



# International Cessna 120/140 Association

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## •• TAILWINDS ••

by Curley Owen

By the time you read this the Silver Wich will have been to the EAA Convention in Oshkosh and back to rest in Annapolis. There will be time for a quick oil change, a wipe down, and a new compass course for Newnan, George, the site of the **6TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CESSNA 120/140 ASSOCIATION Convention**. We will make many stops enroute at little airports just getting acquainted with people and seeing the country. I never get tired of gazing through that window on the world. Oh, the freedom of a little plane - like a bird!

Concerning the Convention; wheels have been turning and plans have been made since last October in preparation for this get-together. This year for the first time we have a Convention Chairman, Charlie Wilson, who is in charge of the organization of the fly-in. In past years it has been handled by the officers - usually one in particular. I recently contacted over 2800 Cessna 120/140 owners personally inviting them to join our organization. The response has been very good and we now have well over one thousand members. I'm very excited about the potential turnout at this year's convention. Talk to other owners in your area and organize a mass flight to the Atlanta area. Flying in a group has the advantage of helping each other if any problems arise. It can also provide aid for the less experienced long cross-country pilots enabling them to feel more comfortable about a lengthy trip. Several are making the trip from the Maryland-Virginia area. Why doesn't the New England area pick us up on their way? Ed, Bob, Gene??

In past years the convention has been held in Texas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky and Indiana. So you can see we have moved into the Southeast for the first time. The attendance has been growing each year. Weather should be stabilizing.

See you there!

## •• MORE SOON ••

Our next issue will be out soon with all our regular features - HELP-HELP, FOR SALE, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, etc. I wanted to get the flyer about the Big Convention to everyone in time for posting in all the important places.

See you in Newnan - JW, Publisher

## •• COMING EVENTS ••

### September 11-12 - Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In

Weld County Airport east of Greeley. Hosted by EAA Chapter 720 with assistance from Chapters, 43, 72, 301, 515, 648, 660 and IAC Chapters 5, 12 and 16, Colorado Chapter 99s and Colorado AAA. Contact Bill Marcy, 303/986-4398

**All 120/140 owners planning to attend call**

**Jack Cronin (303) 333-3000, if you are even thinking of coming so he can make plans for us. Jack will help you if you are taking a vacation or looking for exciting things to do. He says Colorado is gorgeous in September, kids are in school, come and enjoy an unfettered weekend in beautiful Colorado.**

Unicom, 122.8, 40 miles N of Denver on the front range. Starts Friday noon, early arrivals - Registration \$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per vehicle (car or plane) - Camp on field (san-o-lets) - Meals, Pancake Breakfast Saturday & Sunday - Pig Roast Sunday - Snacks and drinks on field. Airshow 3-5 each day (airport closed at these times). Judging on static aircraft and flying events. Ultra lights, antiques, classics, homebuilts, warbirds, balloon burst, spot landing. Awards ceremony before airshow on Sunday. Volunteers are given a very nice embroidered patch. Motels: Holiday Inn Greeley (303) 356-3000, Ramada Inn (303) 353-5900, Motel 6 (303) 353-6665. Transportation available to and from motels.

**DON'T FORGET - CALL JACK CRONIN  
LET'S HAVE A FLOCK OF 140s THERE!**

### September 17-19 - Baltimore, Maryland

#### 13th Annual EAA East Coast Fly-In

Pancake breakfast, forums, seminars, demonstrations, awards, seaplane ramp! Contact Gene Brown, 9028 Hickory Hill Ave., Lanham, MD 20706, (301) 577-3070, or Bob Wallace, (301) 686-9242 or 686-3279.

### September 24-26 - Talequah, Oklahoma

#### 25th Annual Tulsa Fly-In

(Ultra Light) Sponsored by AAA Chapter 2; EAA Chapter 10; EAA (Antique Classic) IAC Chapter 10. Contact Cal Bass, 611 S. Joplin, Tulsa, OK 74136 or (918) 494-8908.

### 6th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CESSNA 120/140 ASSOCIATION FLY-IN AND CONVENTION

at Newnan, Georgia  
Newnan/Caweta County Airport

See Flyer - Post it at your local airport or wherever interested people might be.

# • SLOSH-KOSH •

by Betty Merwin

When the EAA first chose the time of year for the annual Midwest Convention they picked the first week of August. The driest week of the year, they said.

Those who attended this year would differ with at statement!

The 30th Annual EAA Convention began mildly enough, but by the time the week was over the participants felt they had been through the monsoons. Thursday evening greeted early arrivals with heavy rain. Friday and Saturday were the best days. Sunday started with overcast skies, with not much change for the rest of the week. Warm temperatures, high humidity, thunderstorms. As soon as the camping gear would dry out another dousing would hit. Tuesday evening the granddaddy of all thunderstorms struck; 50 mile winds, 3 inches of rain, all in a short time. We huddled in our camper, and when the rain finally abated we hurried down to the Association tent and discovered one side-flap had blown in. All of our supplies which we had put on a heavy table in the middle were lying in the water and mud!

We salvaged what we could and cleaned up the mess. Several of our 140 friends were wading in knee-high water on the flight line. Fortunately no one was hurt and no planes damaged of the people we talked to. The next day we learned that eleven aircraft were damaged by the wind. One eyewitness who saw two planes go up said it appeared they were taking off, only to fall off to one side, usually damaging a plane on the ground. Soft ground, high winds, and planes not tied down securely or not at all, combined to produce the damage.

Wednesday we decided to take the remainder of the tent down. All the supplies were wet anyway. 'Till then the tent had been a very busy place. Volunteers who manned the tent found they might be asked anything from "Where do I get tie-down stakes" to "Does the Luscombe Club have a tent like this one?"

The tent is mainly a place for members to stop in, register, do some hangar-flying, put up a note for a part needed or to sell, get some advice on a problem, or just to get out of the sun and/or rain and set a spell. The only quiet times were during the airshows.

Many thanks again to all those who helped with the Tent, the Forums, cleaning up, and all the miscellaneous other things that needed doing. Frances Rostron of Clemson, SC, kept herself busy at the Tent while Joe toured the EAA grounds. Al McDonald, Rio, WI, helped with the Tent and also the Forum on Thursday. Bob Biester, Dallastown, PA, and Dick Crenshaw, York, PA, also helped staff the Tent. Of course Curley and BeBe Owen were there just about every waking hour along with Joy and Clare Warren. Ralph Campbell, Kansas City, KS, helped with setting up and taking down the Tent. Ralph spent the week

buzzing about on his orange Suzuki moped helping out in EAA maintenance. He was a busy guy. Dorchen Forman, Lake Dallas, TX, attended her first EAA Convention and flew her bird in! She was overwhelmed! Dorchen helped out in the Tent also. All these people and many more combined to make the convention a successful one.

The 120/140 Forums were very well attended. The West Coast Cessna 120/140 Club held theirs on Sunday and did an excellent job dealing with corrosion. On Thursday and Thursday Jim Merwin did an excellent job with his slide presentation taken during his last annual of the Merwin 140. (Ed note: Betty wouldn't say it, we did -great job Jim!). Questions were handled from the crowd at both sessions.

Now, while the forums are still fresh in your minds would be a good time to drop the Association a line about what you would like addressed next year. Send suggestions to Box 92, or bring them to Newnan, GA.

#### SOME HIGHLIGHTS WERE:

- There were 207 120/140 owners who stopped by the Tent to register. By the way, all those folks who put up information on the bulletin board need to submit it to the Newsletter, Box 92, because most items were lost during the storm.

- Eighty-one registrants flew in, some from a great distance. Canadian members Tim Kelley, Pierrefonds, Quebec, Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Foster, Fort France, Ont., Floyd Maidment, Forest, Ont., Bruce & Diene Fowler, North Hatley, Que., and Jack Cronin made it once more yet, from Denver! Tom & Dona Weaver, Kalispell, MT, David Scott from

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The Tent went up with e



West Coaster Carol Simpson's camping tricks useful.



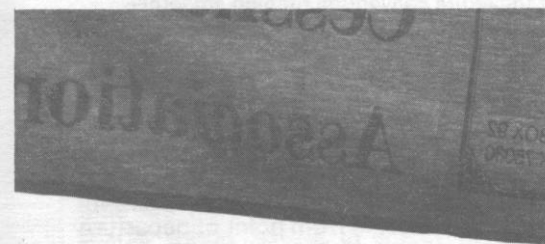
The Tent was a busy place.



se - and lots of help.



Audrey and Jerry Trumbold celebrated another anniversary at Oshkosh.



From the inside looking out.



Following Jim Merwin's slide show of his annual inspection, a Teledyne-Continental representative discussed the engine.

# DO IT NOW!

**DON'T MISS THIS ONE FOLKS. LET'S GET AT LEAST 100 120s and 140s out!** The weather will be beautiful, the hangar flying superb, the contests keen, and camaraderie gemachlich.

Charlie says that we will have a \$2.00 per aircraft registration fee to cover miscellaneous expenditures. The banquet charge will be ten zots so bring a grand total of \$12.00 plus yer room rent for a glorious weekend!

Here's an easy registration form to fill in and mail today to Charlie Wilson, Fly-In Chairman, 567 Forrest Ave., Fayetteville, GA 30214. **DO IT NOW!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of others attending with you \_\_\_\_\_

Distance flown \_\_\_\_\_ miles Hours flown \_\_\_\_\_ Member?  Yes  No

How many International 120/140 Fly-Ins have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft: 120 \_\_\_\_\_ 140 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ s/n \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Engine: Continental \_\_\_\_\_ Lycoming \_\_\_\_\_ HP \_\_\_\_\_

Will you fly to Warm Springs for tour of "Little White House" Oct. 1 or 2 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

How many in party? \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Would you serve as an elected official of the Association?  Yes What Position?

Pres. \_\_\_\_\_ V.P. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Treas. \_\_\_\_\_ State Director \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a nomination for officers? \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_





Everyone enjoyed the buffet dinner at Westhaven Country Club.



Ralph Campbell kept the entire convention running smoothly.

Miami, FL. And a great many folks from the West Coast, including our longest distance winner. From the East, West, South, and the Midwest - large numbers from every area.

•The Buffet Dinner brought out 101 members and guests Monday evening at the Westhaven Country Club. (Ed note: Once again Betty won't say it but she and Jim made all the arrangements for this surprise event, for us the highlight of the whole show!) The event seemed to be a success, so we will plan on doing it again next year, same evening. The West Coast Cessna 120/140 Club members were invited to attend and many did. They flew in on Friday with fourteen ships in a line! It was a pleasure to meet Carol, Laura, Doug, et. al. Hope to see you next year, or at Newnan, GA. All West Coasters are welcome.

•Jim Merwin drove the van and many folks volunteered cars for transportation to the dinner. Our 1000th member, Bob Biester, was recognized with the gift of an International Cessna 120/140 Association belt buckle. Many wanted to get back to

grounds to hear Paul Harvey, so the party was over early.

•Another first for the Association occurred on Tuesday. Curley Owen and Jim Merwin, on behalf of the Association made a donation to the EAA Museum Foundation. The donation was presented, \$100 a year for five years, during an interview at the celebrity circle and a challenge was made for other type clubs to meet or exceed our contribution. We heard that the Staggerwing Club had coughed up a grand, but can't say for sure. Curley, Jim, and Glenn were interviewed. Bebe Owen, Jack Cronin, and Dick Crenshaw brought their beautiful machines to the interview circle for all to see. This was the first "type club" donation.

•The following are the winners of the plaques that were displayed at the Tent. Joy and Clare Warren had the idea for the plaques and since the first ones were damaged in the storm they are making up new ones with the winners names on them.

•Lowest Pilot Certificate, #238385, John Binkley, Elizabethtown, PA; Highest Pilot

Certificate, #549386586, Dorchen Forman, Lake Dallas, TX; Lowest Serial Number, 8031, Edward Olds, III, Mt. Carroll, IL; Highest Serial Number, 16427, Mike Quinlan, Pittsburgh, PA; Longest Distance to Oshkosh, Kathie Paige, San Mateo, CA, West Coast Cessna 120/140 Club (distance is determined by measuring from point of departure to Oshkosh, not including side trips); Shortest Distance, Paul Keehan, Green Bay, WI.

See you all at Newnan, GA.

- Betty

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