



Franklin Aero Club

EAA Chapter 1377

July/August 2004

Congratulations Buz!!!!!!

On Wednesday, July 28th, at the 52nd EAA Airventure Oshkosh Convention, our Chapter President, Buz Rich, was awarded EAA's National "Major Achievement" Award. This honor was awarded to ten recipients throughout the world for their contributions to aviation.

Buz looked to the sky at an early age and dreamed to become a pilot. He pursued his aspirations and achieved his dream after graduating from the US Air Force Academy in 1966. He spent 28 successful years serving our country as a fighter pilot in the US Air Force flying 351 combat missions during his 2 tours in Southeast Asia. Buz retired in 1994 as a full Colonel. Since 1966, he has spent thousands of hours flying aircraft from the fast and furious, F-4 Phantom II, to his very own low, slow 1940 Piper J3 Cub that he so lovingly restored. He has enjoyed flying many different airplanes, owning several kinds, restoring many of them and even constructing from a set of plans, the Pitts Special. (And it actually has been flying for 27 years!)

Buz has spent a lifetime sharing his talents with other aviators and graciously giving back to this world of aviation. Because of his generosity, he was certainly a well deserving recipient of this high honor given by the organization he has been a member of for the last 30 years. CONGRATULATION Buz!

**Bill
Richard
won \$25
in the
50/50
June
drawing!!**

**Tri-Chapter
Fly-In**

**Franklin
Airport**

**October
15th—17th**

**We need
volunteer
for the
kids booth
at the VA
EAA State
Fly-In in
Sept.**

August 21st—NEXT MEETING!!!!

**Oshkosh Report
Fly-out to Crisfield**

Question:

**I want to earn my sport pilot certificate;
what are the medical requirements?**

Answer: To operate as a sport pilot, you must have either a valid state driver's license or a valid FAA third-class medical certificate. In addition, FAR 61.53 requires every pilot, from sport pilot to airline transport pilot, to conclude before each flight that he or she is medically fit to operate the aircraft in a safe manner. As pilots, it is our responsibility to ensure that our current medical health in no way jeopardizes the safety of a flight.

http://www.airventure.org/2004/wedjuly28/sp_benefits.html

SHIRTS AND HATS:

If you ordered a shirt or hat, they will be at the next meeting. We also ordered extra hats to sell. If you want to order a shirt, email Christie at FranklinEAA@aol.com.

****WANTED****

**Bunches of your best
"Aviation-related Stuff"
for consignment at the
Virginia State EAA Fly-In
FLY-MART 18-19 September 2004.**

**For more information contact Chuck
Shedd, EAA Chapter 186, at
(703) 313-0718.**

*A B-17 is going
to be at
Newport News
Halloween
weekend giving
rides to the
public for a fee.*

*Chapter 156 is
hosting and
needs help.
Our chapter
will make some
money (amount
is determined
by the number
of 1377
members that
help out!)*

**At our last
meeting,
Tom Shelby
of Shelby
Aviation
gave a
presentation
about
Preventive
Maintenance.**

**Thanks
Tom!**

DATES:

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| August 21, 2004 | Oshkosh Report/Regular Meeting and cookout |
| September 18 - 19, 2004 | Virginia State EAA Fly-in |
| September 25, 2004 (4th Saturday) | Ed Pinney and Dickey Todd program/fly-out to Crisfield |
| October 15 - 17, 2004 | Tri-Chapter Fly-In/Franklin |
| October 22-23, 2004 | NIFA Region X SAFECON, Lynchburg, VA |
| November 20, 2004 | Linda Mathias Program |
| December 18, 2004 | Christmas party/Annual Awards |



Tom Shelby giving a presentation at the last meeting.



Waiting for our June Meeting to start!!!!