

# Unrestricted Airspace

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*The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 1310*



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Membership Coordinator: Jack Pelkey

## CHAPTER 1310 MEETINGS

**The next meeting will be Saturday 14th March.**

Charlie Falke will give a talk about the new ELT situation. Paul Dowgewicz will demonstrate some new software.

With the next meeting, we will resume the summer schedule, meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, beginning **Wednesday 7th April**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**21st March (NOT! :-)**

Our visit to the Bradley TRACON will \*not\* be on March 21st. Work scheduling requirements for the controllers now require that tours be conducted during working hours during the week. Options will be discussed at the 14 March meeting.

**Saturday 21st March**

We have planned a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday April 18th from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. 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.

**Saturday 21st March**

***SAVE ROBERTSON AIRPORT!***

Saturday 21st March 10 AM 'till 2:00 PM, there will be a Young Eagles Event at Robertson Airport in support of public awareness of the value of the Robertson Airport to the community and the state. A vocal minority in the town has mounted a campaign to close the airport, and all hands are needed to mobilize public opinion to avoid the loss of yet another New England General Aviation airport, especially one that is doing quite well. Volunteers have stepped forward from Chapters 1310, 166, and 27, the New England Air Museum and the Civil Air Patrol. This includes 9 pilots with Young Eagles aircraft, and 8 ground volunteers. AOPA will also be present. Anyone who values general aviation airports in the state is urged to volunteer, please contact Larry Gagon or Jack Hilditch. Volunteers are asked to be at Robertson Field by 9:00 AM.

(Several culinary personnel may need to high-tail it mid-breakfast.)

## President's Message

One of the items I'm working for this year is to have some type of educational talk or workshop at

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each meeting this year. I've come up with a few topic ideas, and I'd like to hear the thumbs-up or down from each member. The classic "I don't know. I don't care. Whatever." answer isn't going to accomplish anything. We'll also need to get someone to talk about these things. You don't want to have to listen to me every month.

I would like to hear from all the members on a topic we could have a conversation on. Do you have an interesting flight experience, or something you learned while building or flying? Bring it up at a meeting, even if it's only something to talk about for a few minutes.

### Potential Meeting Ideas

- Aviation photography-how to get the best shots at an air show.
- Trip experiences.
- Construction techniques –Fabric, welding, wood, composite, sheet metal
- Medical issues
- Visits to member projects
- LSA Maintenance

We could also try to get a speaker from the EAA speaker's bureau. Since there are speakers available nationwide, perhaps a web meeting hookup can be set up.

## **CHAPTER SECRETARY'S MEETING** **MINUTES**

### **MINUTES FOR EAA 1310 FEBRUARY 14, 2009 MEETING**

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

Sixteen members were present.

The Secretary reported on the request for memorabilia for the EAA Founders Museum and the Board of Director's meeting that was held on

February 9, 2009. The February Newsletter will be published shortly. The January minutes will be reviewed at the March meeting.

The Treasurer reported that last month's balance was \$6839. Income was \$685, expenses were \$582 – net increase \$103 leaving a balance this month of \$6942.

A guest, Bernie, from Minnesota and Wisconsin, was introduced. Bernie is a private pilot thinking about building something.

Paul Dowgewicz made the following announcements:

Tomorrow is the last day to get discounted Sun n Fun tickets.

There is a large TFR over Chicago.

There is a major TSA change proposed for security of aircraft over 12,500 pounds. This could affect everyone who flies to airports where planes this size are based. Information on how to make a comment will be posted on our web site.

We have a Safety Seminar scheduled 5/30. AOPA has one scheduled 5/20. We may want to reschedule ours.

We have gaps in our schedule July, November, and December.

The Bradley TRACON tour is scheduled 3/21/09. There is a limit of ten people. A sign-up sheet was started and the cut-off date for signing up is next Saturday.

Paul asked that anyone interested in signing up for the Oshkosh rental house contact him or Dave as soon as possible.

We discussed ideas for a new member "welcome package."

Mike donated some documents related to the starting of EAA 1310 that he found to the EAA 1310 archive.

We reviewed the Town Meeting concerning Robertson Airport.

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We decided to send a "patch" to the EAA Founder's Museum.

We discussed the idea of a raffle. The subject is still open.

In new business, Mike inquired about the Board of Director's meeting and if we discussed meeting places. That led to a discussion of purchasing a garage and/or making a deal with a garage owner.

Mike mentioned that he was going in for surgery in a week or two and asked that members help as much as possible with snow removal if we get a storm.

Mike then made an excellent presentation about winter flying considerations.

Paul presented an airfoil design show.

Paul asked for ideas for future meeting topics. Suggestions included material from the EAA Safety Foundation, borrowing tapes from other chapters, and pizza and film nights.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

### [AEROSPACE NEWS](#)

#### Sad News



The complete airport mascot Scooter, whose airport Skylark has been all along, passed away February 24 at age 15. Faithful and playful with

everybody and especially with Mike, she will be sorely missed by one and all.

#### More Sad News



The man who put the phrase "And now you know the *rest* of the story" into the American language, Paul Harvey, died on 28 February, at 90. A pilot, EAA member, and a frequent presence at Oshkosh, he was known and respected and heard by 22 million people on a show which ran for more than 50 years. He had the best sense of what was right and fitting of any broadcaster I ever heard. If somebody in the public eye did something really awful, he would report it, and say "he would want us to say his name" and let several seconds of silence go by, and go on to the next item. A class act through and through. For more see this link at ABC radio:

<http://www.abcrn.com/harvey/>

### **Eclipse Eclipsed**



The company that invented the term VLJ, (Very Light Jet) has gone into chapter 7 liquidation. roughly 800 people already on furlough and the last 50 people in the plant were all laid off.

Key troubles that Eclipse had were a big program delay due to dumping their first engine supplier Williams Research, expressing dissatisfaction with their performance, but in fact having let their airplane get too heavy. The new Pratt and Whitney engines were great, but much bigger and more expensive. The airplane weight never got under control, and cost grew with weight until instead of the original less than one million target, it was more than 2M.

So many different stories are circulating about who will buy the assets I will not report any of it as news, but it includes rich Russians. Most want to revive the brand.

<http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/bizav/1321-full.html#199848>

### **Obama Supports Manned Space and Moon Missions**



The fiscal 2010 budget which President Obama has signed includes 700M more for NASA than the previous year's, and retains full funding for return to manned flights to the Moon. NASA will also receive 1B of stimulus package money, of which 400M will go to manned space, and of that 150M will go to the Orion capsule program. This is good news for Hamilton Sundstrand which has a lot of content in the Orion, and will bid for life support and power systems for the new Altair lunar lander.

[http://www.nasawatch.com/archives/2009/02/187billion\\_for.html](http://www.nasawatch.com/archives/2009/02/187billion_for.html)

### **Bombardier C Airplane Launched!**



Bombardier has finally received a launch order for the 100 to 130 seat "C" series airplane. This

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airplane has been set to launch imminently since before 1998. The airplane is aimed at replacing 737 classic, DC-9-30, RJ-100, Fokker 100 and other aircraft of similar size. This is long awaited good news for Pratt & Whitney, for whom it represents a second application for it's geared turbofan engine, and likely with a large market potential. It is hoped that the high fuel efficiency and low noise provided by the geared turbofan along with a state of the art composite airframe will give the C airplane a clear and longlived edge over other airplanes in the market.

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### EAA NEWS

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](mailto:info@eaa1310.org) to request an account so you can post the information directly.

### New TSA Rules Will Affect Us

Effective April 30, 2009 the TSA is implementing sweeping security changes at airports that host commercial traffic. Think that won't affect you? Think again. Flying to Worcester, New Haven, Hanscom, Albany, White Plains, Nantucket, Martha's Vinyard, and Stewart will be affected, as well as learning and practicing at Bradley.

Separate security clearances will be required at every commercial airport.

A new web site [www.aviatorsforliberty.org](http://www.aviatorsforliberty.org) is being developed to address the continuing encroachment of our right to travel. So far, AOPA, EAA and NBAA haven't posted comments on this change. The first [public meeting](#) to explain the implementation was held at Montrose County Airport in Colorado. The alarming summary of the meeting is circulating on many [internet message boards](#). The proposed rules are not available for public inspection or comment since at the meeting the TSA

emphasized this was a Security Directive thus circumvents any rule making procedures. The AOPA [message forum](#) has an active thread on the subject.

As always, it looks like airline interest political contributions have paid off for them. This will make private flying more difficult which takes away a major disadvantage the airlines have luring high-profit business and first class

### Comments on TSA Large Aircraft Proposal

It looks like 4,150 comments have been received on the TSA proposal to require passenger and crew screening for all flights in aircraft 12,500 lbs and greater. Was yours one of them?

Of course, we all know how well they listened to the 20,000 comments they received on the Washington airspace issue. The ball is in their court now. I'll bet they have a hissy fit and take the ball home with them.

### CLASSIFIEDS- FOR SALE / WANTED



**For Sale or Partnership:** 1962 PA-22-108 Colt. Dual tanks, full night lighting (inc. strobe). Full cabin skylight (field approved). In 2001 @ 207 hours: complete airframe rebuild (with polyFibre w/Polytone) and Prop O/H. In 2007: New Lifetime Sealed struts and new main tires. Very pretty paint and numbers. Custom Fire Rated interior. Newer VAL COM and KT76A xpndr/encoder. Portable 2 place intercom goes with the plane. Full gyro

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panel (original AN style). STC'd B & C alternator & oil filter. Older Mattituck overhaul, 1540 SMOH. Electric (115VAC) Oil Pre-heater built-in. Auto gas STC. All logs complete, all ADs complied with. Annual due in March 2010. Canopy and wing covers. More pictures at <http://www.trade-a-plane.com/clsfdspeccs/820079> \$15900 or Best Offer 860-983-3221 or E-mail [jeff.kamenetz@hs.utc.com](mailto:jeff.kamenetz@hs.utc.com)

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### **Sennheiser Noise Cancelling Headset.**

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

**Dave Gosslin, 860-467-6050.**

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**Pitts S1C project for sale.** (It's gone, sold out of state)

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**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](mailto:Chapter 1310 email)

### **WANTED**

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

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