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Next Meeting – Saturday January 14th 10:00 AM

This will be our annual business meeting.

Officers and Directors (and a mascot) will be elected.

Planning for 2012 events

And another topic to be announced..

Next Events

We have no upcoming events planned, so bring your event ideas to the meeting this Saturday.

2012 Memberships

2012 chapter memberships are now payable. Contact George Merriam to renew or join. If you won't be at Skylark for a while, you can mail a check for \$25.00 payable to EAA Chapter 1310 addressed to the our attention at the airport.

Memberships will also be available at our next meeting, or online at our web site store. You can pay by credit card through PayPal online.

Chapter Officers Needed.

We haven't yet gotten four volunteers to serve as chapter officers in 2012. We also need people to serve on our board of directors.

To volunteer, or for more information about what is involved, contact any of the officers listed on the left.

Newsletter Editor Needed

The chapter is in need of a person to put together a newsletter. Please consider helping out, even if you think one could only be put out on alternate months, or even quarterly. We need to get the overall membership involved in preparing more articles too.

President's Message

Hello everyone,

2011 is over and what a great year. First of all, I would like to thank all involved in the planning and execution of the Christmas party. It was a great time. I was happy that we could recognize those who do so much for the chapter. As a chapter we built on successful years past and I expect this year will be even better.

Attendance at our pancake breakfasts are steadily growing (Last count was 175) and now we have the equipment to handle large groups of people. The cooks were keeping pace with the crowds however we had to make several trips to the store for food. It was so popular I think we had a few calls asking when we were having our next breakfast! At the end of the day though, it's not about the food and the airplanes, but people sitting down and enjoying a laugh or two.

As your chapter president I had a great time in New England and it was a good learning experience overall and I made many new friends along the way. I would have liked to be reelected Chapter president again and see the chapter purchase a hanger and project airplane. However, All good things must come to a end. My wife Eileen and I are relocating to San Diego in March for a two year work assignment. Chapter elections are this month and I would like to see members to come forward to help realize that dream.

In closing, Aviators never really say goodbye, I think of it as more, until the next airshow.

Blue Skies,

Chuck Drake

Minutes From September and October Meetings

Minutes of the meeting of EAA Chapter 1310, Wednesday September 14, 2011

7 Members, 4 guests and 1 dog were present

We discussed the EAA dinner which will be hosted at United Technologies just prior to the AOPA Summit. We talked about our participation at the Simsbury Fly-In. We will have a flight simulator, hands-on riveting, and propeller sanding. The Simsbury Flying Club will provide lunch for our volunteers. October 8 will be our Taildragger Safety Seminar and cookout. We will have a flea market that day too.

Brigitte Falke donated various records, books, aircraft instruments, and additional aviation memorabilia. We will auction the items on eBay in order to pay for the trailer renovation.

The treasury has \$7,840 with \$372 not yet posted. The corn roast had \$539 income and \$372 in expenses for a profit of \$167

A donation letter will be sent to Jack Hilditch thanking him for his scrap metal donation.

Jack is getting the word out about the Young Eagles day in October.

New Business:

Jim Glista wanted to be sure that we're up to date on our 501(c)3 non-profit status. (We are.)

There was no update on the pavement weed killing and painting projects.

Mike found out about doing runway repairs, and he expects it would cost between \$90 and \$100 thousand dollars. He says business is slow, and he's trying to keep the gasoline price under \$6.00.

Our presentation was from Mike Ganis of the Civil Air Patrol. The topic was surviving an aircraft crash.

40% of people in a crash will survive, but 1/3 will die from the cold.

He created a course since the true "first responder" (the person in the crash) needs to be part of the search team. They need to be a survivor.

If you're cold when walking out to the plane for a flight, then you're not dressed right. When they search for a crash site, they look for a burn pattern. It is difficult to find a person. Order of priority on the ground is:

Medical needs:

Shelter Fire Water Signals Food

Prepare for three days survival

The greatest killer is hyperthermia. Most people die when the temperature is between 30° and 50° F. Sleeping on cold ground is a big cause.

In winter, sweat can kill.

Wool is a good material to wear. It is burn resistant, yet won't melt. It retains insulation quality when wet. Mike recommends Merino Woo.

To produce heat, you need food with high carbohydrates, fire, space blankets, and warm liquids.

Avoid becoming exhausted. Work at 60% of your usual pace.

Clothing is part of your shelter. Locate shelter in a zone between deep woods and open fields.

In cold weather, dress in three layers to protect from wind, wet and sun.

Base layer to wick moisture – synthetic

Mid-layer for insulation – trap air with some wicking

Outer layer – repel wind and water.

Keep socks dry. Higher temperature ratings is not better.

Your survival kit is something you wear. Always return used items to the kit.

Signal kit should contain:

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| Fire steel and striker | Sparklite Kit | Butane Lighter | Waterproof matches |
| Flashlight | Signal mirror | Whistle | Compass |
| Fishing kit | Bobber | 24 ft. 24 ga. Brass Wire | Collapsible cup |
| 1 gal. Zip Lock bags | Water purification tablets | | |

For shelter:

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| Poncho | 24 ft. Para cord | Space blanket | Wire saw |
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Leatherman tool - Wave model recommended. (Not a cheap knockoff.)

For medical and personal needs:

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| Tissues | First Aid Kit | Personal medicines and pain killers |
| Eyeglass cleaner | Bandana | |

Minutes of the meeting of EAA Chapter 1310, Wednesday October 12, 2011

8 Members, 2 Guests, and 2 dogs were present.

The clothing order hadn't been placed yet.

Paul asked for the purchase of a snow shovel, and recommended that the chapter obtain its own video projector.

We discussed the Christmas party. We used to hold it on the first Friday of December, but we moved it to the second Saturday (10th) this year. We will put up a slide show with some event photos from the past year. A vote was taken to determine if the chapter would subsidize the hall rental at \$200 for everyone purchasing a ticket. It was approved with a 3-2 vote. There will be a social time at 5:30 with dinner beginning at 6:30. Menu will be similar to last year.

The clothing purchase was approved by a 6-0 vote.

We need more people volunteering at events and operating the chapter, and to help when asked.

Chuck mentioned that a golf cart was possibly available to the chapter.

Jack gave a briefing on the upcoming Young Eagles event. Be at the airport at 8:30, we will cook about 1:00. Mike has Eastern Airlines sick bags. We need someone on the ground to be on the radio to be a ramp boss.

Bob Welch discussed that Connecticut used to have a great program for aiding airports, but it is not currently funded. Bob will contact a state senator he knows to find out what is available. We discussed the status of the paper submissions to the state from the town on the feasibility study.

New Soda Machine

Over the past couple of years, Mike has allowed the chapter to operate the soda machine he had at the airport. While we made a little money running it, the machine was showing its age with it almost constantly running, and a vending mechanism that wasn't too reliable. Over the past few months, Paul and Chuck looked through Craigslist and eBay for a newer machine at a reasonable price. We found one that had all the features we wanted. So we got in Chuck's truck, got his trailer attached, and headed to the Bronx to purchase it. The machine weighs about 750 lbs empty, so we needed the power of the inclined plane, the wheel, and the lever to get it over to Skylark. We could have used a lot less friction and gravity though.

The new machine has nine selections versus four on the old one, and the other main feature we were looking for is a dollar bill acceptor. This machine wasn't like the old one where the cans are put in, and the price is set. This one has a computer controller which allows a lot of configuration and reporting options. The machine was set up to dispense 20 oz. bottles, but since we're going to use 12 oz. cans and .5 L bottles, different shims and other parts were needed to get the machine to dispense without jamming. The machine is also now set to have different prices on each selection. It's now set for \$1.00 Coke bottles, down to a sale on 25 cent cans. We had some leftover soda from events the past year, so we're clearing out the miscellaneous soda. You'll get a random flavor with that one selection, but they're mostly Pepsi and ginger ale. Despite the front display, there is no Snapple in it, and nothing inside is 20 oz. for now unless we hear there is a demand for it.



If anyone would like to become involved in running the machine, please contact Paul.

Trailer Update

Even though we've taken a break on events this month, that doesn't mean that chapter activity has stopped. There's been a lot of work going on with our trailer to get it road worthy. Chuck has done a ton of work by getting the axels set with new brakes, wheels and tires. They are now mounted. Chuck also welded on a new hitch to the tongue. The next task is to get the lights and wiring completed. These items are now in the trailer, and the work needs to be done. Next spring, the roof will need to be sanded and painted. Then the sides will need to be power washed and painted. Finally, the door will need to be replaced.



Chuck has put a couple thousand dollars of material into this renovation, but it looks like virtually all of the cost will be covered by the scrap metal donation from Jack Hilditch, and selling the donated items from Brigitte Falke.



If you would like to bid on any of the items, you can see them on eBay by looking up the items listed by seller P4742

Young Eagles Day

Last October we held our second Young Eagles Day in conjunction with Chapter 166. We had 53 kids take flights that day, plus 18 adults got to see what general aviation is about. 46 of those kids were first time participants in the program too.

EAA Reception

On September 21, Eileen Drake organized a reception for EAA President, Rod Hightower with area chapter members. Here are some photos from that great evening.





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