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EAA 225 & 1210 Joint Meeting March 13th, at Southern Maine Aviation

Our next Chapter Meeting will be hosted by Southern Maine Aviation in Sanford, Maine. We will be joined by EAA 1210 of Biddeford, for our 1st of 4 - Joint Quarterly Meetings.

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Place: 199 Airport Road, Southern Maine Aviation Maintenance Hangar, Sanford, Maine.

Time: Doors open at 5:00pm for Pres. John Ricciotti's "Most Delicious BBQ" beginning another season of EAA Chapter 225's Dinner/Meetings. Jim Knowles, President/Owner of Southern Maine Aviation will be giving Demos to anyone attending the meeting on March 13, time permitting.

March 2012 Work Sessions will be held the 6th, 20th, & 27th; all at 7 pm. Main Fuselage refinishing is being done at Dick Jackson's. Upon completion, it will go back up to the clubhouse for cockpit & engine compartment work.

Newsletter for
members and
friends of EAA
Chapter 225.



An apron view of the FBO at Skyhaven Airport, Rochester, NH. This was taken Mid-February 2012 and is definitely out of character with barely any snow to speak of. Looks like the flight school aircraft are out working. Notice the bright colored snow markers for aircraft tie-downs. Low wing craft please take note!



From the President's Shop:

Well, February's meeting was a resounding success. Typical of a get together at my house-shop, it gave me an incentive to neaten things up a bit. Well as I was building my ski dollies, my amazing wife Pupae was cleaning the shop. Wow, am I a lucky man. The welding meeting started with some Thai egg rolls followed by brownies from Pat and Dick Jackson and then a great discussion, on TIG welding given by Santo Messina. Santo was followed by Larry Tibbetts giving lessons on MIG welding mild steel. It was a great night and well-enjoyed by all in attendance.

In March we will continue with our joint meetings with Biddeford's Chapter 1210. It will again be at the Sanford Maine Airport and we have a rather unique treat for the March meeting. Jim Knowles has offered the chapter members 'introductory rides' in their new 'full-motion' simulator. You've got to see this simulator. It's a Cessna 172 with either round dial instruments or the full glass panel. Inside you are surrounded by video screens to create an amazing visual experience. If you couple that with full motion, you get an amazingly realistic flight experience. It is a meeting you do not want to miss.

In order to give everyone a chance to experience the simulator the meeting will start at 6PM and continue through 9PM. Our BBQ will be opening for the season and that will start at 5:30 PM. Don't worry if you can't make it right at 6PM, we will continue serving food until 7:30 and

will have two briefings on the simulator operation during the evening, one for the early arrivals and one for the later arrivals.

One last item of interest, the City of Rochester has finally been denied the ability to tax hangar "renters" at Skyhaven. Thankfully the tax was over ridden by higher powers in Concord. Unfortunately, we have lost some hangar tenants due to the threat of the new tax.

At this point-in-time, aviation cannot afford any more costs. We're already reeling with fuel well over five dollars a gallon.

Lastly, I had a chance to fly my brother's airplane, a recently finished RV-8. It was my second time flying the RV-8 and I was more impressed than the last time I flew one. What an amazing machine. Now I really know why the RV's are incredibly popular.

Well, that's all for now, happy building and safe flying!

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At present, John Ricciotti's T-Craft is on wheels. With new snow, and cool temps, there's a possibility that the blue & white T-Craft may once again see skis before winter's end.



Pictured above is the newest learning aid which can be found in the arsenal of equipment at Southern Maine Aviation, at the Sanford Airport FBO & Flight School.

NEXT LEVEL OF FLIGHT SIMULATION AT SMA

The downturn in the economy hasn't stopped the expansion, growth and upgrades that have been occurring at the Sanford, Maine airport FBO, Southern Maine Aviation.

Their latest update comes in the form of a 'Full Motion' Redbird Flight Simulator. The addition to their growing flight school will bring loads of options to the new and existing pilot community in the area.

According to Redbird, the FMX model features an electric motion platform, fully enclosed cockpit, is fully FAA Certified. The quick

change instrument panel is capable of simulating over 20 different aircraft. Also included with SMA's new simulator is a complete terrain and airport database. The Redbird FMX is a superior-quality, full motion, feature-rich Advanced Aviation Training Device priced with real-world flight training organizations in mind. With standard features that are anything but standard such as wrap around visuals, a fully enclosed cockpit, quick-change configurations, scenario-based training compatibility and of course an electric motion platform, the FMX serves up a level of realism that is simply unavailable in other training devices on the market.

The Redbird FMX Simulator is capable of 50° of Pitch, 40° of Roll and 60° of Yaw. It has over 200° of panorama video screens, and can be configured with traditional & glass cockpit instrumentation, and setup for both single and multi-engine aircraft.



This sign greets visitors to Sun 'n Fun events at Linder Field, Lakeland, FL. 1975 marked the first weekend fly-in, called Mid-Winter SUN 'n FUN, was held in January at the Lakeland Municipal Airport and was limited to pilots, EAA, SESAC, and FSAACA members. 1,980 guests and 365 aircraft were present. The names and dates have changed over the years. The March 29- April 3, 2011 event was marred with a class EF1 tornado on March 31, that damaged or destroyed more than 50 aircraft. All went back to normal the next day.

The grounds of Fantasy of Flight were turned into a aircraft camp site during Sun 'n Fun 2011. As always, Thursday, March 31 is seaplane competition day at Lake Agnes, with water-bombing, spot landing and a seaplane fly-by at KLAL. All the water flyers celebrate that night with the annual Seabirds Banquet, at Fantasy of Flight.



Quite the sight when a P-51 Mustang and a F-22 Raptor fill the skies over Lakeland's Linder Airport, during one of the afternoon airshows. If you've never seen them together before, in the sky the size difference is quite noticeable. Both quite capable fighters during their time in the US air power arsenals.



Sun 'N Fun has the neatest posters usually combining the natural fun found in Florida with thrills that the second largest aviation event in North America has each year around the end of March and beginning of April. This year has many activities planned and hopes to be another banner event filled six days at Lakeland and Fantasy of Flight.



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