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The April meeting of the Maine Aviation Historical Society was held on April 10. A great turnout included Leo Boyle, Norm Bishop, Oscar Blue, Jim Chichetto, James Chichetto, Ed Goldman, Norm Houle, Ruth Owen Jones, Jim Keough, Philip Kemp, Rob Rohr, Al Spalding, Ira Milliken, Neal Strange, Harvey Warren and Brian Wood. The next meeting will be on May 10 at 9 a.m. in Executive Room A of the Portland Jetport.

Oscar Blue, who drove down from Hancock, sent me this note:

"Just a quick note to say how much I enjoyed the M.A.H.S. meeting 10 April 1993. I felt really welcomed by very compatible fellow aviation history people who really share a common interest."

Old Business

1. Leo talked to a lawyer and he has contacted the State and the IRS to obtain the necessary forms to apply for non-profit status. The approval of the by-laws and the election of officers will take place at the May meeting, as we cannot apply without these. Please try to be there.
2. It was decided to change the three blade prop on the logo to a single wooden style prop.
3. Ira Milliken brought a scrapbook and brochures of some of the great 1930's airplanes.
4. Jim Keough will be publishing a booklet on early Maine transportation in late fall and needs pictures.
5. Jim Chichetto brought his files of accident reports in Maine and loaned them to Norm Houle and Leo Boyle. This is what we're all about — sharing the things we preserve.

New Business

1. Norm Houle talked about runing stories on Maine aviation in the newsletter. He also brought up that a member of the Eagle Squadron came from Maine. His name was John B. Ayer of the 71st Squadron. He was killed in action at the age of 28. We need more information about where he was from.
2. Ruth Owen Jones, who made the three hour drive up from MA, asked about any aircraft that were built in the State. Lake Aircraft has a manufacturing plant in Sanford and their aircraft are painted at Oxford Aviation.
3. Rob Rohr is planning to put together a couple of wreck searches as soon as the weather permits. If interested, please get in contact with him.
4. We have reserved a table at the Brunswick NAS Great State o' Maine Air Show on July 24th. Ideas for displays and volunteers are needed.
5. There seems to be a great amount of interest still in the Spruce Mountain area, and the possibility of an aerial search was discussed. We need to put to rest one way or the other the sighting there in 1942 and whether or not it was Nungesser and Coli's *White Bird*. If you have any ideas, contact Oscar Blue, Jim Chichetto or Leo Boyle.
6. Phil Kemp has graciously invited us to have the June 12th meeting of the Society at the home of the Lockheed Starliners at the Lewiston-Auburn Airport, and to give us a tour of them. See enclosed directions.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 8	M.A.H.S. meeting, Portland Jetport, 9 a.m.
May 22	Lindbergh Crate Flyby, Canaan, Maine
May 29-30	Quonset Air Show, Quonset Point, Rhode Island
May 30	Ford Meet and Air Show, Owls Head Transportation Museum, Maine
June 12	M.A.H.S. meeting, Lewiston Airport, Constellation Tour, 9 a.m.
June 12-13	NAS South Weymouth Air Show, Weymouth, MA
June 13	Chevrolet Meet and Air Show, Owls Head Transportation Museum, Maine
June 26-27	Military Aviation and Air Show, Owls Head Transportation Museum, Maine
June 26-27	Concord Air Show, Concord, New Hampshire
June 26-27	Hanscom Air Show, Hanscom AFB, MA
July 24-25	Great State o' Maine Air Show, NAS, Brunswick, Maine
July 24-25	Lebanon Air Show, Lebanon, New Hampshire
August 20-22	Geneseo Air Show, Geneseo, New York
September 26-27	Air Fair '93, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
October 22-24	Northeast Aero Historians Meeting, Samoset Resort Hosts: Maine Aviation Historical Society and Owls Head Transportation Museum

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