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Ron Jennings's Zenith 701 STOL

On Saturday, May 26, several Chapter 21 members visited the home and workshop of Ron Jennings, to see the Zenith 701 he has under construction there. His airplane, on the gear, but without the wings or vertical tail, is in his two-car garage.

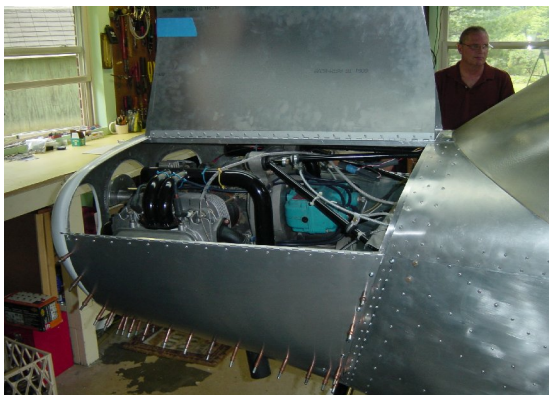
"How this choice of plane came about," Ron explained, "is, a guy in Atlanta Georgia who stayed at Mike Zeller's house one night came up to buy another airplane I built, and I stayed in contact with him. This was 2004, I guess. So he built the low-wing model of this Zenith plane. It looks like a little Piper Cherokee. I called to question him about what he liked about his plane. He said 'I wish it landed slower, and I don't need a plane that goes that fast'. He said 'If I were you, I'd go over and look at this 701. You'd get a lot more use



out of it.' I wanted a plane that landed slow, preferably five miles an hour. But I believe this plane will land about 15 miles per hour in a 10 mile per hour headwind. Or slower. It's amazing. When you go to the factory and get a test ride, Roger—he's a test pilot over there [Mexico, MO]—he went out to the end of the runway, but he turned the plane across

the runway, to show you the takeoff ability. He doesn't get grass on the tires. It's off the ground across the width of the runway."

When asked what color he is going to paint it, he said: "This is it. This is the color it's going to be. I'm going to put some decals on it, but I'm not going to paint it. It's going to be called the 'Grasshopper.' I'm going to have Jiminy Cricket on the rudder."



The engine is a Revmaster 2100D Volkswagen conversion, 75 hp.



He built the panel himself. "It's burl veneer," he said, "I stained it, and put about eight coats of polyurethane varnish on it."



Chapter 21 President's Message

Hello everyone.

Last month I asked everyone liking a ride to a Chapter event to give me a call. I guess we are doing OK, no one called. The offer still stands.

There is lots of activity available in the next couple of months. Look for information about the Freedom Festival and Young Eagles in the newsletter. On June 9 we will fly in to Rough River (2I3) for breakfast, and hiking or miniature golf. Plan to arrive at 10 AM. If you do not have a ride and want one, please call me and I will try to get you in an empty seat.

June 16 (3rd Sat. of each month during summer months) is breakfast at Owensboro Pilot's Club. I have attended the last two and the time spent with other pilots out of the area is priceless. Also on June 16 is the Ultralight Fly-in at Lawrenceville/Vincennes Airport.

The regular meeting on the 13th will be at John Bizal's hangar at EVV. One or more Freedom Festival managers will be the prime speaker.

June 29, 30, and July 1st are Freedom Festival participation dates. This is our (meaning each one of us) prime opportunity to do something for the cause. We are invited to fly our planes one or more days to EVV before 8 AM for participation in the static display. We can fly out only after 5 PM. The pilots of these planes will be airport bound all day and we are trying to setup an ATC visit during the day for them. Our planes on display will be roped away from the public and safe.

So, I urge everyone to participate one or more days with your plane. We also need workers. More info will become available on the times and dates at the meeting on the 13th. Please plan to attend this meeting. If you are called to volunteer, please say yes.

Young Eagles: John Rudolph has more on this event in the newsletter. I plan to fly my plane this year for the first time. Please contact me or John if you have any questions about insurance eligibility requirements.

Larry Helming

Mid-American Ultralight Club Fly-in

From T. Rex Blunck:

Just thought there might be somebody in Chapter 21 who might want to see some ultralights and light sport airplanes. Here's the info:

Ultralight Fly-In at the Lawrenceville-Vincennes Ultralight Airpark June 16, 2007. 1000' turf runway. Pilots sign in 8am. Free coffee and donuts for fly-in pilots. Auto gas available. Flying Skills Contests (start at 10am): Precision landing and bag/target drop. \$ reward for winner.

Concessions (great food!) and drinks available. Overnight camping Friday night, bathroom in hangar, no hookups. For more information download the fly-in poster at: <http://midamerican.homestead.com> --or call Rex: 812-782-9292.

The actual fly-in is at the **Ultralight Field** on the South side of the airport. It has a 1000' runway. I doubt if the faster GA planes could land there safely. I'd be happy to come over to the LWV terminal and bring you, (or any body who comes) around to the Ultralight field if you fly in. **Just call me on my cell phone: 812-499-1886.** (...or I might just fly my Avid over to the terminal parking area to get you.)

Here's an aerial and sketch of where the ultralight field is in relationship to the main runways:

<http://midamerican.homestead.com/Lawrenceville.html>

Rex

Thanks Rex, for being willing to pick us up with a phone call. I'd take a ride in your Avid anytime. With Rex's invitation to pick any of us up at the big field, that is too good to pass up. I would be interested in doing this myself. We can still have the Rough River outing on the 9th. It might be overkill but many are more interested in the light sport aircraft stuff anyway.

Larry Helming

Minutes of Monthly Chapter Meeting—May 9, 2007

Larry opened the meeting on time at 7 sharp. He asked if anyone flew to Sun & Fun, and there were about 8 pilots who did fly down. Larry then asked each pilot to give a report on what they saw and how their trip went. All pilots who flew down said that they got a 50kt tailwind which made for a fast trip. Most pilots said there was not a lot of new stuff there; that there were fewer planes and people than in past years. Maybe gas prices kept people home. Larry then discussed this year's Freedom Fest. There may be a chance for Chapter 21 members to do some flying during this year's event.

Submitted by Gary Zimmerman



We Need YOU to Volunteer!

EVANSVILLE
Freedom Festival

Okay folks, it's that time of year again! June 29th, 30th, and 31st we need volunteers to work at the 2007 Freedom Festival Air Show.

Annette Dossett will be at our next EAA Meeting on June 13th to conduct safety training, a new requirement for all volunteers. She will also bring with her a supply of admission buttons for us to purchase at the advance sale price of \$10.00.

We will have the same tent as last year, where we will be signing up kids to take part in our Young Eagles Day on July 7. And we would love to have your aircraft there on static display near our tent. — John Rudolph

Young Eagles Day—July 7, 2007

Young Eagles Day is going to be at Henderson Airport this year, on the weekend following the Air Show, July 7th. Don Davis Aviation has been gracious enough to let us use their wonderful facility. It should be a great time!

As an EAA Member, participating in the Young Eagles Program, you will be eligible for an additional \$1 Million of Passenger Liability if you carry a minimum of \$100,000 per seat liability, but that is not specifically a requirement.

The requirements to be a Young Eagle Pilot are the same as before. Basically, you must be a current EAA National Member, be current in your airplane, (I can help you if you need a BFR!) and aircraft passenger liability insurance is required. There is no specific minimum.



We're looking forward to a great turn out this year, so spread the word! I'll have a flyer available and will send it out as soon as I can. If you have any questions, email me at JohnRudolph@wsi-ismi.com or call me at 812-480-6898 — John Rudolph

Chapter 21 Monthly Treasurer's Report May-07

May 1, 2007	Beginning Balance	\$2,268.66
Receipts	Interest	\$0.29
	Dues - 1@\$15 ea.	\$15.00
	Half Pot 1/10	\$7.00
	Donations	<u>\$27.00</u>
	Total	<u>+\$49.29</u>
Disbursements	Newsletter Printing	\$16.00
	Postage (2ct stamps)	\$3.26
	Name tag engraving	<u>\$26.50</u>
	Total	<u>-\$45.76</u>
May 31, 2007	Ending Balance	\$2,272.19
	Balance ONB 05-31-07	\$2,272.19
Submitted by	Bill Gowin, Treasurer	

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Upcoming Chapter 21 Events

Next EAA21 Chapter Meeting: Wednesday June 13, 7:00 PM, Dr. Bizal's Hangar

Annette Dossett, of the Evansville Freedom Festival, will be our guest speaker at the next EAA Chapter 21 meeting, to be held at Dr. John Bizal's hangar at Evansville Regional Airport. Dr. Bizal's hangar is located east of U.S. 41, behind the Dairy Queen at U.S. 41 and Petersburg Road.

Saturday June 9—Fly out to Rough River State Park (213) for breakfast and hiking or golfing. Plan to arrive at Rough River at 10 AM.

Sunday June 10—Sinful Sundays (Sundaes) at Lee Bottom Flying Field (64I) 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM Eastern.

Saturday June 16—Fly out to Owensboro Airport (KOWB) for breakfast with Owensboro Pilot's Club.

Saturday June 16—Mid-American Ultralight Club Fly-in (See page 2 for info.)

Saturday June 23—Bowling Green KY (KBWG) Aviation Heritage Park's 2nd Annual Hangar Party.
(See <http://www.aviationheritagepark.com/> for more info)

Friday June 29 - Sunday July 1—Evansville Freedom Festival. (See page 3)

Wednesday July 4—Canadian Snowbirds Flight Team perform at Evansville riverfront.

Saturday July 7—EAA 21 Young Eagles Day at Henderson Airport (KEHR). (See page 3)

Monday July 23 — Sunday July 29 — *EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007!*