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# Experimental Aircraft Association OF CANADA

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**WE ARE PLEASED** to announce that, beginning with this issue of *SPORT AVIATION*, we will be writing a monthly column about E.A.A. and *SPORT AVIATION* activities in Canada. We would welcome news from our Canadian members and chapters for inclusion in this column, and hope that it will keep our members up to date on activities right across Canada.

The Experimental Aircraft Association of Canada was incorporated about three years ago in order to represent the Canadian amateur aircraft builder in negotiations with our D.O.T. (now M.O.T.) and also to coordinate sport aviation activities throughout Canada. In its three year existence, E.A.A.C. has made important progress in gaining the confidence and support of our M.O.T., and has organized the Orillia Fly-In, and Canada's first two aerobatic competitions. E.A.A.C. activities are controlled at present by a nine member Board of Directors, who were nominated two year's ago following nomination procedures outlined in *SPORT AVIATION*. Not enough nominations were received to fill the vacancies so no elections were needed. Our present Board of Directors consists of Jim Bremner of Agincourt, Jerry Boudreau of Bolton, Bob Chambers of Toronto, Herb Cunningham of Scarborough, Ken Gamble of Hamilton, Pete James of West Hill, Doug Leavens of King City, Lawrence Shaw of Orillia and George Welsh of Etobicoke. These Directors have all contributed greatly to the growth of sport aviation in Canada in the past two years and all our members owe them a great deal for their efforts to promote our activities.

In this issue of *SPORT AVIATION* you will find a questionnaire which we would like to have completed and returned to us by February 10th. Your answers will assist us in our discussions with M.O.T. and will also give us guidance as to the revisions of our present Constitution and By-Laws.

## ORILLIA FLY-IN 1970

E.A.A.C. sponsored the Orillia Fly-In last July, and in spite of a rainy Sunday, most felt that the Fly-In and Air Show were successful. The number of homebuilt aircraft attending was not as great as we had hoped for, but much of Ontario was IFR on Sunday and this kept attendance down. For the first time at Orillia, we had a really spectacular Air Show both Saturday and Sunday featuring I.A.C. President Bob Heuer with his 180 hp Pitts Special and Bob Lyjak from Ann Arbor, Michigan flying his Waco taperwing. Ken Wright of Toronto also put on a fine demonstration in his 150 hp Citabria and the Air Show went on as scheduled Sunday in spite of a light but persistent rain.

Plans for the E.A.A.C. 1971 Annual Convention at Orillia (July 16, 17 & 18) are already under way as a result of a meeting held at Toronto on Sunday, November 22nd. Chapter 65 in Hamilton is going to look after awards this year with Wendell Haines acting as Awards Chairman and George Welsh of Chapter 41 will be in charge of static displays and technical demonstrations. Chapter 189 in Scarborough will take charge of publicity, the Air Show, and aircraft parking and we expect to hold the Ontario Aerobatic Championships on Saturday as part of the Convention. We would like to get more people involved in running the Convention than in previous years, and would welcome all volunteers who would like to help. Please write and tell us how you can help and we would also welcome any constructive criticism of our past Fly-Ins.

## CANADIAN AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Second Annual Canadian Aerobatic Championships, held at Centralia, Ontario on Labour Day weekend, were an outstanding success and gave aerobatics in Canada a much needed boost. After a good start at Peterborough last year, aerobatic competition has become increasingly popular in Ontario and several of our members (Doug Murray, Ron Newburg, and Cal Martin) competed at the International Aerobatic Club Competition at Fond du Lac. In addition, Jim Dwyer, Dr. Josh Rogers, Dick Shelton, Dick Rogers, and myself attended the I.A.C. Judges School last Spring at Bob Heuer's strip and several of us have travelled to most of the I.A.C. Competitions this past year. As a result, we had an excellent turnout of American talent at Centralia and this contributed greatly to the success of the event. Dr. Josh Rogers and Murray Cherver, President of the CTV network, were Co-Chairmen of the Competition with much assistance from Roscoe Morton of Atlanta, Georgia, Don Taylor of Chicago, and Paul Soucy of Louisville, Kentucky.

For the first time Canadian homebuilt aircraft were allowed to compete. Permission was granted after a great deal of quiet discussion with M.O.T. officials, who are not against aerobatics in homebuilt aircraft but who do feel strongly that only aircraft designed and built to aerobatic standards should be allowed to perform where large crowds of people are assembled. The permission was granted for the duration of the competition only and the "no aerobatics" restriction is still in effect and will probably remain so except for certain types of aircraft evaluated to be suitable for aerobatics by E.A.A.C.'s newly formed Technical Committee.

Two Canadian Pitts Specials competed, one built by Deryck Hickox of Scarborough, and flown by co-owner Paul Ramsperger, and the other built by Fred Fowler of Hawkesbury and flown by Ron Newburg and Doug Murray. After the judging had been completed, Paul Ramsperger had the highest score of any Canadian and was awarded the Kathryn Gamble Trophy for the best Canadian competitor. Ken Gamble, once again, donated the trophies for the event and the winner in the Unlimited Class was Gene Soucy, U. S. National Aerobatic Champion in 1971, followed closely by Bob Heuer, both flying Pitts Specials. Bob's son Mike was the Advanced Category winner, with Ray Wiseman of Lovettsville, Virginia placing first in Intermediate with a

Pitts Special and Don DeWitt from Worth, Illinois winning the Sportsman Category in a clipped wing cub.

Good weather and lots of publicity drew large crowds of people to Centralia, and the event was financially successful as was the Orillia Fly-In. Excellent cooperation from Jack Malone, Manager of Huron Industrial Park, Jack Rice, who runs the Lounge and catering concession on the former military base now remodelled into an industrial complex, and Larry Snider of Exeter certainly helped to minimize problems and in view of the excellent press coverage we received, next year's competition should be bigger and better. (August 27, 28, 29).

While a few years away, it is our goal to have Canadians competing in World Aerobatic Championships and this will be the subject of a future column.

#### E.A.A.C. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

During the Fall, we formed an E.A.A.C. Technical Committee headed by Ted Slack, President of Chapter 245 in Ottawa. Ted works with the National Aeronautical Establishment in Ottawa and has recruited the help of two highly qualified Engineers at N.A.E. plus two M.O.T. Airworthiness Engineers to form this Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to prepare recommendations based on the evaluation of aircraft which presently do not comply with M.O.T. requirements pertaining to aerobatics and weight restrictions. I have asked Ted to prepare a report on his Committee and this should be in a future issue of *SPORT AVIATION*.

#### MOVIES

We have several fine movies available for the use of our members. These are: "Aerobatics, Rockford Style", "Wonderful World of Sport Aviation", "Birds of a Feather", Art Scholl's "Ballet in the Blue" and CBC Telescope's "Out of the Basement, into the Blue". Unfortunately, we find that many people do not return these films promptly and we have waited as much as four weeks for films that were to have been returned as soon as used. Please return all films via Air Mail if possible so that someone else can enjoy them as well. We have had requests for many of these films and unfortunately we have had to turn some of them down because the films had not been returned to us promptly.

#### CANADIAN AIRCRAFT OPERATOR

We highly recommend this twice monthly aviation newspaper, and are pleased to announce that EAA members have been granted a special subscription rate of \$3.00 per year, or \$4.50 for two years. This is a 25% saving, and we feel that this paper is well worth the small subscription cost. Subscriptions can be obtained by writing to C.A.O., P. O. Box 669, Streetsville, Ontario, Attention Mr. Bob Halford, Manager, and quoting your EAA number.



This picture shows Ken Gamble on the left, Dr. Josh Rogers center, and Paul Ramsperger on the right, when Paul was awarded the Kathryn Gamble Trophy.

# Regional Chapter Officers' Meetings Set

*By Jack Cox, EAA General Manager*

FOR THE PAST few years the EAA has held an annual Chapter Officers' meeting at EAA Headquarters. The purpose of these meetings has been to afford the Chapters and Headquarters the opportunity to air their individual and mutual problems and, utilizing the collective knowledge, experience, and judgment of the group, find solutions to the problems. The meetings have provided Headquarters with an opportunity to sound out the Chapters on policy, new programs, procedures, etc., and to enable them to participate directly in the decision-making phase of the EAA operation. Finally, the Hales Corners meetings have given those attending a look at the annual progress of the Air Education Museum.

Although very successful for the participating Chapters, these Headquarters' meetings have not had the overall impact on the entire EAA movement originally intended—simply because so many Chapters have been unable to participate. The great distances and resulting expense, time off from work, and other personal reasons have held down attendance.

Beginning in 1971, the EAA will take a new step forward to bring the Chapters and Headquarters closer in understanding of the vast, complex challenges facing the organization at every level, from within and without. This will be accomplished by "moving Mohammed to the mountain," so to speak. Rather than one Chapter Officers' meeting at Headquarters, a series of six regional meetings

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