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FLY-IN A SUCCESS!

Those of you who missed it really missed out! Great Gatsby Days 2002 was a success at the airport! With the addition of new events and activities, the fly-in saw a lot more people on the grounds than ever before.

Northern Knights RC Club kicked off the fly-in on Friday evening with radio controlled aircraft combat flights. Not only were they entertaining to watch, there may have been a few side bets as to which aircraft was going to be knocked out of the air first! The Northern Knights also provided demonstration flights on Saturday afternoon with radio control models of just about every kind of aircraft you can think of. Those models that didn't fly were there on display for everyone to enjoy. There was more than one person who got hooked and wants one of their own now!

Of course, the main attraction for the young people was EAA Chapter 612 Young Eagles. They provided a record 142 children with their first experience in aviation! The children, ages 8–17 were given a mini ground school complete with a working model of an aircraft so they could try out the rudder pedals and other working controls and a ride in a real aircraft. They then were given a ride in an aircraft and received a certificate and a souvenir bi-plane hand made from clothes pins with the number of their ride on it. Their names will also be entered into the World's Largest Logbook which accessible from the official EAA website.

The US Marine Corps brought up an inflatable obstacle course that was a real hit. It was hard to determine who was having more fun, the Marines or the kids running the obstacle course! It was a sight to see!

Breakfast sponsored by the Excelsior Springs Kiwanis Club was busy! (See Fly-In on Page 2)

DID YOU GUESS THE AIRCRAFT?

So, did you know what the aircraft featured in last month's newsletter was? There were no responses either by e-mail or phone so can we assume that nobody knew what it was or just that those who did were just too lazy to let us know?

May's featured aircraft was a Citabria. Of course, you knew that, right??

They are going to keep getting progressively more difficult to identify so you all better sharpen your skills on these first ones!!

Here's this month's aircraft. Give us a call or drop us an e-mail and give us your best guess! You can find e-mail addresses and phone numbers in the Contact Information section on Page 3.



The answer will appear in the July issue.

FLY-IN (Continued from Page 1)

Lunch provided by the Friends of Excelsior Springs airport was also a success. We served a record 130 lunches. The money raised from that and the sale of merchandise from Edmo Distributors will make it possible for the Friends to sponsor more events and fundraisers at the airport. All totaled up, FOESA brought in about \$600 and that will help! Keep an eye out in this newsletter and in the Excelsior Springs Standard for upcoming events and fundraisers. One of those events will definitely be more of the radio controlled aircraft and perhaps another Young Eagles flight? You'll just have to keep your eyes and ears open to find out dates, times and events.

A huge thanks to all of the Friends and others who helped with the preparation and in keeping things going during the Fly-In. It couldn't have happened without all of you! Keep up the good work!

AND THE WINNER IS...

There were several opportunities to win prizes at the fly-in this year.

A special thank you goes to Checkmate Aviation, Hall of Waters Spa and Fly Low Publications for their donations of prizes for this year's fly-in.

Every year, we have a judging of the antique and classic aircraft that fly-in during the event. Our sincerest appreciation goes to Jim Foreman, Larry Brown and Connie from the Friends of Clay County Regional Airport for judging the aircraft for us. And now, the winners are...

Champion Antique Division

Mark McCasland – Kansas City (aircraft based at 3EX)
1929 Travel Air

Runner-Up Antique Division

Robert Brack – Lee's Summit
1945 Taylorcraft BC12-D

Champion Classic Division

Steve Swinney – Grain Valley
1948 Cessna 140

Runner-Up Classic Division

Jim Famuliner – Carrolton
1956 Cessna 172

There was another aircraft there that we didn't officially have a category for but was an extremely unique and interesting aircraft and it deserves special mention here.

Grand Champion Military

D.E. Robertson
Russian Yakovlev Model 52
(year unknown)

Each winner in the Antique and Classic Divisions received certificates and the Champions in each division received a Winner's Catalog from Checkmate Aviation to choose their prize. Congratulations to all the winners

and thanks to all the pilots who flew in for this year's Great Gatsby Days Fly-In! We hope to see you next year!

Bob and Vickie Bates of the Hall of Waters Spa donated a Spa Sampler Package to the Friends to raffle during the fly-in and the winner of the Spa Package was Dr. Ted Baldwin. According to Doc, Zora will probably be visiting the Spa! Congratulations to Doc (and Zora?)!

T-Shirts donated by Fly Low Publications were presented to the 2 Young Eagles pilots who flew the most children. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to ALL the Young Eagles pilots for their donation of time, fuel and aircraft use to fly all those kids!



**SO SAY
THE FAA**

Certainly you have all heard the numerous warnings and cautions that the FBI and other branches of the Federal Government have been issuing concerning security issues with smaller airports and with general aviation aircraft.

Just a reminder, take the time to make sure that your aircraft is secure and take extra measures, if necessary, that would make it difficult for someone to take possession of your aircraft and use it for tragic purposes.

Most, if not all of us, tend to have the "it couldn't happen here" attitude and we don't want to let ourselves get into the habit of becoming careless. All small airports have seen vandalism and Excelsior Springs is not immune to that but we certainly don't want to make it easy for someone to cause harm or damage to persons or aircraft if there are measures we can take to prevent that from happening.

So take a few minutes and if you are out and about at odd hours, take a drive by the airport if you are in the area and report suspicious activity or cars or people to the local police department. Take time to make sure your aircraft is secure and if you notice that someone else's looks as if it has been tampered with, give someone a call who can contact that aircraft owner. You can contact any of the following persons; Excelsior Springs Police at 911, the Airport Manager at 816-630-4182 or 816-510-9922, Ed Holloway at 816-630-2369. David Jones at 630-1503, Ray Co. Sheriff's office at 816-776-2000, the FBI at 816-691-8200, or the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 816-524-9200.

We all have to work together to keep not only other people safe but also the property and aircraft safe.

*The most beautiful dream that has
haunted the heart of man since learus is
today reality.*

— Louis Bleriot

The Fly-In also brought us a couple of new members to FOESA.

We would like to welcome Jerry and Cheryl Cosley from Excelsior Springs to the group. Jerry and Cheryl signed up to become members during the Fly-In and we are happy to have them. Jerry is retired from TWA.

We hope to see both of you at a FOESA meeting soon!!

NEXT FOESA MEETING DATE

The next FOESA meeting should be exciting. We will be discussing the Fly-In. We will receive a full report of funds raised, improvements that need to be made and where we want to go from here.

Your opinions and ideas are very important to the entire group. With suggestions and brain-storming from everyone, we can have one of the best fly-ins in the entire area. We would like to see more events at the airport now that the weather is warmer and the skies will be more friendly.

Please join us on Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the airport to discuss the fly-in and upcoming events. If you would like to stop and get you something for dinner and eat during the meeting, that's ok with us! We have drinks available at the airport.

We hope to see many of you there!



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AVIATIONS MISUNDERSTOOD ALPHABET

Tower: Do you have Charlie?

Pilot: Negative, we left him back at the hangar.

Tower: Do you have Echo?

Pilot: Negative, receiving you loud and clear.

Tower: Do you have Hotel?

Pilot: Negative, we are staying with friends.

Tower: Do you have Juliet?

Pilot: Affirmative, but please don't say anything to my wife!

Tower: Do you have Kilo?

Pilot: Negative, but there are a couple of roaches in the ashtray!

Tower: Do you have Mike?

Pilot: Negative, I use a Push-To-Talk button.

Tower: Do you have Oscar?

Pilot: Negative, but I am expecting to be nominated this year.

Tower: Do you have Papa?

Pilot: Negative, but I did write him a letter last week!

Tower: Do you have Romeo?

Pilot: Negative! Negative! Wherefore art thou Romeo!

Tower: Do you have Uniform?

Pilot: Negative, just jeans and a sweatshirt.

Tower: Do you have Victor?

Pilot: Who's Victor?

Tower: Do you have X-Ray?

Pilot: Negative, my doctor insisted on a CT Scan.

Tower: Do you have Whiskey?

Pilot: Negative. Not in the last 8 hours anyway! Why, am I not on assigned heading?

