratwurst, potato salad, sauerkraut, and other munchies, not to mention door prizes and live music by Marge Ford and the Polka Chips, a silent auction and lots of dancing fun with beer and wine available to purchase. See you there!

Rob Stapleton, Chapter 42 Editor



"Crater of the moon" type mountains and crater near Brevig Mis-

Lars, his father and friend flew to 13 locations statewide in one week

Continued from last month-by Lars Gleitsmann-

We left Wales, which has no tie-downs whatsoever to offer, and did swing north to have better winds, along the northern Side of the Mtns. saw Muskoxen at shoreline and crossed Mtns near Brevig to fly over Point Clarence and follow Costline to Nome for Fuel. Happend onto an area in the Mtns there that looked like a crater of the Moon, so as usual I investigated, landed first and talked my friend flying the second plane through the landing in these Mtns near Teller. Dead calm and as quiet as a place can be, in an eery light on top of it all. What a place! Back in Nome we fueled at the main airport and jumped over to the City strip for the night. Stayed at the home of a friend and looked at Nome on foot in detail next day. Then took off for Unalakleet, saw 13 life Reindeer and 7 dead bloated headless Walrus at the beach. Fueled in UNK and went to town looked at Stratocruiser C97 there. Took off for Bethel : Big time swamps and flats and no place to land to get there (after crossing Yukon River). An expensive and hostile place, this Bethel....noisy night there...Dense Fog Next morning, a day lost. After the fog cleared we flew east to the Northernmost Lake of the Tickchick lakes and then down the lakes to Lake Alegnagik, was a wonderful flight again. Had been there before, but its ALways nice. Shannons Pond strip was under heavy rain and part flooded, so we beat feet to the main DLG strip. Fuel in Dillingham and then headed roughly for Illiamna. Looked for and found Dry Lakebed to land on. Decided against staying the night and against second plane coming in. Flew on to a known Alluvial Fan as a known-good spot and stayed overnight there. Next morning we saw a bear a mile (each) on the way to Ili. Fuel there, geez the price again! Then on to Williamsport and on through and north. Landed "at the Beach near Williamsport" where there was a moose swimming in the open ocean!!! Did not land second plane, and both went north for picnic at an airstrip near Seal Point. Had to stop in Beluga just to stretch legs again and maybe meet Joe P. Returned happy to BCV in good order Sunday Eve.

Randy Tyler's Pilot's Logbook-Cont. from Pg.1-

cabin and had a great day clamming on the beach. It sure beats driving and at a fuel burn average around 3.8 gph of auto gas; not just in time. July: Flew to Silver Salmon Creek with a couple of friends and their Super Cubs. No, the Avid+ is not as fast as a Super Cub as I was about 15 minutes behind them when we got there but when they dumped in their 25 Gal of avgas that they packed I dumped in 8 Gal of Mogas. The weather was perfect; the fishing was great for Silvers, Dollies and Pinks. The natives were well mannered (fortunately) and we ended up with a total of eight planes camping on the beach together that night. Not bad for an unplanned fly-in!

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RV8 N809RV Build Update-



I now have the engine and prop for my RV8. The engine is an O-375 from AeroSport Power. The prop is from Catto Propellers, three-blade fixed pitch, composite with nickel leading edges. I recently received the mufflers for the exhaust.

I am currently working on fitting the cowl (using Skybolt fasteners) and the engine baffles. Soon to come will be mounting the windshield and various fiberglass pieces. -Johnathon Fant-

Pilot's Logbook-Cont. from Pg.3-



Aug: Found me scouting for caribou up west of Eureka since my son had a caribou permit for this area. I had only snow machined in this area so it was great to get to see it from the air in the summer. Oh, and the perfect excuse for another \$100 hamburger at the Eureka roadhouse!

My one regret is that I didn't quite make 100 hours on the plane in the last 12 months; I am 5 hours short. I am looking forward to starting all over this winter and hope to have another year of trouble free flying in my own home-built creation. Common; let's get those planes completed so we can do some new Chapter 42 fly-outs! See Photos on page 4

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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

FAA Safety Team Listening-Meeting on Midair Collision Avoidance- UAA MRI Nov. 16, 6-8 p.m. Register for a seat at: www.faasafety.gov

Randy Tyler's Pilot Logbook of Avid Photos-



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EAA Chapter 42 Mission Statement:

Promote, encourage and facilitate recreational aviation activities that provide educational opportunities.
Have Fun!

Birchwood Hangar for Rent This Winter...call and get it!

Hangar for Rent- located at the Southwest corner of Birchwood, It is 44' wide by 46' deep. The door is 40' wide. Hangar is heated and has a toilet/sink and is mostly empty. I have a small fridge with beer, a Pacer and an ATV I'm looking for a dependable, mature renter for the winter. The Pacer is not expected to fly this winter so it will be parked in the corner. I'm asking for \$400 per month for 5 or 6 months. **Call New EAA42 member Ray Legenza: 230-5023**

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