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[CHAPTER MEETINGS](#)

The next meeting will be Saturday January 12th at 10:30 AM

Immediately following the pancake breakfast.

There is no scheduled meeting in December.

Membership renewals for 2008 are due. We need to get our member list to EAA Headquarters in early December, so please renew as soon as possible. Thanks to the members who renewed or joined at the last meeting.

Please contact our Membership Coordinator, [Jack Pelkey](#).

[UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

**Pancake Breakfast Saturday January 12th
8:30-10:30 AM**

Start the day right with our hot pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. Coffee, orange juice and milk also available. All for a \$5 donation.

Chapter Banquet Friday January 25th

Alfred's Restaurant in Broad Brook

Details to follow.

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](#)

JANUARY 2008

First let me wish all of you a very Healthy, Happy and Safe New Year. Looking back on 2007 I think that the Chapter can be justifiably proud of what we accomplished during the year. We continued with our successful social events, such as Pancake Breakfasts, Spaghetti lunches and a Corn Roast, we held our first Young Eagles Day and we helped Skylark Airpark by donating Runway center-line and threshold painting. We also co-sponsored with the Airport two FAA Safety Seminars, and twenty members toured Bradley Tower and TRACON.

We intend to build on these successes by increasing the number of events----- more breakfasts, more Young Eagle/Family Days, more/different FAA Seminars, ----but if you want to learn all the details of what we are planning, please come to the Pancake Breakfast/Meeting on Saturday 12th January and share your comments, suggestions, whatever. Suffice it to say that to

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accomplish this we will need more volunteers to share the load.

Probably the most important activity that will contribute most to our future growth, is our seeking the status of a Section 501(c)(3) organisation with the IRS. This application is nearly complete thanks to the diligent efforts of Paul Dowgewicz and Fred Goff, dealing with the multiplicity of tedious forms and documents. When we are recognised as a Not-For-Profit organisation we will be able to accept charitable tax deductible donations that may prove to become stepping stones to a Chapter Building/Hangar at Skylark, and other good things----- Hey, see you on the 12th.

EAA CHAPTER 1310 ANNUAL DINNER

This, our first Annual Dinner, will be held on Friday 25th January 2008, at Alfred's Café in Broad Brook, CT. The event will start at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available now, and until 12th January will be reserved for Chapter Members and one guest each. The cost is \$10.00 per person. After 12th January, and until 20th January tickets will be available for additional non-members at a cost of \$15.00 per person. (Member plus one guest tickets during this latter period remain at \$10.00).

No tickets may be purchased after 20th January.

NOTE: The ticket cost is the total cost and includes Tax and Tips. Also, the Chapter is contributing \$5.00 for each member and their one guest.

The meal will be Buffet Style and comprise the following items;

- Green salad
- Rolls and butter
- Stuffed chicken
- Roast beef

- Twice baked potato
- Rice
- Fresh mixed vegetables
- Dessert
- Punch
- Coffee / Tea

Rest assured you won't go home hungry-----ask anyone who has eaten at Alfred's.

Directions to Alfred's, continue East on Rt 140 past the airport (Wells Rd.) to the light at Rt191 South. Turn right and proceed for a half mile to Alfred's on the right side immediately before the commercial center of Broad Brook.

Chapter Secretary's Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2007

The meeting was attended by 20 members. There were no guests present.

Officer elections were held, and the proposed slate was elected. The officers for 2008 are Eric Dixon-President, Jack Hilditch-Vice President, Paul Dowgewicz-Secretary, and David Christman-Treasurer. Elected to the Board of Directors for 2008 are Ed Deveau, Charlie Falke, Fred Goff, and Susie Williams.

We announced the Skylark Potluck Christmas Party will be held Friday December 7, at 6:30 PM, and we would hold a pancake breakfast on November 17th from 8:30-11:00

The Treasurer's report stated we had \$332 of income and expenses of \$238 in October, mostly from the Taildragger Fly-In, for a balance of \$5,368

We thanked Alan McInnish for his donation of a refrigerator to replace the one we had that had broken.

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Dave ordered the EAA Sport Aviation CD collection for the chapter. (It has since arrived.)

There was no additional old business

Under new business, Charlie Falke volunteered to work with Paul on the web site.

A suggestion was made to hold a pancake breakfast each month in 2008.

We decided to hold a chapter buffet dinner at Alfred's restaurant in Broad Brook. We will see if Friday January 25th is available. The cost is expected to be about \$12 per person. Eric will make the arrangements, and signup will be during the meeting in January 12th. A motion was made that the chapter treasury contribute to the meal so the cost per participant would be \$10.

This topic directed the discussion toward the long-term goal of the chapter. The possibility of offering a scholarship was discussed. Our organization structure would need to be modified to implement the award policy.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled for Monday December 10th at 7:00 PM to discuss the long-term plan for the chapter.

Susie Williams will develop a list of events for the coming year. Please contact her if you have any suggestions for events or meeting topics.

Mike Koczera and Pete Russell announced that they were looking for people to share a trailer at Sun-N-Fun this coming April. They volunteer at the Parts Exchange, so they get the camp site and electricity for free.

Allan McInnish volunteered to be in charge of safety planning at our upcoming Fly-In's next year.

Minutes of the EAA Chapter 1310 Board of Directors meeting

Monday December 10, 2007

Board members present:

Eric Dixon, Jack Hilditch, Paul Dowgewicz, David Christman, Fred Goff, Charlie Falke

Additional members present:

Mike Koczera, Jack Pelkey, Carl Pagano

Before the main topic of the direction of the club was discussed, we talked about the possible events for the coming year.

A FAA safety seminar in May. Perhaps add a flea market/fund raiser in conjunction with the seminar.

Two Young Eagles events in early June and Mid September

Jack Hilditch will talk with Larry Gagnon (Chapter 166) on a possible joint program

We will see if other EAA chapters in the area can coordinate the timing of their events with us and possibly join in on a poker run event.

Other events would be a monthly pancake breakfast. One is scheduled for January 12 th from 8:30 to 10:30. The regular meeting will follow the breakfast.

January 25th will be the buffet dinner at Alfred's in Broad Brook.

We can have up to 50 people, and the sign up deadline will be at the January 12th meeting.

August will be the corn roast. October will have the taildragger fly-in. Discuss with Susie the possibility of a trip back to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in late August.

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A possible fund raiser could be a raffle for an automotive GPS unit. Carl will get prices for tickets.

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We will investigate clothing with our logo. Name tags will also be investigated.

The long-term goals of the chapter were then discussed. The main question is if we want a hangar and/or clubhouse. Mike explained the situation with owning and running the airport.

We discussed what use a structure would be used for. The option of adding on to the additional T-Hangars was discussed as a low-cost option, but Mike said that no permanent structures could be placed closer to the runway line, or on the far (north) side of the hangars due to wetlands and utilities in the area. Additionally, there needs to be road access I that area for emergency vehicle access. Mike brought up the possibility of renting the end area of the new T-hangars he plans to build. The slack space of the T would be an insulated clubhouse, and windows could face the runway. The rental agreement would need to be determined.

Mike is keeping abreast of the State funding for preserving airports. As of the date of the meeting, there was no completed plan from the DOT. Mike is the key to keeping the airport running. If he were to be in a position of no longer being able or wanting to run the airport, the continued operation of the airport would be in jeopardy. We tried to consider the long-term possibilities when discussing the goals for the chapter, but there were too many options that were brought up at the meeting.

We discussed the trailer option. Jack Hilditch will look into the availability and cost of a FEMA surplus trailer. Surplus portable classroom/office trailers would also be an option. We determined that a trailer would be a useful first

Get Ready for Skiplanes January 26

With the right weather and snow coverage, we'll have skiplanes landing at Pioneer Airport for the annual Skiplane Fly-In on Saturday, January 26. Mix in some chili for lunch, some birthday cake for Audrey Poberezny (and don't forget EAA celebrates its 56th year January 24!) and there's no better way to spend a winter Saturday in Oshkosh. Pilots intending to fly in on skis must contact Sean Elliott (920-426-4886) to register and receive an arrival briefing, but others can land at Wittman Regional and catch a shuttle from Orion and Basler FBOs. For more details, visit the [AirVenture Museum website](#).

[EAA Government Relations: A Look Back and a Look Ahead](#)

January 3, 2008 — The continued collaboration among EAA members, EAA staff professionals, EAA chapters, and well-cultivated allies in all levels of government yielded significant developments and outcomes in 2007 on behalf of personal flight. “The progress we’ve made in the past year on several fronts demonstrates again that the EAA community’s collective, collaborative, and constructive approach gets results,” said Earl Lawrence, EAA vice president of industry and regulatory affairs.

“Our community of enthusiasts includes many and diverse interests in aviation. Nonetheless, despite our various areas of focus and priority, we all understand the value of championing more affordable, accessible, and achievable means of participating in personal flight. We also understand that successes in one area of interest advance the cause for all other areas of interest. This understanding helps to bind us together as a community,” Lawrence added. Some of the

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challenges met - and some of those that will continue into the new year — include:

- The ongoing fight against user fees for general aviation continues. House Bill 2881 passed without users fees, while Senate Bill 1300, which has a \$25 user fee for filing certain IFR flight plans, is still pending. The FAA funding bill's final version will be negotiated in a congressional conference committee sometime this year. "We all need to remain vigilant and continue working together to prevent the implementation of user fees," Lawrence said.
- Local EAA members, working with EAA government relations staff, proved that it's possible to fight City Hall — and to win. They worked together and overturned a Jacksonville, Florida, ordinance that prohibited aircraft homebuilding on residential property. "This issue may have been limited according to jurisdiction, but the ramifications for our hard-fought privilege to build and fly our own airplanes were considerable," Lawrence said.
- EAA is involved in ongoing advocacy action to protect existing amateur-built aircraft rules and to preserve and promote the nearly unlimited scope of this category of grassroots aviation innovation. "In the year ahead, we'll continue to focus on defending the privileges that we already have while working to open more doors of opportunity for those with various interests in building and flying their own aircraft," Lawrence said.
- EAA and Warbirds of America staff collaborated with others in the industry and senior government officials to eliminate restrictive flight proficiency areas in the operating limitations of experimental exhibition Warbirds.
- EAA is engaged in ongoing advocacy efforts and programs to promote increased safety for sport pilots, ultralight pilots, and pilots flying experimental amateur-built and exhibition aircraft.
- EAA, its members, and industry representatives worked to revise the light-sport aircraft (LSA) rules to allow operation of amphibious LSA with retractable landing gear. This consortium also succeeded in getting a rule revision to allow powered parachute and weight-shift trike owners to better match aircraft-registration requirements to these types of aircraft.
- EAA is involved in ongoing advocacy efforts to reduce equipment cost mandates for recreational aircraft that may be required by future national airspace regulations, including NextGen/ADS-B (automatic dependent surveillance broadcast) equipment mandates. "We're all for improvements and upgrades to the air-transportation system," Lawrence said. "But those who enjoy recreational aviation should not bear an undue burden in facilitating commercial and hub-and-spoke aircraft operations."
- EAA and its members worked with other groups to reduce the size of the Washington, D.C., air defense identification zone (ADIZ) and free up 33 general aviation airports, hundreds of aircraft, and 1,800 square miles of airspace.
- Advocacy efforts are ongoing to mitigate proposed border crossing security requirements for general aviation aircraft.
- EAA and International Aerobatic Club (IAC) members were successful in reducing the regulatory burden regarding fuel and equipment requirements for aerobatic aircraft.

Through constructive engagement, EAA staff, division leaders, and EAA members have been successful mitigating the cost and complexity of

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participation in recreational aviation while protecting enthusiasts' freedom and access to personal recreational flight. These joint grass-roots efforts have allowed EAA to reach some historic benchmarks. "The above examples show that we all need to continue doing so for EAA to be an effective organization," Lawrence said.

SEBRING LSA EXPO JUST AROUND THE CORNER

EAA will participate in many major aviation events in the coming year, the first of which is just around the corner. The fourth U.S. Sport Aviation Expo is scheduled for January 17-20 at the Sebring Regional Airport in Florida, and EAA has again coordinated the Expo's educational offerings, with nearly three-dozen light-sport aircraft-related aviation forums. "This event is the trade show for the light-sport industry," explained Ron Wagner, EAA field relations' manager and a Sebring forum presenter. "The exclusive focus on sport pilot and LSA gives manufacturers and enthusiasts a chance to interact on a more intimate level." The forum and workshop schedule, including a number of EAA staff-led sessions, is available now at the [event's website](#).

EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2008 DATE-- JULY 28-AUGUST 3

An error in Tom Poberezny's "Position Report" column in both *EAA Sport Aviation* and *EAA Sport Pilot* is causing confusion about the starting date

of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this year. The correct dates are **July 28**-August 3, not starting July 29, as incorrectly listed in the January issues. With very red faces, the Publications staff apologizes for this error.

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

WANTED

Articles, pictures, etc. for the news letter. 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