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Aviation Day 9/26, Movie Night 10/6

Cherry Hill Aviation Day

Following the cancellation of Airport Awareness Day at Seymour this year Lance Bartels decided to do an event of his own on the same day, Saturday, Sept. 26th, as AAD would have been. Since receiving airport authority approval Lance has been feverishly making arrangements. Of special interest to pilots is VFR transponder certification by Eagle Avionics for \$50. Also, the food is being provided by Red Star Pizza, the best pizza in Seymour. The airport authority has granted a **reduced 100LL fuel price of \$4.39 during the event.**

The hours of Aviation Day are 10 AM to 3:00 PM. No breakfast served. Airplane rides will be available to the public for \$20 a person. The Freeman Army Air Field Museum will be open (free) the same hours. FMI contact Lance Bartels at 812-322-6762.

Pitch-In & Movie Night Tuesday, Oct. 6th

What better motivates pilots than food and airplanes? Nothing! So we decided to have a pitch-in and movie night for our **October meeting on the 6th**. The FFFA will provide

chicken and drinks. Please bring a complimentary dish to share. Since we're doing a double activity on a weeknight and don't want to be out too late we plan to **eat at 6:00 and show the movie at 7:00.**

The movie will be *Immortal Beaver*; the story of the DHC-2. Run time is about 50 minutes. It chronicles the saving and restoration of the Beaver called *Olivia*, from a derelict in the desert to a pristine flying machine. Your editor has 27 hours of Beaver time from back in the 60's so this film is kind of special for him.

At our September meeting on 9/1 we (5 of us) spent most of the time talking about the need to revitalize the Freeman Field Flying Association. This is a difficult task since recreational flying is down. Locally, more people are selling airplanes (or trying to sell them) than buying them. Young people as a group are not joiners of associations. However, we think there is still enough interest in aviation in Seymour to support our group. We need to get more people involved.

Airport News – Restaurant!

We're getting a real, sit-down restaurant on the field at Seymour. Denise and Carl

Creech are opening **D's Diner** in the old Airport Café building, which they are purchasing. Renovations are under way. They expect to be open in early October.

Initially they will be open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch, but with an added twist. They will stay open for carry-out until after the factories let out. They found when they operated a restaurant several years ago that there is a market for people who want to take dinner home with them. Evening carry-out will be specially priced to encourage that trade.

Current plans include seating for 35 people. The back section will be opened for larger groups or parties. Catering will be offered. Perhaps the FFFA should have its Christmas dinner there.

Treasurer's Report

For the period: August, 2015

Opening bal, all funds	10,739.62
Opening bal, chkg acct	3,725.39
Income	
Dues	
Other	
Total Income	
Expenses	
Electric bill	10.25
Sewer bill	9.14
Water bill	14.87
Rumpke; porta-potty	27.56
Other	
Total Expenses	61.82
Transfer from MMF	
Transfer to MMF	
Closing bal, chkg acct	3,663.57
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal	7,014.23
Checks written	
X-fer in from chckng	
Interest earned	
End bal, MMF	7,014.23
Net change, all accounts	-61.82
Grand total, all funds	10,677.80

Museum Archives

The most visible thing the museum has done in the past month is create a museum "store" area. We don't have enough things to sell to dedicate a whole room to that activity, but small areas in both the main building and the annex have been set aside for sales activity. Some repurposed and repainted liquor display racks from Hildreth's Liquors (thanks, Jack) are being used for the necessary merchandising fixtures.



Items for sale include series of five DVD's the museum has created. They feature museum photo collections, Freeman Field history and 1945 open house/air show videos, all 99 issues of the *Twingine Times* weekly newspaper, and a virtual museum tour slide show. There are also several purchased DVD's about WW-II aircraft, and women in WW-II. Besides the DVD's we have Freeman Army Air Field baseball caps and coffee mugs, and a reprint of a 1944 photo magazine about the airfield. Not too much, but it's a start.

Behind-the-scenes activities include servicing the two small metal overhead doors in the main museum building, and reorganizing the items stored in the main building furnace room. The next visible project will be to enhance the office item (telephone switchboard, drafting table, desk, etc.) display in the annex to make it more appealing to museum visitors.

Finally, the museum wishes to thank Don Furlow and the airport authority for installing a fluorescent light and electrical outlet in our reorganized dig item storage room. The room is nice and neat now, but in the absence of bright sunshine it was like a cave in there. Now we have light and can operate small power tools. Thanks, Don.

Member Accomplishments

Larry Bothe goes International: I didn't know I was that famous. Just look what the Internet can do for you. Here's an e-mail I received on 9/7/15. Pretty soon my head won't even fit in the room.

Dear Larry

I am living and flying in Norway, and the EAA Webinars goes in the middle of the night, and I have not attended any of those in real time yet. But, I have enjoyed attending the stored webinars. One of them, is your very interesting webinar about "When engine goes silent". I wrote down some interesting notes that were your main point. But your check list, that you showed, was also interesting to look more careful at. Could you therefore send it to me?

Thank you in advance.

/S/ Bjorn Hestnes

Interesting Aviation Links

Oshkosh photos. Here are a couple hundred pretty good pictures from Oshkosh 2015. From Mike Brueckmann, 8/30/15.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/a-blunt/sets/72157656228750859>

Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Sep 26; Cherry Hill Aviation Day, 10 to 3
Oct 3; GE Air Show, Red Stewart Field, 40l
Oct 6; FFFA pitch-in and movie, 6:00 PM
Nov 3; FFFA meeting, 7:00, program TBA
Dec ???; FFFA Christmas dinner, location, date and time to be figured out.

Airport Authority meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:15 PM, terminal building conference room.
Museum Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6 PM, main museum building library room.

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Join FFFA: Dues are \$10 per year. Send a check, payable to FFFA, to Larry Bothe, 1082 Governors Ln, Seymour, IN 47274-1135. Include e-mail address and phone number. ½ price after the 4th of July.

Freeman Flash issues going back to 1999 are available if you contact the editor. A website archive is planned.

Sell – Buy

Have something you want to sell or buy? FFFA members get a free ad. Contact the Editor, Larry Bothe, 812-521-7400, or e-mail LBothe@comcast.net to place an ad.

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