

# Unrestricted Airspace

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## *The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310*



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### CHAPTER MEETINGS

The next meeting will be Saturday March 8th at 10:00 AM.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast-Saturday March 15th 8:30-11:00 AM.

### Prez Speak

Due to technical difficulties, this will be published in a later edition.

### Chapter Secretary's Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 2008

18 Members attended the meeting

Announcements:

We confirmed the date for our safety meeting for May 31. We have contacted the person in charge of aviation programs, and he believes they will be able to provide a speaker for us that day.

The tour of Bradley TRACON is set for a Saturday in April. Details and sign-up sheet will be provided soon. Preference will be given to people who didn't attend the tour two years ago.

We decided to add a pancake breakfast to our schedule on May 15th, and change the breakfast date in March to the 15th. Since we will be assisting Chapter 166 with their Young Eagles event on May 10th, we will not hold an event on June 21. The breakfast on September 13 has been replaced with our Young Eagle event.

A date for the Rhinebeck trip was not finalized. The suggestion of opening the trip to other chapters and the Pioneer Valley Museum for Aviation & Transportation was made.

Treasurer's Report:

In November we had \$5,368. We had income of \$1,971 and expenses of \$1,549 for a current total of \$5,790. Income was primarily membership dues and pancake breakfast receipts. Major expenses were insurance and chapter dues to EAA, breakfast expenses, and the chapter's contribution toward the January dinner.

Newsletter:

A request was made to have several printed copies of the newsletter available in the Skylark pilot lounge for people who are unable to read the email or Acrobat versions. This would also advertise our chapter to people at the airport. A suggestion was made to email the document out in .RTF format which is more universally readable. Allen McInnish mentioned that he wasn't receiving our newsletter until several days after it has been mailed.

Old Business:

People commented that they enjoyed the dinner. We

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will need a larger location if any more people attend. There wasn't much room for mingling. The planning for next year's dinner should begin in August or September.

Fred Goff presented samples of name badges. They ran from \$5.50 to \$9.50 each depending on the attachment method and trim. There was a discussion on whether the chapter should provide the badges, or if the members should purchase them. A vote was tied 7 to 7, so no action was taken.

Jack Hilditch reported from the building committee that FEMA has had difficulty distributing trailers to non-profit groups since the trailer makers say it cuts into their business. Also the chemicals used in their construction may be creating a hazard to occupation, so the program has been suspended. He is investigating if portable classrooms are available, and who has jurisdiction on transferring them.

Mark Horan advised us that once we obtain non-profit status, the State Technical Schools may do the plumbing, carpentry and electrical work for the cost of materials.

Mike Koczera stated he is looking for help around the airport for a couple weeks in early March since he's going in for an operation and won't be able to do much manual labor around the airport. There is a sign up sheet in the airport pilot lounge. He is also still looking for one more person to share the trailer he's rented at Sun-n-Fun.

Jack Hilditch circulated sign up sheets to help out at the Young Eagles event on May 10th. Please contact Jack if you can fly that day, or help with ground support.

Jim Glista then demonstrated some techniques of using an English Wheel. He said that the wheel can only stretch material, it can't shrink. Damaged material always has a stretch.

The machine is massive so it's setting stays in place while working. The top wheel must be cleaned and polished to a mirror finish. Any speck on the wheel will be transferred to the material.

Too much working will harden the material. The bottom wheel used most is almost flat to about 1/8" crown. This prevents gouges from being created. The wheel can be used for repairs. A hammer and shot bag is usually used for forming new materials. Using the hammer properly takes practice so you hit flat and don't create dimples from the hammer's edge. Use light hits on repairs.

### [WEB SITE CHANGE](#)

In order to painlessly raise some funds, we've added a link on the right side of our web home page to Amazon.com. Amazon will pay the chapter a percentage of the value of purchases made on their site. This ranges from 4% to 10% depending on the classification of item and quantity of items purchased. If you're going to purchase anything from Amazon, please enter their site through the link on our page so we can get credit. There are some aviation-related book titles in the link, but almost any purchase made on their site will qualify. Amazon stated out as a book store, but now they sell almost everything, including groceries.

Please tell your family and friends about this so we can increase our facility and project funds.

We'll be looking to add a couple more fundraising opportunities on our web site without cluttering the page with too many ads. Let us know if you have any suggestions.

### [EAA NEWS](#)

#### **[EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Advance Ticketing Now Available](#)**

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Get set for the 'World's Greatest Aviation Celebration' with EAA AirVenture Advance ticketing now online.

Admission to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is now just a click away with a new advance ticketing system available at [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org). The 56<sup>th</sup> annual edition of "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" will be held July 28-August 3 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

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The advance purchase system allows EAA member – and non-member-priced tickets to be pre-purchased via a secure website. Both daily and weekly admissions are available, as is the ability to join EAA to receive the best possible admission prices. Discounts are also available for tickets purchased online prior to June 15.

“This system responds to requests we’ve received from EAA members for the past several years,” said Rick Larsen, EAA’s vice president of marketing. “People wanted the ability to fully plan for their AirVenture experience, including having their tickets in hand when they arrive in Oshkosh. We’re happy to make that possible this year.”

To access the advance ticketing area, go to [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org). Full instructions and answers to frequently asked questions are available at that site.

EAA AirVenture ticket advance purchase is made possible through support from Jeppesen.



**EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH** is The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration and EAA’s yearly membership convention. EAA members receive lowest prices on admission rates.

EAA AirVenture information is also available at [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org).

#### **AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH VIDEO GETTING RAVE REVIEWS**

Initial reviews for *Oshkosh: The Spirit of Aviation*, are...well...read for yourself:

*“A remarkable film”... “It helps explain Oshkosh in a way that words alone can’t”... “Great story, terrific images, well made - like a fine built airplane”... “The movie is quite inspiring”... “An outstanding piece of work”... “Talk about one well put together video!”... “What a fantastic video”*

If you haven't seen it yet, what are you waiting for? EAA's 17-minute video about AirVenture can be viewed [here](#) or downloaded in one of several formats.

Let us know what you think by dropping an e-mail to [ehotline@EAA.org](mailto:ehotline@EAA.org).

#### **SIGN UP FOR AN UPCOMING EAA SPORTAIR WORKSHOP!**

EAA SportAir Workshops help aspiring homebuilders discover and develop aircraft building skills and even earn FAA certificates. Their popularity is growing, evidenced by the numbers of attendees we're seeing so far in 2008. "It's been challenging to keep pace with the demand," said EAA's Mark Forss. "I would encourage people who are thinking about taking a course to sign up as soon as they can before they're filled, because space is limited."

Upcoming courses include: the full SportAir Workshop suite of programs (Composite Construction, Fabric Covering, Electrical Systems & Avionics, Sheet Metal, and Test Flying Your Project) in **Watsonville, California**, March 15-16; and **Detroit, Michigan**, at the historic Willow Run Airport, April 5-6. SportAir Workshops will also hold E-LSA inspection courses in **West Palm Beach, Florida**, March 14-16; and on the West Coast, at historic Flabob Airport, **Riverside, California**, March 28-30. For complete information on these and other courses offered, visit [www.sportair.com](http://www.sportair.com) or call 800-967-5746.

#### **EAA LOOKING FOR SUN 'N FUN VOLUNTEERS**



EAA is seeking volunteers for the annual Sun 'n Fun Fly-In at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport in Florida. The event runs from April 8-13, but any commitment of time from April 4-14

would be appreciated for setup and takedown of display materials. There are several duties we need help with, some of which include setting up tents and displays; ticket sales; assisting members and prospective members; distribution of materials; and takedown/pack-up at the end of the fly-in. Eligible volunteers will receive a free weekly admission pass to the event courtesy of EAA. Those interested in helping out or with questions, please contact EAA Membership Benefits Manager Tammy Maus at [tmaus@eaa.org](mailto:tmaus@eaa.org), or call 920-426-6821 (toll-free at 1-800-JOIN-EAA, ext. 6821) by Friday, March 28, 2008.

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### **EAA 'TIMELESS VOICE OF THE WEEK': SUZANNA DARCY-HENNEMANN**

Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann joined Boeing in 1974 as an aeronautical engineer. Seven years later she became a 757/767-ground school instructor. In 1985 she became Boeing's first woman Production Test Pilot. Today, Suzanna is the Chief Project Pilot in Boeing's Engineering Flight Test department working on the new 777-200LR Worldliner. A participant in EAA's Women Soar program, [Suzanna's story](#) has inspired numerous young women to learn how to fly.



### **THE LAST OF THE COMBAT B-17 DRIVERS**

Col. Harold D. "Hal" Weekley, USAF (Ret.), with James B. Zazas, bring to life Col. Weekley's remarkable career in aviation, recounting his B-17 combat experiences including being shot down and evading capture. A compelling and detailed personal account, Hal was the last combat B-17 pilot of World War II to fly the Boeing B-17 as pilot-in-command into the new millennium, as he volunteered as PIC for

EAA's Aluminum Overcast until 2001. [Order online](#) or call toll-free, 800-564-6322.

### **CLASSIFIEDS- FOR SALE / WANTED**

Do you have aviation related items to sell, or are you looking for something.

Any EAA member in the Northern Connecticut or Western Massachusetts area is welcome to list merchandise for sale or wanted on this page. Send an eMail to [EAA1310.org](mailto:EAA1310.org) or to Susie Williams @ [susiewilliams531@comcast.net](mailto:susiewilliams531@comcast.net)

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### **WANTED**

Articles, pictures, etc. for the news letter. You can Email them to me at [susiewilliams531@comcast.net](mailto:susiewilliams531@comcast.net) or mail them to me at: Susie Williams, 121 Union Street, Apt. 3., Rockville, CT 06066