

# 45° North



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## President's Corner by Vic Briley

Hello fellow flyers:

What did you think of the Civil Air Patrol presentation given by LtC David Montgomery? I thought he did an awesome job! It was very well organized, very informative and he had great visual aids using MS PowerPoint with a projector so everyone could see the graphics clearly. Great job LtC Montgomery! I didn't realize how much I didn't know about the CAP.

Don't forget about the chapter trip next month on April 18/19. If you have not heard about the trip yet, we will tour the Detroit Metro ATC tower, Greenfield Village and The Yankee Air Force Museum. It is an overnight trip and I expect it to be a great time. We have plenty of room for anyone that would like to join us. Please contact me if you would like to go and are not already on the list. You must be on the roster to gain entry to the ATC tower.

Have you checked out our new website yet? It is still under construction, but has lots of information and pictures already. Go to [www.gaylordeaa.org](http://www.gaylordeaa.org) and let us know what you think. We are always looking for pictures of your plane, project or anything else of interest that is aviation related.

This month's meeting is a week early due to members heading south for vacation. We will make plans for the

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## What's with this Issue by Phil Curtiss

This month we are following up on the new mail versus email distribution of the newsletter. This month, thanks to all who submitted their email addresses we will be only snail mailing 18 copies of the newsletter. This should amount to about \$15 monthly savings.

If you are still receiving a hard copy of the newsletter through the U.S. Postal Service and have a decent high speed Internet access you might consider switching to the email distribution. If you would like to switch just send me a note at [pcurtiss@bigfoot.com](mailto:pcurtiss@bigfoot.com).

There are two EAA National press releases included in the issue about what will be happening at Oshkosh this summer.

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## Meeting Date Changed

**Next Meeting March 4, 2009**

**At the Airport  
Board at 7:00pm  
Chapter at 7:30pm**

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## Coming Events

- Mar. 4** Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
at the Airport.
- Apr. 8** Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
at the Airport.
- Apr. 21-26** Sun 'n Fun Fly-InFeb. 11
- May 13** Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
at the Airport.



# EAA Oshkosh Press Release

As the era of clean, safe, and affordable access to space dawns, the pioneers at Virgin Galactic and Scaled Composites have again chosen EAA AirVenture Oshkosh as the stage for unveiling their innovations. After successfully completing its initial flight test program, space launch vehicle Virgin Mothership (VMS) Eve will make its world public debut on July 27 at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009.

The space launch vehicle will arrive as part of the opening-day air show. AirVenture attendees will have opportunities for up-close viewing of the vehicle on the ground each day until its departure flight as part of the Saturday, Aug. 1 air show. Event organizers and Virgin Galactic officials are hopeful to arrange additional showcase flights during the week.

"This will be a major highlight of our event. Since the appearance of the X-Prize-winning WhiteKnight and SpaceShipOne at AirVenture four years ago, our members have eagerly awaited the next advancements from the Virgin Galactic and Scaled Composites innovators," said EAA president and AirVenture chairman Tom Poberezny.

"Burt Rutan, the chief designer of Virgin Galactic's launch vehicle and spacecraft, truly embodies the EAA spirit. His accomplishments show how far our passion for building and flying aircraft can go. Over the decades, this EAA member has created some of the world's most inventive designs, including the vehicles that will take private-citizen astronauts into space. We're all eager to welcome Burt and his team back to Oshkosh," Poberezny said.

"Likewise, the EAA community is eager to applaud Virgin Galactic for employing corporate muscle and mettle to bring ambitious dreams within reach," he added.

Will Whitehorn, President of Virgin Galactic commented: "Our new launch vehicle, VMS Eve, is both visually remarkable and represents ground-breaking aerospace technology. It has a unique heavy lift, high altitude capability and an open architecture driven design that provides for maximum versatility in the weight, mass, and volume of its payload potential. VMS Eve is capable of lifting SpaceShipTwo, an unmanned satellite launch or space science vehicle and also being capable of use as an astronaut training vehicle. Its carbon composite construction also gives unprecedented fuel efficiency and the strength to perform high g maneuvers and parabolic flight," he said.

"Together with Scaled Composites, we are delighted to be showcasing this incredible vehicle and demonstrating its capabilities in public for the very first time. It is particularly appropriate that we are doing this at the 2009 AirVenture event in conjunction with the EAA, which has done so much over the years to support and promote aerospace innovation," Whitehorn added.

According to Whitehorn, Virgin Galactic plans to conduct test flights of VMS Eve carrying SpaceShipTwo during the second half of 2009.

Dwarfing its namesake predecessor, WhiteKnightTwo is the world's largest all carbon composite flying vehicle. The 140-foot wingspan is the longest single carbon composite aviation component ever manufactured.

The launch vehicle's mission will include ferrying SpaceShipTwo and thousands of private astronauts, science packages, and payload on the first stage of the Virgin Galactic sub-orbital space experience.

## More EAA Oshkosh Press Release

After a full opening day of flying on Monday, July 27, at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009, AeroShell Square will feel the power of more than aircraft, as the legendary Doobie Brothers take the stage that evening, compliments of the Ford Motor Company.

The performance, free of charge to all AirVenture guests that day, will be held adjacent to the Ford Motor Company Hangar on AeroShell Square, immediately following the afternoon air show.

"Over the last couple of years, a question that I regularly receive from EAA members and AirVenture attendees is 'Who will be the opening-day concert at Oshkosh?'" said Tom Poberezny, EAA president and AirVenture chairman. "Ford has again made it possible for this popular tradition to continue by supporting the appearance of the Doobie Brothers at AirVenture 2009."

Like EAA AirVenture, the Doobie Brothers are known the world over and have attracted multiple generations of fans. Led by co-founding members Tom Johnston and Patrick Simmons, the Doobies have accumulated Grammy awards, gold and platinum records. They are currently working on a new album of original material scheduled for release this year.

"Over the past decade, Ford has been proud to be a part EAA AirVenture, The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," said Kevin Keling, Ford Corporate Events Manager. "We're very happy to help support EAA, all EAA members and this great event in a variety of ways, including bringing top entertainment such as the Doobie Brothers to aviation's annual family reunion."

The Doobie Brothers' unique style defies a single definition, but has left its un-

questioned mark on music history. From their first top 40 hit in 1972, "Listen To The Music," through No. 1 hits such as "Black Water" and "What A Fool Believes", and classic songs such as "China Grove" and "Minute By Minute," the Doobie Brothers have created an instantly identifiable American sound that continues to thrill longtime fans and welcome a new generation to their music.

More information is available at the band's website at [www.doobiebro.com](http://www.doobiebro.com).

The opening-day concert at EAA AirVenture, along with Ford Motor Company's support of the Fly-In Theater and the vehicles used during the event, its notable consumer presence at the fly-in and discounts on Ford Motor Company vehicles for EAA members, continues to highlight Ford's support for EAA members. Ford will also offer additional highlights and benefits for EAA members and AirVenture attendees during this year's fly-in.

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### President's Corner Continued

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Community Meal, which will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. There will not be a guest speaker this month. Instead, we will make plans for the Community Meal project on March 13<sup>th</sup> and the Fly-in on June 12/13/14<sup>th</sup>. I will not be here during the Community Meal, but will be thinking of you while I am basking in the warm sun in Florida. Yep, I am actually going to get away for a week. It has been a very long and cold winter and I am suffering from the winter blues. The trip south should do me good.

Keep the blue side up!

Vic Briley

# February Meeting Minutes

## Feb. 1, 2009 Officer's Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Pres. Vic. All Officers with the exception of Wally McCoy were present. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and approved by Don McCoy and supported by George McCutcheon.

Current treasury report: \$2,048.02 is the current positive balance. Motion was made by Don McCoy to pay any outstanding bills and supported by Mary Way

### Old Business:

All past projects still on hold at this time due to the weather

### New Business:

There was much discussion regarding the purchase of a tent for the Chapter. We are looking at all options, including eBay and Craig's list. We will follow up next meeting.

March meeting date has been changed to the first Wednesday of the month, which is the 4th. Motion made by Mary Way and supported by Jan Loney.

A larger meeting area was discussed for our monthly gatherings. At this time there are no other options other than the Terminal meeting room.

Motion to close meeting at 7:31pm made by Mary Way and supported by Don McCoy

## Member's Meeting

Called to order at 7:34 pm by Pres. Vic.

Vic introduced Guest speaker Dave Montgomery from the Civil Air Patrol and new potential member, Ron Mira.

### Old Business:

Membership dues are **PAST DUE** and need to be paid by any member who has not yet done so.

Community meal project is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided at our next meeting. Interest from other individuals who would like to help sponsor this project will also be looked at.

Membership Chairman, Mike Valuet has updated our Membership Form, member addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Please let Mike or an Officer know if you need to update your information. Mike is also sending information to private pilots in the area to see if there is any interest in joining our chapter. He also passed a list around for purchasing sweatshirts. Latest update is the order will be delayed due to lack of available sizes and colors. Mike will put in an order when there are better options.

April 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> trip downstate is fast approaching. Don't forget to save those dates if you are interested in going.

Mary Respecki made a \$50.00 donation in Doug Hancock's honor.

### New Business:

Dave Montgomery gave a very informative and interesting presentation regarding the Civil Air Patrol.

Website update and cost was discussed as well as project updates. Project pictures would be a nice addition to our website.

Howard Grosser won 50/50 drawing. He was so kind as to donate \$5.00 back to the chapter from his \$15.00 winnings.

Motion to close meeting at 9:05 made by Mary and supported by Mike Valuet.



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