



EAA CHAPTER 808

MAY Newsletter 2017

A Word from the President

It appears that flying season is in full swing now. There are many fly in's throughout the state over the next several months and it is our intent to have the chapter members attend many of them. There are backcountry airports, pancake breakfasts, EAA fly in's and in reality something for all. Visited many of the local airports over the last month and talked with members, new pilots and it appears IMHO there is a lot of GA activity.

The new Basic Med is now in place and it is great that past pilots have taken advantage of the new program and are getting back into aviation. There have been several thousand that have taken the opportunity to get back into flying.

Several of us attended the Second Annual Colorado Seaplane Splash in at Lake Meredith. The weather was cold and considering the previous day's weather only two seaplanes showed up. Even so it was interesting. Cessna had a float equipped Grand Caravan that was really impressive. They gave rides all day long and we have added a few photos. There was a Lake Renegade that flew in from Kansas and the former manufacturer's daughter was in attendance and it is her goal to restart production of the Lake aircraft in Colorado if the State of Colorado allows Seaplane operations on public waters. We were told Colorado is the only state in the union that does not allow seaplane operations. Lake Meredith is a private lake that allows the seaplane operations. There is one other lake near Rangeley, Colorado but the name escapes me. We learned a lot about the Zebra mussels and the inspection process. The aircraft were inspected at

La Junta hot washed and released to go to Lake Meredith.

We will have a general meeting for the Chapter the first week in June to discuss upcoming activities, such as the Air Museum Blitz, Fly Outs, Young Eagles Flights, and the Fremont County Air Show. Please monitor the e-mails as we set a date and time. Please communicate the information to others that are interested.

As always please provide your ideas, suggestions and news to our newsletter editor John Davolt. We like to hear from everyone and their activities.

Terrence Terrill

Minutes for EAA Chapter 808 May 2017

There was no EAA meeting in May, some of us met at the Sea Plane Splash In, at Lake Meredith. As Terry noted we will have a meeting in June, so keep looking for a date and time.

Please send any photos, comments, plane parts for sale, or even planes for sale. It is nice to be able to keep interest up in the chapter.

John E. Davolt, Secretary

From the Editor:

This month was a mixture of spring and winter, with all that going on, it was still a great month. I was able to attend the 2017 Splash down at Lake Meredith. I met some friends from Cessna, as they had brought a Cessna Caravan on floats.



Caravan at Lake Meredith



Caravan taxiing at Lake Meredith



Lake Renegade, paddling for the shore.

This month's newsletter may not as long, but want to get something out for the month. Would encourage anyone who has photos of their project, or has an article, please email them to me.

I have had several projects and planes over the years. I bought a Cessna 150 in pieces and put it together and painted it. I prepared it and did the paint job, and rebuilt the engine. Quite a job, would never buy one in parts again was too much little parts missing. A \$5 bushing here and there and the cost went up.



Here is the Cessna150, 8311J when I bought it.



Here is 8311J finished.

This was the 2nd C150 I have owned, I know the 150 is not glamorous but still a lot of fun, and economical to fly to bad it didn't come under the weight limit for a light sport aircraft.

Well, I hope this summer is a great time for you all. I got to see Jon Fredrick's project. I am sure it will make him a nice little airplane. He has purchased an engine O-200 which I got to look over.

Hope to see you all next month.

John E. Davolt, Editor

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