

# EAA 297

## KITTYHAWKERS

### Newsletter

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Fellow Aviators:

Recently, Austen and I returned from Oshkosh and what a great time we had. We camped out all week at the Sea Plane Base (well kept secret) in our four man condo that sleeps two on Lake Winnebago. Each day we were looking and salivating over all the aviation stuff from airplanes to simulators to vendor aviation products. If it had something to do with aviation it was there, old, new and the future (wannabe). Austen and I attended the Chapter President's social Wednesday evening to hear Edsel Ford II, and Harrison Ford speak about the future of general Aviation. Austen got his picture taken and shook hands with the speakers and I asked him did he know who they were and he replied "Yes Grand Dad, Mr. Edsell Ford is the inventor of the Ford car and the other man is Indiana Jones."

I spent some time in the Garmin seminar tents to learn more about the new GPS products and specifically the 696. Austen liked the simulators and the Jeff Dunham show better. Saturday we visited the new founder's wing of the museum and saw the brick sponsored by the Chapter inscribed "Glenn Moore EAA Chapter 297 1968 Pilot - Builder - Teacher - Giver". Sunday morning we attended the Memorial Wall ceremony in honor of Glenn and all the EAA Aviators gone west. (Photos next page) Great time as always at Oshkosh, unfortunately Austen is hard on the cash flow and we had to return back to reality in Wilmington.

Our upcoming September chapter meeting will be very busy with presentations by ILM airport and others. In addition to our regular program agenda, we will discuss the details of our Fall Fly-In and we look forward to everyone's participation and input.

Hope everyone is having a great summer and flying a lot. Good to see our ole friend Randy back flying

the J3. Please ask all fellow aviators to join us at our Fall Fly In October 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots to do and something for everyone including good food.

That's enough for now, See you at Stag, Blue Skies, Tail Winds and Good Rotor RPM's God Bless,  
Ken McGee

**Airport Happenings:**

Start with two questions, who is the Vice President of Chapter 297? Who would like to be Vice Present? Please contact Ken McGee, he has an opening for you. Be sure to take into consideration that next year you will be President.

Jean and Charles Ferguson have just celebrated their sixth-first wedding anniversary. It can be done, one spouse, contently married and staying together. Congratulations!

Dave LaBuda pulled his plane out of the shed and brought it back to life. He had to deal with the FAA this time to upgrade his paper work. Next year when he takes his vacation, he plans to fly the Rans. It's a slow process.

Who has an electric hedge clipper? We need to trim Glen Moore's front bushes before they get away.

Did you know that when Billy Johnson transfers all his airplanes and kits to 105 Aviator Lane, his hanger will be full? He has planes hidden everywhere! It will be called the "Stag Park Museum".

Who is the new squeeze flying in the back seat of a yellow Cub? Could it be a new student and the second to solo at Stag? Keep posted for latest happenings.

Our guest speaker for our next meeting is unknown at this time and our cook is also hiding. Show up and see what happens. John Jeffreys

## EAA Chapter 297 - Burgaw, NC

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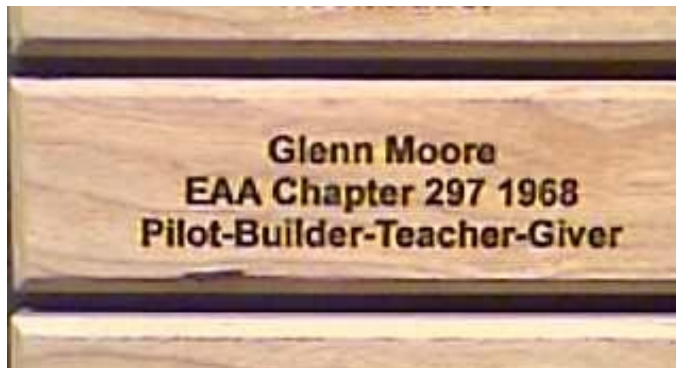
Secretary - Anna Pennington 910-763-6047

Treasurer - Glenn Hughes 910-256-4927

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### September Meeting:

The Chapter will meet as usual on Saturday the 5th at 1000 hours at the Stag Air Park meeting room. We will discuss plans for the up coming Fall Fly-In on October 10th. Hunter Owens will present a Power Point show and relate his experiences at the Air Adventure Camp in Oshkosh. John Wood will present a program entitled *Pan American's Pre WWII Planes*. Representatives from the Wilmington Airport will be there to present a plaque to Cathy Moore honoring Glenn. You will want to see this, it's quite nice. Also, you may expect an interesting menu at the No Whinning Saloon following the meeting.



Glenn's Brick



A Section of the Memorial Wall

### Paul Howe:

In 1979, at the young age of 56, Paul Howe retired from IBM and moved to Wilmington. A couple of years later, his daughter gave him a Father's Day present that would ignite a passion. That present was a one hour flying lesson. A year later, Paul was off to the races with a PPSEL and a Cessna 172. When he stopped flying in 2005, he was in his early 80's, had moved from the Cessna to a beautiful V-Tail Bonanza, was a CFII with a commercial and over 8000 hours in his logbook. Much of that time was logged while flying as a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight  
<http://www.angelflightmidatlantic.org/>

Several years ago, Paul did a chapter program on his experiences as a B-24 tail gunner in WWII. If you weren't there, you missed a great presentation.

I soloed in 1959 and piddled with flying for 38 years. In August, 1998, I decided it was time to finish what I had started and somehow got hooked up with Paul. Five months later I was a private pilot. Flying with Paul for those five months was an experience I will never forget.

My reason for writing this is twofold: First, for those of you over fifty, never use age as a reason not to learn to fly. Paul would be very disappointed. Second, following a small stroke in 2005, Paul and his wife Pat have been struggling with the slow onset of Paul's dementia. Since September of 2008, Paul has been living at Brightmore.

Thanks to Paul and Pat, there are many new aviation-oriented books in the Chapter 297 library.

Tony Spicer

## Tommy Gore's 'New' Plane:

Below is a picture of Tommy Gore's 'New' airplane. It's a 1953 four-place, (who knew) Taylorcraft 15A "Tourist", with a Continental C-145, six-cylinder, 145 hp engine for power. Those six cylinders do sound nice! It is reportedly one of only four currently flying in the US. If you see it at Stag take a look, it's a good one.



## The Size Counts:

Shortly after just landing at a big international airport in his Cessna 150, our hero strolls into the busy airport cafeteria for a bite to eat. He finds an empty table by the window to keep an eye on the airport comings and goings. Shortly thereafter, a striking woman walks up and asks to share his table. Naturally, he invites her to sit down.

After several minutes of small talk, the woman asks if he is a pilot. He responds, "Why, yes, I am -- I fly a C-150." Knowing next to nothing about airplanes, she asks him what a C-150 is. The pilot looks out the window and spots a C-130 Hercules taxiing out for takeoff.

Pointing to it, he tells his companion, "See that plane over there? That is a C-130. I fly a C-150!"

## CALENDAR:

9/12/2009 Camden, SC - Woodward Field (CDN) Palmetto Aeroplane Classic Fly-In and Open House - 0800 to 1800 Contact: Stephen Leech Phone: 803-438-4988 or [sleech@sc.rr.com](mailto:sleech@sc.rr.com). <http://www.eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=5045>

9/19/2009 Salisbury, NC Rowan County (RUQ) EAA Chapter 1083 Fall Festival of Flight Contact: Jack E. Neubacher (704)213-6937 <http://www.eaa1083.com>

9/23/2009 - 9/27/2009 Woodruff, SC - Triple Tree Aerodrome Fly-In (SC00) [www.tripletreeflyin.com](http://www.tripletreeflyin.com)

9/26/2009 Farmville, NC - Flanagan Field (N08) - EAA Chapter 960 20th Annual Fall Fly-in Contact Monty Clark (252) 531-5363 , [president@eaa960.org](mailto:president@eaa960.org)

9/26/2009 Thomasville, NC - Hiatt Airport 15th Annual Pig Pickin' and Flyin 12:00 Contact: Doug Tharpe Phone: 336-881-0248,

10/2-4/2009 Camden, SC - Woodward Field (CDN) - VAA Chapter 3 Fall Fly-In. Contact: Jim Wilson 843-753-7138

10/3/2009 Smithfield, NC Johnston County (JNX)- EAA Chapter 506 Young Eagles/ JNX Open House 1000 1700 Contact: Joseph Mancusi Phone: 919-661-4130 <http://eaa506.org>

10/10/2009 Burgaw, NC - Stag Airport - Annual Fall Fly-In 10:00 1:00 BBQ lunch 1200 1330 Contact: Tony Spicer Phone: 910 619 2557 <http://www.eaa297.org/>

10/17/2009 Winterville, NC - South Oaks Aerodrome (NC47) EAA 1423 Spring Fly In Contact: Skip Palmer 252-559-0383 <http://www.eaa1423.org/>

11/7/2009 Green Sea, SC (S79) - EAA Chapter 1167 Annual Fall Fly-in 0900 1700 BBQ dinner to be served for small donation. Contact: Gary Smith Phone: 843-756-5735 <http://eaa1167.org>