



# JULY

## Chapter 241 July 2015 Notepad Thoughts From Tom's Desk

Greetings 241,

Here it is July already and that can only mean one thing... Oshkosh is fast approaching. If you like me, after attending the convention since 1977, I was taken aback when earlier this week, Dan Thurman told me that the start date was actually a week earlier on July 20th. Forever since I can remember, it has always been the last week of July and into the first weekend and week of August. With any hope, I can change my work schedule around and be in attendance with my daughters Molly and Olivia again this year. I love camping out with them and have been doing so since they were in diapers. They are now 9 and 11 and they both love the bunk bed cots I invested in two years ago for our camping trips.

Our DeKalb Pancake Breakfast, while not a bust, was a disappointment with the heavy rain that morning. The attached radar screen shot was taken one hour prior to our opening the doors at 0800.



Either way, the hard core regulars made it out and we had 210 people attend. I also had a good chance to talk to our delightful and well spoken winner of the scholarship, Gus Graves and his family. He is fast at work, tapping into his justly deserved scholarship winnings of \$2,000, using it up and flying it off fast at Fly America. We made approximately \$1,000 dollars for the breakfast, but as in past rain outs, the food was good, the coffee hot and most people appeared to enjoy themselves. Thanks to Dan Thurnau for co-chairing it with me again this year. One of the improvements I would like to make going forward are to buy new, clear storage bins for all of our equipment and food stuff storage. I also took a thorough inventory of our rolling stock and we are all set for Hinckley. All we'll need there are eggs, pancake mix, juice and of course... CAVOK! I would also like to give a shout out to Myrna Moore and her daughter Robin Dresner who along with her daughter's family present, graciously donated her deceased husband Walter's collection of aviation paraphernalia to our chapter to simply give it a good home and possibly a second chance at teaching someone else the joys of learning to fly. I'll be bringing the entire collection to an upcoming meeting, so that everyone may have a chance to peruse through it for their selected personal use.



Tom and Myrna Moore



I had the nice opportunity and pleasure of flying out to the Mount Morris, Ogle County Airport, C55, pancake breakfast on July 4 th. Steve Klopfenstein and I in Jeff Klopotek's sturdy steed of a C-150, flying alongside Jeff Kohlert and his daughter Grace in his stallion "Pumpkin". The breakfast was \$8 dollars and was actually quite good on a gorgeous day for flying. This was the second opportunity I have had to fly to a pancake breakfast this year and while it is nice to do so, I always do so with a discriminating eye towards improving ours. We have the competition beat with our eggs made to order as they are just tastier and in one case, less rubbery. I was introduced to a different method of cleaning the griddle, that I hope we can incorporate at Hinckley. This particular method has the potential to make our pancakes and eggs a little less oily for our diners.





This month's program is presented by David Gillingham, a Major in the Civil Air Patrol and Chief Flight Instructor for Fly America. He'll be discussing the CAP, their mission and other pertinent topics. A light dinner and beverages will be served at 6:30

Many thanks to Dwain Adkins for keeping the beverage cooler stocked and present at our meetings, which by the way, was one of the many jobs that he relieved me of. Also, thank you to all who participated in the Young Eagle event and the DeKalb Pancake Breakfast. Having them on the same weekend did work out well, because we already had some hands on deck when it came to getting started setting up for the breakfast. We have a nice mix of members in our chapter, with a variety of backgrounds and talents and I personally always look forward to our monthly meetings and I hope you do too. Your board works very diligently at keeping our chapter running smoothly and hosting interesting meetings.

That is about all I have folks. We have plenty of events yet to come this year. They are listed by date at the end of this newsletter. Young Eagles in August, Hinckley in September and we'll end the year with the second annual USO Hangar Dance fundraiser in early October. I hope to run into some of you at Oshkosh, so until then, fly safe, drive safe,

Tom

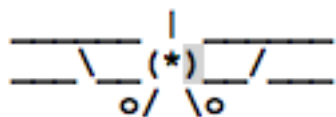
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## Shuttle Facility Tour Article

Besides the traditional Florida attractions vying for your vacation time, for those with an airplane there is the Shuttle Facility Tour. Vic Krause flew his Cessna 180D to KEVB (New Smyrna Beach) to pick me up and to talk about taking the tour over lunch. It was an outstanding day for flying and the procedures are pretty straightforward.

NASA Shuttle Landing Facility (<http://www.airnav.com/airport/KTTS>)

Just stay clear of their airspace until you have established radio contact with the tower and then simply asked permission to enter the airspace to do a low pass over the runway. The tower is open Monday to Friday, weekends it's closed so check the notams any activity. When the tower is closed, use caution and fly as if the airspace is E, and you know E means EVERYONE, so it can be busy. There are GPS approaches for RWY 33/15 but it's not the same descent profile that the Shuttle flew.

It was decided that I would fly the tour heading south so Vic could take video. After the course reversal Vic would fly the tour north giving me an opportunity to take photographs.





## Shuttle Facility Tour February 2001

Looking back on the photo's I took in Feb 2001 with a film camera.

Before 9/11/2001, NASA would let you fly down the middle of the shuttle runway down to 500'. You talked to NASA tower and asked for the "Shuttle Facility Tour." NASA also posted when they were going to roll out a shuttle to the launch pad. It's about 4 miles from the VAB (vertical assembly building) to the pad. The crawler does a little less than 1mph. Knowing this I flew down to the space center and asked to fly the Shuttle Facility Tour and was granted a few fly-bys. I took this photo out of the side window.

Albert







Summer Fly-in/Drive-in at the Ogle County Airport

pics from Steve Klopfenstein

Saturday, July 4







**Jeff Klopotek completed his Solo flight on July 7th. Way to go Jeff.**



**2015 Chapter 241 event dates and times**

August 8th, 0900-1100 Young Eagles Over DeKalb

September 20th, 0800-1130 Hinckley Breakfast



David Gillingham will give the presentation on Monday, July 13th at 7p.m. He is a Major in the Civil Air Patrol and the Chief Flight Instructor for Fly America.

Please join us in the Fly America Hangar for this informative speech.