

EAA Chapter 407

Meeting Minutes for 2/27/2016

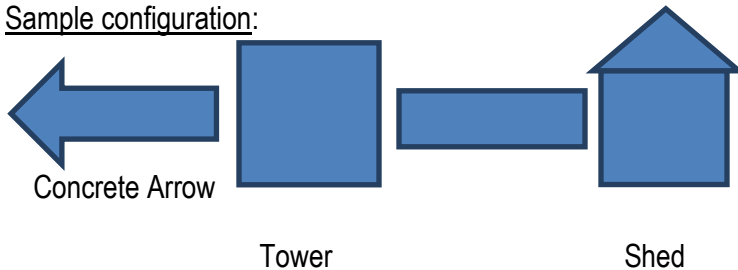
Agenda: Transcontinental Air Route System – Presentation by Greg Cobia
How to Access the EAA Chapter 407 Web Site – Review by Tom Strong
Chapter Breakfasts – the Carys
Gooding – Dale Cresap
Miscellaneous – Greg Cobia

The meeting was called to order at 1815 by Greg Cobia, vice president.

Transcontinental Air Route System – Presentation by Greg Cobia

Key Points:

- The giant concrete arrows accompanied by ground based navigation lights on 50-foot towers were placed every 10 miles to guide pilots. There was a landing field every 25 miles.
- There was a secondary set of lights – green and red lights flashed Morris Code as location identifier.
- Sample configuration:



- The Transcontinental Air Route System was used until the 1940's.
- 7 arrows and 10 beacons still exist in Idaho - one is in DuBois with a 51 foot tower. This site has become over grown. (Greg would like to organize a group and arrange to assist in maintaining this site.)
- Only one site in the US still exists with all 3 original installations: arrow, tower, and shed.
- The sheds contained generators. Most of the towers were taken down to recycle as scrap metal for the WWII effort.
- Web Page: Arrows across America:
 - Viewed photos and information on the web page
 - The web page gives the locations of existing arrow locations

EAA Web Site – Chapter 407 - Tom Strong

Key Points:

- This site is free to the chapters.
- Security: Sign-in – EAA407 KIDA
- The current member list is on the web site.

- The following are some of the available links:
 - Local Airport
 - Webcam Hover Map
 - Classified Ads
 - Tools List
 - Calendar: Let Tom know about fly-ins. The breakfasts are being added. Just send an e-mail. Messages may also be added.
 - Photos (*just e-mail them to the Strongs*)

Chapter Fly-in Breakfasts - Steve & Diana Cary

- The breakfasts are on the 4th Saturday of the month.
- Thank you to all who have assist and hopefully, will continue to assist with putting this on and to those who attend.
- If you have any ideas for 'simple' additions to the menu, let us know.
- The ad will continue to be posted in the Morning News Community Events section in Blackfoot.

Gooding - Dale Cresap

- Dale asked if there was any interest in doing the Gooding flights this year - the response from those present was a unanimous Yes.
- Tom reminded everyone needs to have clearance - anyone who flys Young Eagles needs to have a background check - this includes the ground handlers also.
- Information on this requirement and training can be found on the EAA Web Site – Chapters – Young Eagles Volunteers – Youth Protection Policy and Program.....see attached.

Miscellaneous - Greg Cobia

- Greg proposed that meetings be cancelled and that the chapter have events instead. i.e. project visits
- Greg is looking for input – he suggested that we need to move out of always being in Blackfoot
- Also wondered about the chapter being involved with Blackfoot Pride Days... need to review FAA regulations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana C. Cary

