



## President's Corner - April 2008

Here we are digging out from our second major snow storm in April ... this is definitely a blow to the psyche. Just think how those Robins must feel, after all, they flew clear across the country to be here just in time for the nasty weather! I guess I can't complain though since Lynn & I were in Florida when the U.P. was hit by the first storm. We thought we'd be safe coming back after that one but I guess we should have stayed another week.

My Comanche has been down for the count recently with an electrical problem but with Bill's help and a little luck I am hoping to have it back in service by the end of the week so I can fly to Oshkosh this weekend instead of making that tedious drive. I will be participating in a three-day Leadership Workshop which is being held at Whitman Field and will be staying in the beautiful Air Academy Lodge. Thanks in advance to Lynn Sykes for officiating at the monthly meeting. I am looking forward to meeting with other chapter presidents and discussing issues that are of importance to our chapters. With the recent appointment of Steve Buss as the Director of Chapters I am confident that your EAA will be much more responsive to its chapters.

I have recently received our yearly invitation to participate as a chapter in a weekend work party in preparation for AirVenture 2008. As those of you who have participated in the past know, this is a very unique and rewarding experience. Mind you, there is a reason they call it a work weekend but the excellent food and camaraderie makes it a really fun event. Lynn Sykes will have more information at this Saturday's meeting but for the sake of planning I will state the dates in this article so you'll have an idea of which weekend we will request as a chapter. There is a different special Saturday evening event held each week for the volunteers so you can also plan around this. If all the stars align (and there is no power failure) you might actually be lucky enough to be entertained. The dates are:

- May 17 - 18
- May 31 - June 1 (Ice Cream Social & Air Academy Lodge tour)
- June 21 - 22 (Sonex Aircraft tour)
- June 28 - 29
- July 12 - 13 (Visit with Paul P. at the Aeroplane Factory)
- July 19 - 20

I'll go on record here as voting for June 21 - 22 as this would be our normal monthly meeting day and we might finally get a chance to visit Sonex. Don't let me sway you though ... vote for the weekend of your choice! As always, they will put you up in the bunkhouse or the Binder house or if you prefer, you can stay in the campground. Make sure to let Lynn Sykes or I know if you plan to bring kids under age 18 as we need to fill out a special form.

Our May meeting will be at my hangar (#27) where we'll "roast a spot o' beef on the barbie and partake of the happenstance bounty"

Reminders:

Fred Joyal has put together a list of flyout locations and dates which is on our website.

This month's meeting will be at Boreal Aviation on Saturday at 10am as usual.

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