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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310



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CHAPTER MEETINGS

The next meeting will be Wednesday August 13th at 7:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday August 16th 11:00AM-2:00 PM Corn Roast & Cookout

We get the freshest & sweetest corn available-picked the morning of the event. We're also serving hamburgers and hot dogs, along with chips and soda.

\$6 donation requested.

In combination with the corn roast will be a graduation party for our own Susie Williams who

has completed her year-long course in massage therapy and will graduate on Friday, August 15th! Stick around for cake and congrats!

Sunday August 17th Trip to Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome

Cost for admission is:

Ages 20-64 \$15,
for people ages 13-19 or 65 and up \$10,
for people ages 6-12 \$2,
Ages 5 and under free.

These prices are depending on us getting 15 people to make the trip. Transportation costs are to be determined, and will be announced soon.

Chapter Secretary's Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of July 9, 2008

11 Members were present at the meeting

There was no update to the status of our 501c3 (nonprofit) application. (We have since received a letter from the IRS approving our application.)

The Treasurer reported that we had \$5989 at the beginning of June. Income of \$339 and expensed of \$103 for a net increase of \$256 making our current balance \$6,221.

The Membership now stands at 34 paid members.

We had a visitor, John Race who owns a Waco which is based at Westover. He gave us a bit of the Waco's history. In 1930, it was the country's largest aircraft manufacturer. There were about 700 model UPF-7 built. The models being built now have the Jacobs engine. John offers rides since two people can be put in the front. There is an ad on the airport bulletin board.

We discussed the pancake breakfast scheduled for July 12th. Jack will handle food, and Eric requested help handling airplane traffic.

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We discussed the Rhinebeck trip scheduled for August 17th. Paul and Eric will call Susie to check on the status, and get planning going. The Young Eagles Day is still scheduled for September 17th.

Dave and Paul sprayed the weeds on the airport runway. We will have a second spray session to get the areas that were missed.

Mike stated that Chapter 166 has had some very good speakers recently. Our chapter members are encouraged to attend.

Pat and Dan Bergeron gave an update on their RV progress. The electrical system went in well. The instruments are in, and wiring is in place. The seats, with parachute fabric covers, will be going in next. Pat did Polyfill on the fiberglass parts. Dan did crack the canopy, but was able to only buy the needed rear section at a greatly reduced cost.

We discussed the Christmas party. Since there were issues with the variety and quantity of food at the last party, we discussed a couple of options. One would be to keep the pot luck format, but to require RSVPs with the dish that will be brought. Another is to combine the Chapter's meal with the airport's. Mike would contribute toward the event by saving the amount he spends renting tables and chairs for the event. Carl will investigate possible locations where Alfred's can cater.

We also asked people to consider running for a Chapter officer or director. Elections are coming up in November, and we would like to have as many members participate as possible. According to our bylaws, several of the current officers can not serve again since they have held their office too long.

EAA NEWS

Chapter Receives 501(c)(3) Status

The chapter has received a letter from the IRS approving our application to operate as a public charity under regulation 501(c)(3). We still need to file some forms with the state, but there is no approval process with those.

Massachusetts Aviation Sales Tax Exemption Intact

Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick wants to repeal a sales tax exemption that has spurred aviation growth in the state. Since 2002, aircraft and aircraft parts sold in Massachusetts have been exempt from the state's 5% sales tax. Since the exemption was enacted, the number of based aircraft has increased by 40 percent, while the multiengine fleet and the number of business-owned aircraft have doubled. The governor's proposed budget, which would rescind the tax exemption, has left the conference committee without the repeal so the sales tax exemption will remain at airports and airfields throughout Massachusetts.

50 Years Ago This Month in Sport Aviation

The cover story was on the Stits Playboy with folding wings built by the president of Chapter 10 in Tulsa, OK.

The first volume of the Amateur Builder's Manual was sent to all members. Additional copies cost \$1.25.

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Knight Twister, and How Small Can an Airplane Be?

Reports from the chapters was also a standard feature in the magazine.

To read the full magazine, EAA members can log in to www.eaa.org. From there, select the Benefits pull-down menu, and choose EAA Sport Aviation Online.

A technical article on light aircraft wing construction was published. Of course it only covered wood construction. None of that high-tech aluminum.

Builder Completions featured a Stephens Special with the completed cost of \$572.



Several pages were devoted to the Bloomington, MI Chapter 29's Fly-In where they borrowed a police radar gun to judge their aircraft performance contest.

A kit from Middlesex, England was being introduced called the Tipsey Nipper. Completed cost was expected to be a little under \$3,000. EAA members were always at the cutting edge of technology as the second of a two-part article on the application of pulse jet engines was presented. Some things never change, as member letters commented on an earlier article on expanding the scope of EAA beyond the homebuilder and experimenter to interest people who are interested in all aspects of sport aviation.

A couple articles covered the features of the Bradley Special Model 5, a plane inspired by the

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Pitts S1C project for sale.

The plane, N22JE, has operating limitations and A/W certificate and is presently registered with the FAA. The project is less engine (0-320) and in process of major airframe overhaul. Many new parts.

Plane is located at Chester KSNC. Pictures and details are available upon request. Reasonable offers get reasonable consideration.

Tim 203.650.1142

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 or to Susie Williams at susiewilliams531@comcast.net

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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

This month's website of the month was contributed by John Laroche. It's subject is Luscome restorations, and is run by his son Christopher.

www.silvaire.com

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Articles, pictures, etc. for the newsletter. You can Email them to me at susiewilliams531@comcast.net or mail them to me at: Susie Williams, 121 Union Street, Apt. 3., Rockville, CT 06066