



# Eagle Screams



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## August Meeting:

The August meeting of the Screamin' Eagles will be held at the Lodi Quarry Field on Thursday August 8, 2002. Come early and fly but if the weather is inclement we will meet at the City Limits. Regardless of where we hold our business meeting, I am sure we will end up at the City Limits so feel free to plan on grabbing a bite to eat there to show our appreciation for using their place as a bad weather meeting place. It's fun to get together there anyways.



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## *Prez Sez* – By Rob Goebel

Well it's time to get back together and have some more fun before the summer slips by. I had a lot of fun at our fly-in and we'll discuss all of the details at the August meeting. Thanks to everyone who helped. See you on August 8 at the Lodi field.

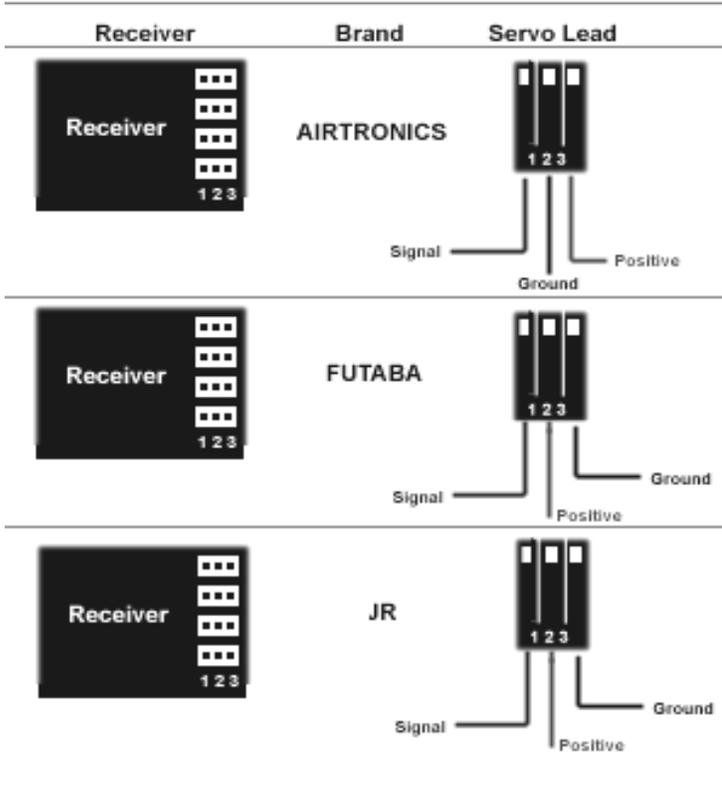


## June Minutes – By Roy Seals

Because the June meeting was very informal and simply a fine tuning of the Fly-In details, no official minutes were recorded. Actually, Le Roy and Rob arrived late and Roy had to conduct the meeting so he couldn't take minutes even if he wanted to. Way to go Roy and thanks for bailing us tardy characters out.

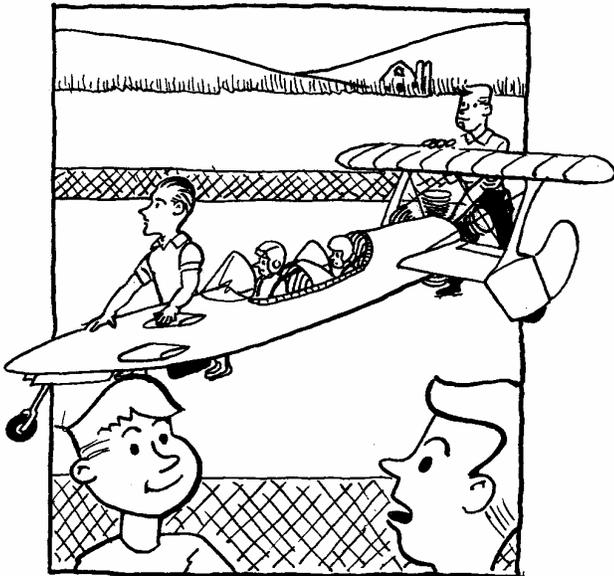
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BY HAROLD BLOSSOM



He likes to mix the new with the old. It's fast and you should see it spin!



### Trez/Ed Sez – By Le Roy Stuczynski

Well I guess it's back to work after the month off doing the newsletter. The month has been *extremely* busy with getting ready for AirVenture 2002 and of course the nine days of wonderful camaraderie at the event and all the unpacking that goes with it all.

With all that the newsletter deadline really snuck up on me. For that reason you will find this issue is pretty sparse and will serve little more than a notification of the meeting. Additionally it's becoming more and more difficult to find things for the newsletter. Suggestions and some articles from the membership would help me a lot. Oh well nuff with the complaining.

AirVenture 2002 was an awesome time. I arrived the Monday before the convention began and, as usual, attended the Warbird picnic which is put on for all members and volunteers. I met a lot of interesting friends including Denny Sherman of Sherman Aircraft Sales. Denney is an aircraft broker from West Palm Beach FL. Dad and I have known him for many years and he is a great friend. For a cool \$500,000 or so he could fix you up with quite a giant scale aircraft. My friend Bob Edwards introduced me to Paul Poberezney. We spoke with Paul and at 80 he still flies Paul I the EAA P-51 and the B-17. We asked him how many different airplanes he's flown and he answered in excess of 400. His favorite is the C-47. He's still sharp as a tack and a thrill to talk to.

Again I took and displayed 2 weathervane airplanes at the Warbirds Squadron display. As usual they drew a lot of attention.

I was walking past a Bearcat in Warbirds when these two elderly gentlemen asked if I would take their picture in front of the nose. Come to find they were both Corsair pilots and were each 80 years old. I asked where they were from and one was from Champaign, IL and the other was from Ohio I believe. They asked where I was from and when I said Madison, WI they immediately said there is a guy there who has the most spectacular display of memorabilia. That was spooky because they were quite impressed that I'm that guy now since dad has passed away.

I stopped over at Bob Odegaard's Super Corsair and Bob immediately came over and said hi. I asked if Harry Thompson and "Tigger" (the AT-6 that flew at dad's memorial service) was coming. He said Tigger is giving out an occasional puff of white smoke so Tigger stayed home. Bob said Harry would be arriving on Friday on their North Dakota Air National Guard C-47. Both Harry and Bob Odegaard paid me a long visit on Sunday night and we had some great discussions, along with barley pop.

Bill Rewey had his Pietenpol on display at the main entrance and I had a nice talk with him and his son and daughter-in-law. He really bragged up the Gallery to his son and they will be visiting.

I showed a bunch of dad's slides on 2 different nights in the Warbird Camp. Boy did that draw a crowd. People were asking what ever happened to the guy who used to put on the slide shows. I informed them of dad's death and were quite impressed that I am carrying on the side programs.

I know the above doesn't pertain too much to modeling, however I'm sure by now you realize just what EAA AirVenture and the Warbirds organizations mean to me and I appreciate you allowing me to express my enthusiasm here.

Well I'd better quit because I'm running out of space. I could go on forever but I'm sure you're happy I'm out of space.

# *A Touching Story*

This is a small, but true story to give you an idea of the kind of man and the kind of woman we have in the White House right now.

As you may know, the President and Mrs. Bush visited the Washington Burn Center on Friday 14 September. Among those they visited was Lt. Col. Brian Birdwell, who was badly burned in the Pentagon attack.

Mrs. Bush went into Brian's room, spoke to him for about a minute, all the time as if they had been life-long acquaintances. She then turned to Brian's wife Mel, who at this time had been at the hospital for probably 2 1/2 days, and apparently, according to Mel herself, was dirty, grimy and had blood on her shirt.

Mrs. Bush hugged Mel for what Mel said seemed like an eternity, just as if Mel were one of her closest family members.

Mrs. Bush then told Brian and Mel that there was "someone" there to see him. The President then walked in, stood by Brian's bedside, asked Brian how he was doing, told him that he was very proud of them both and that they were his heroes. The President then saluted Brian.

Now, at this point in time, Brian is bandaged up pretty well. His hands are burned very badly as well as the back of him from the head down. His movements were very restricted. Upon seeing the President saluting him, Brian began to slowly return the salute, taking, from the accounts so far, about 15-20 seconds to get his hand up to his head. During all of this, 15-20 seconds, President Bush never moved, never dropped his salute. The President dropped his salute only when Brian was finished with his, and then gave Mel a huge hug for what also probably seemed like an eternity.

No further comments. Pray for our leadership. Thank God for what we are, have, and will be.

As a note to those of you who might not be familiar with military protocol, the subordinate normally initiates a salute and will hold it until the superior officer returns the salute. In the above incident, President Bush acted in the role of the subordinate to show his respect and high regard for the injured man.

