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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310



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CHAPTER 1310 MEETINGS

Saturday February 14th

We are meeting on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10AM

The next meeting will be Saturday February 14th.

The meeting will feature a contest to modify the wing of a Cessna 172. X-Plane software will be used to see who can modify the wing shape to create the most lift, or the most airspeed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21st

Our visit to the Bradley TRACON will be on March 21st at 1:00 PM. We need a list of

attendees so please sign up soon with Paul or Suzy.

February 21st

We will have a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday February 21st. Fly or drive over for hot pancakes and real maple syrup, sausage and scrambled eggs. Juice, coffee and milk also available. All you can eat, still only \$5 donation.

AEROSPACE NEWS

Marine One Overrun

The Presidential Helicopter, which was won by Lockheed Martin and based on the British-Italian [AgustaWestland AW101](#) has had a cost overrun of more than 50%, triggering a Congressional review and opening the possibility of returning the work to Connecticut based Sikorsky. Two examples are in process to be delivered, but are not representative of the production standard, which requires redesign of the rotor system, tail rotor and new engines relative to the existing EH-101.

New Mixed Drink

It's called a Sully. Two shots of Grey Goose and a



splash of water, shaken. :-)

CHAPTER SECRETARY'S MEETING MINUTES

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MINUTES FOR EAA 1310 JANUARY 10, 2009 MEETING



Paul Dowgiewicz called the meeting to order at 10:07.

Eighteen members were present.

Paul announced that name tags are available. They are free for new members. Cost is \$5.00 if earlier members want a replacement. Contact Paul to get one.

A guest, Jim Gussin (spelling?), was introduced. Jim just bought a Citabria.

The December 2008 minutes were accepted as published in the January 2009 Newsletter. The EAA Renewal Agreement was discussed and passed around for review by all the members present.

The Aeroscholar's Program was discussed and brochures distributed.

The Treasurer's report described the October's balance (the last reported) as \$5934. There was an increase of \$905 during November and December bringing the current balance to \$6389.

Paul reminded us of the January dinner next Friday. There are still 10 seats available and non-

members are welcome to attend. We need a final count within the next couple of days.

We discussed the following events and schedule:

February 21 Pancake Breakfast

March 21 Pancake Breakfast

April 18 Pancake Breakfast

May 30 Safety Seminar

August 15 Corn Roast

Jack Hilditch is at a EAA 166 Board Meeting today discussing their schedule for Young Eagles which he will integrate with ours.

We discussed Sun 'N Fun and Oshkosh housing arrangements. It's time to begin making commitments for those who are going so housing can be secured. Those who are in need of housing should contact Mike or Paul to let them know.

We discussed problems some folks are having reading the email version of the Newsletter. Charlie maintains a list of people who want to receive a paper version of the newsletter and he will send it regular mail if you prefer. See Charlie or Paul to get your name on the list.

We discussed the possibility of a multi-chapter EAA event- perhaps a cookout in July. Mike suggested adding some flying activities to the event. We need to see how this fits in the overall schedule as it evolves.

We discussed acquiring a "project" plane for the club and renewed the discussion of hanger space/work area. We will continue this discussion in future meetings.

We discussed today's news where Robertson Airport is being acquired by the Town of Plainville who is buying it with mostly federal and state money.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 and many of us went to Linc's house to see his RV6 and the progress he's made since last year.

Visit to Linc's RV6

Linc's RV-6 is under construction in the heated hangar attached to his house. (We understand that some people keep cars in these!) The heat added months to his schedule but does terrible things to his gas bill. The wings are in the basement. The airplane is looking substantially complete, with the fuselage enclosed except for just over the nose, and most instruments and avionics installed. Clecos remain around the canopy and on the horizontal stabilizer. There were positive comments for the flush rivets, carefully driven so that the skin is still smooth.

This was my first look at an RV close up and partially complete, and it is easy to see why they perform as well as they do, there is no fat anywhere on the airplane, everything is exactly the size it needs to be and not a bit bigger or heavier.



Close inspection



Linc explains Aileron gap seal construction



Looking like a plane.

Afterwards we adjourned to Alfred's for lunch. A good time was had by all.

-CF

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Hearing on the Purchase of Robertson Airport

A public hearing was held on Monday February 9th regarding the possible sale of [Robertson Airport](#) in Plainville to the town. Statements were made by the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the FAA, the current owner and the current airport manager. A presentation was then made by Clough Harbour & Associates LLP based on their analysis of municipal purchase of the airport. The full report was over an inch thick, and I didn't look at it. The presentation covered the existing and proposed physical, environmental financial and management aspects of the airport.

The discussion covered how airports are closing in Connecticut, and won't come back. The airport property is 75 acres with a 3600' runway and parallel taxiway. It has 3 storage hangars plus a maintenance hangar, a terminal building, fuel facility for regular and jet fuel as well as 100 tiedown positions.

The FAA will contribute 95% of the funds for purchase. The State adds 3.75%. So the town will have to pay 1.25% of the cost, or about \$107,000. The financial projections showed a small profit made by the airport. Operations are expected to be leased out, likely to the existing FBO, [Interstate Aviation](#). Profit from operation is expected to be minimal, so to increase the profit, additional T and box hangars were recommended. Federal and State money would contribute to these improvements.

About 60 members of the public spoke. The vast majority were in favor of the purchase stating the benefits of the airport, the memories, and the future potential. However many of these people were not from Plainville, but they use the airport. At the end, two residents expressed their concern about the possibility that the airport could become a financial burden if there are losses. Questions were asked whether another corporation could be persuaded to purchase the airport. That wouldn't be favorable to them since it would require a large investment with limited return. The Federal and State contribution wouldn't be available. The

airport owner, Michael Tomasso stated that the only interest he had in the purchase was from people who wanted to close the airport and develop the land.

The next step in the process is a referendum for Plainville which has yet to be scheduled.

-PD

What EAA is Doing for Chapter Members

Chapter members often ask about what the national EAA organization is doing for the chapters. A lot of times we don't see items behind the scenes, or they have programs where we need to initiate contact. For instance, just imagine how devastating it would be if a chapter got in a situation where it didn't have the necessary liability insurance.

Besides the insurance, here's some things they're doing for the chapters and individual members:

- They run Chapter Leaders sessions at the Air Academy lodge several times a year. This is at no charge to the members who only have to pay for transportation.
- Last year they improved the online calendar of events
- They organized an online speakers bureau. We will try to take advantage of some speakers who are in the area. If you have a topic you can share with other chapters nearby, please list yourself with your topics.
- The monthly chapter e-gram newsletter has information of interest to chapter leaders and members. If you would like to be added to the mail list send a message to banderson@eaa.org and include your Name, EAA#, Chapter#, and e-mail address.
- They put the archive of Sport Aviation magazine online for all members
- Chapters can reserve a group area for camping at Oshkosh.

Planned changes in 2009 include:

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- An online method of submitting event insurance requests.
- An online method of renewing chapter information.
- Implementing a program for adult orientation rides.
- Implementing a web template so every chapter can have a web site.
- Starting a free six month trial membership program when a non-EAA member joins a chapter.
- Providing a \$5 Air Academy credit for each Young Eagle flown, up from \$1.

-EAA National

[CLASSIFIEDS- FOR SALE / WANTED](#)

Sennheiser Noise Cancelling Headset.

Little used and in excellent condition. Original cost over \$800. Will sell for \$150.

Dave Gosslin, 860-467-6050.



Pitts S1C project for sale.

EAA Members- I have a Pitts project for sale, N22JE. Below is a partial list as well as a picture

attached of the airframe. I no longer have the time to complete the airframe restoration and have decided to place the aircraft up for sale.

Airframe as pictured, noseowl, Interplane Struts, Ailerons, Pushrods, Steen Aero Preformed P/W LE's for lower wings, McWhite Wires, Pitot Tube (Raven), Upper Wing, Plexiglass Belly Panel, Panel forward tin, Lower Wing Spar Blanks, Steen Aero Lab CNC Rib Jigs, New Ribs for Lower Wings, Plans, Dynafocal Mount, FAA Paperwork (Reg. and O/L's) and other misc. parts. No engine or prop. Asking price, \$6000. Plane located at Chester, KSNC.

Tim 203.650.1142

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The following information is posted on the chapter blog.

<http://blog.eaa1310.org>

If you have aviation information you think would be of interest to the members, send an email to

info@eaa1310.org to request an account so you can post the information directly.

Any EAA member in the Southern New England area is welcome to list aviation-related merchandise for sale or wanted on this page.

Send an eMail to Chapter 1310 email

[WANTED](#)

Articles, pictures, etc. for the news letter. You can Email them to me at chfalke@cox.net or mail them to me at:

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