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CHAPTER MEETINGS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday November 14th 7:00 PM

Election of officers for 2008 will take place.
Membership dues for 2008 will be collected.
We will be planning our events through next spring.

We'll have fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies at the meeting!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Events

**Pancake Breakfast Saturday November 17:
8:30-11:00 AM**

Start the day right with all-you-can-eat pancakes,

sausage, and scrambled eggs along with orange juice, coffee, and milk. All for a \$5 donation.

Skylark Potluck Christmas Party December 7

If you have knowledge of any upcoming events, please forward them to Susie Williams at the e-mail address or mailing address at the end of the newsletter.

For a more complete and current listing of local aviation events please go to our chapter web site www.eaa1310.org

PREZ SPEAK

This month's column will be e-mailed to you separately in a few days. The main topic will be our up-coming Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday November 14.

This is a very important meeting where we must conduct essential business to keep the Chapter operating. We must have a quorum present to elect a new slate of Officers and officials since the current team's term must finish this year in accordance with Chapter By-laws. Please do your very best to attend, and look in your in-basket for the e-mail which will include nomination forms for the new officers.

Chapter Secretary's Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of October 10, 2007

We make arrangements for the Taildragger Fly-In on the 14th for the food and aircraft handling. Hangar setup was scheduled for Friday at 1:00

We decided to purchase a set of the EAA Sport Aviation archives on CD. EAA gives us a 25% discount on merchandise purchases by the chapter, so our cost will be \$126.75 plus \$13.75 for shipping.

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Paul asked the group to plan our events for the winter months, but that was disregarded.

Reminders were made to write to our representatives on the FAA user fee issue, and the revised bylaws were sent to EAA for approval. (They have since been returned approved.)

In other news, our refrigerator has broken. Coolers were brought in for the Fly-In. We will investigate purchasing used units.

Bob Welsh and Don Hopkins the presented our program on sharing the sky with birds. Don is an *Extraordinary Citizen Scientist* and founder of the CT Bald Eagle Study Group. He has written countless ornithological articles.

Birds and airplanes use the same physics to fly. Avoidance is a shared responsibility. On the ground, they can build, and rebuild, a nest in your plane in a day.

They have annual cycles migrating south in a relatively short time frame, but there is a big time window when they return in the spring. In the summer they hunt and make families. In the fall there can be thousands traveling at the same time. Many don't eat while migrating. They often make a short flight to check weather conditions before undertaking the long migration. They like thermals and areas under cumulus clouds, just like glider pilots. They rise under the clouds, but usually won't go into the clouds. They prefer mountain ranges, and won't usually fly over water, staying over the shoreline.

Hawks will usually see planes before the pilot sees the hawk. It's best not to make a drastic evasive maneuver.

The most likely place for a bird collision is near the ground. Hawks are often focused on their prey and miss peripheral items. Down low, the bird can't see the plane, and the plane usually can't

make an evasive maneuver. Birds instinctively dive when startled, so the best maneuver for the pilot is to climb and bank.

Geese will often fly at night and in clouds. Hawks are VFR flyers only. If you see a bunch of birds on the side of a runway, wait a few minutes, and they will probably move.

Among the slides presented, were some of a Sportavia Putzer RF5B motorglider that was used as a hawk patrol to learn about the hawk's behavior.

Minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2007

(Sorry for the late entry.)

The Treasurer's report announced we had \$4,716.25 at the beginning of August. We had \$754.39 in income, and \$251.25 in expenses. Almost all was from the corn roast and pancake breakfast we held.

We formed an Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of officers for 2008. Mark Horan, Linc Turcotte, and Bill Kulle are the members.

A party for Donna & Jack was announced for September 29. Susie will send out notices. (The party has been postponed, and the date will be announced.)

Jack Hilditch brought up getting name tags for the members. He had a couple samples. They should run about \$3.50 each. The suggestion was tabled. Eric has a contact for shirts at a reasonable price. A revised design needs to be created for the shirts.

Mark Horan presented the program on his flight to Oshkosh in his Cub. He visited several small airports. Among the more notable included Weltzion Airport where they have a 22 plane flight school. They also have a great FBO that

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included a private home theater with 11 seats, 6,000 DVD collection, indoor hot tub, a small indoor bar and a larger outdoor bar with hot tub and tiki atmosphere.

Three fields along the way had auto gas for about \$3.00/gallon. He arrived on Saturday before the event, and Katelyn helped out at the event, and was the youngest volunteer in the Warbirds area.

The President of the Warbirds spent quite a bit of time with Katelyn, and gave her a very rare personal tour of his Vampire.

Mark also mentioned the mass arrivals where planes would land six at a time. Since the planes had similar speeds, many more planes could be landed quicker than with varying aircraft types.

EAA NEWS

EAA Launches New Website

November 1, 2007 —EAA launched its new website at www.EAA.org on Thursday, November 1, after several months in development. The new site has a cleaner, less cluttered look, simpler navigation, and a flexible, modular architecture for rapid content changes.

“The new website gives us the foundation for efficiently providing much more information and services to our members today and well into the future,” said Adam Smith, vice president of membership.

As with any change, EAA anticipates a certain adjustment period as users rediscover frequently visited locations. Most information - formerly found through a collection of individual links on the old website - has been incorporated into the dropdown menus on the new site. The result should be a shallow learning curve as users explore on the new website.

One of the new features of the new site include a feedback mechanism at the end of news stories, allowing visitors to register their point of view directly to the end of the story.

Take some time and explore. Discover where the familiar content now resides and visit areas you might not have seen before. If you come across a glitch or omission - or if you want to send us a comment about the new website - please e-mail webmaster@EAA.org.

End of an Era: Exemption 7162 Expires

November 1, 2007 —Midnight on October 31, 2007, signaled the end of an era as EAA’s exemption No. 7162 officially expired. That exemption allowed owners of experimental aircraft to be compensated for renting their aircraft to others who sought experimental aircraft-specific flight training and flight reviews. Its goal was to reduce the number of fatal experimental aircraft accidents, especially during the initial test flight period of an amateur-built aircraft and during the initial 10 flight hours after buying an experimental aircraft. By that measure, Exemption 7162 was an unqualified success as it contributed to a dramatic reduction in fatal experimental aircraft accidents - from 340 in fiscal year 2000 to 49 in fiscal year 2006.

Exemption 7162 was developed in partnership with the EAA Safety Programs office, the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), the Small Aircraft Manufacturers Association (SAMA), the FAA and the NTSB. Even though this exemption has ended, the historic safety partnership continues. The Certification of Aircraft and Airmen for the Operation of Light-Sport Aircraft (Sport Pilot) rule issued on September 1, 2004, includes a new regulation, [FAR 91.319\(h\)](#), which gives FAA Flight Standards District Offices (FSDOs) the responsibility of working with experimental

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aircraft owners who offer their aircraft to be rented for specific flight training and flight reviews.

With the exemption no longer active, experimental aircraft owners of who wish to use their aircraft for flight training will need to contact the Operations Supervisor at their [local FSDO](#) and apply for an Experimental Aircraft Flight Training Letter of Deviation as outlined in [FAA Notice N 8900.15](#). Once that letter is issued, the aircraft owner may receive compensation for the flight training use of the aircraft.

Individuals building an experimental aircraft or buying an experimental aircraft who need aircraft-specific flight training, or experimental aircraft owners in need of a flight review should contact the Operations Supervisor at their [local FSDO office](#) and ask for a list of the experiment aircraft within their [FAA Region](#) that are available for the needed flight training or flight review.

With the termination of exemption 7162, EAA no longer maintains a national database of experimental aircraft that may be used for flight training. That responsibility has shifted to the FAA Flight Standards Division and each FSDO.

Members with questions concerning this issue should call EAA Safety Programs at 888-322-4636, ext. 6864.

EAA's New Student Membership Officially Launches

November 1, 2007 —The dream of flight is as strong as it's ever been, but young people need help to make the connection from video simulations to really catching the spirit of flight. That's where EAA's new student membership is perfect for a young person who has their eyes on the sky.

The new EAA student membership, designed primarily for ages 13-17 but available for all youth

age 17 and under, opens the door to aviation and the support of the 170,000 EAA members worldwide who embody the spirit of aviation. This new membership category gives young people the information, activities and resources that will help them discover even more about the fascinating world of flight. "EAA's new student membership supplies the fun path to discovery for young people and a positive inspiration for them to pursue their goals and dreams," said Tom Poberezny, EAA president. "EAA welcomes the next generation of aviators with online and video tools they use most, along with a variety of great resources that are uniquely theirs."

Every EAA Student Member starts off with a welcome kit full of activities, ideas and resources. It also give each member access to a specially designed website only for EAA Student Members, where they can connect and share their enthusiasm for flight.

Included in the starter kit is:

- X-Plane flight simulator CD-ROM demo;
- EAA Aviation Highlights DVD;
- "Reach for the Sky" booklet to discover more about learning to fly;
- Whitewings glider
- Unique membership code to activate their online membership.

EAA's [Student Member-Only website](#) opens the door to even more possibilities, including:

- Applications to more than \$300,000 in scholarship money each year, including scholarships to aviation universities, the EAA Air Academy, internships and more;
- Info on aviation career choices, including a personal "online career counselor" service;
- A variety of great aviation videos;
- Access to a personal online flight instructor service and a monthly learn-to-fly e-newsletter;

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- Availability of EAA Flight Planner software.

“EAA members know from their involvement in flying Young Eagles to supporting their organization’s other youth initiatives, that young people are ready to explore the sky, and we need to encourage that next generation of aviation participants,” Poberezny said. “The EAA Student Membership is absolutely the best way to get them started, and a great way to pass along a legacy of flight to a young person.” The EAA Student Membership is just \$10 per year and is available through shop.eaa.org or by calling 800-JOIN-EAA (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 or to Susie Williams @ susiewilliams531@comcast.net

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

WANTED

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