

Hangar Flyin'



January 2006

President's Message Charlotte Rhodes

HOME!

I can't think of a better way to start the New Year than with a new home, well sort of new anyway. It may be a fixer upper but hanger 3 is ours and I for one am excited about the road ahead of us. We have quite a bit of work to be done before we can start to operate out of our new home and it will take the whole Chapter in helping to achieve this goal. I want to thank Gray and Sam for all the hard work they have put into the negotiations on this project and if you get the chance please thank them to. The new roof is scheduled to be done in February with the electrical work following. With this done and a door put in on the west side of the hanger we might be able to start having our breakfasts at home. I just love how that sounds! At our Board meeting last week David Bradshaw volunteered to be the hanger manager and we all agreed this would be a good thing. If you have special skills you would like to donate, materials you

would like to donate or just time to pitch in and help, let him know. I am going to try and put together a couple of hanger fundraising activities for us this year and I would appreciate everyone's participation in whatever manner you are able to. Let's show everyone around the pride we have in being a member of Chapter 471!

I would just like to say "thank you" to everyone for letting me represent you. I only hope I can do as good a job as the past presidents. If you have suggestions, ideas, gripes or concerns about how things are going or not going please do not hesitate to say something to me. We are all in this together and we all deserve to be heard. I will do what I can for the benefit of this Chapter and hope that you will to.

**January Breakfast
Set For The 14th
Chapter Dues & Hangar Rental
Due NOW**

The EAA Chapter 471 breakfast will be held this coming Saturday, January 14th at the Pride Hangar. Serving begins at 9:00am.

As this is our first breakfast of the year, come early and get caught-up on your 2006 dues and hangar rent. We are trying to update our member roster so if you see a membership form at breakfast please pick one up and fill it out. In addition, if you attended the Christmas party dinner and haven't paid, please do so ASAP.

Setup for breakfast will be at 5:15 pm on Friday. Helpers always needed & welcome.

New Officer & Board Positions Filled During Christmas Party Vote

Chapter 471 held its annual Christmas party on December 17th at Fairway Oaks Country Club with approximately forty members in attendance. Gray Bridwell presented an excellent video of 2005 chapter events. Afterwards, Sam Evans presented service awards to members. In addition Charlotte Rhodes received the "High Flyer Award".

Voting also took place for several officer and board of director positions. (contd')

Officers and board members for 2006 are:

- President ~ Charlotte Rhodes
- Vice-President ~ Gray Bridwell
- Secretary ~ David Bradshaw
- Treasurer ~ Loren Henson
- Director ~ Seymour Beitscher
- Director ~ Steve Krazar
- Director ~ Harold Canon
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Welding Workshop Being Offered

Gordon Bartlett of *Metalshapers* will be putting together a workshop on the process of gas welding aluminum sheet. Attendees of the workshop will learn the basic procedures of welding aluminum along with information about tools and materials needed. If you have an interest in this process and how it can be applied to aluminum aircraft structures, contact Gordon at **548-2837** or **548-2721**. You can also email at **stingshp@taylortel.net** Gordon will provide you with further details and possible workshop dates.

Chapter 471 Board of Directors Meeting Held

The first meeting of the year was held by the board of directors on Thursday, January 5th. Below is the business discussed during the meeting:

1. Hanger 3 update from Gray
2. Community Foundation of Abilene, Future Fund Grant for Young Eagles Program.

3. Set specific day and time for all Board meetings to the first Thursday of each month.
4. David Bradshaw appointed hangar manager. Proposed hangar rules were discussed.

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Hangar 3 Update

There has been quite a lot of behind-the-scene action regarding Hangar 3 lately. Although the lease agreement for the hangar was signed by the Chapter back in December, the City is holding-off on signing until we have a certificate of insurance from EAA Chapter Headquarters. This should be rectified soon. If all goes well, it is possible that work on the new roof could start in February.

FORREST SERVICE OPERATING AT ABI

Below is the text of an e-mail message from Don Green, Assistant Director of Aviation at Abilene Regional Airport:

"The U.S. Forest Service will have contractor-operated helicopter operations on airport starting today (1-5-06) in support of the wildfire control effort. There will be up to 5 helicopters staging here during the foreseeable future. We have located these operations on the

northwest side general aviation ramp. Taxiway Q will be closed from Twy A to Twy R today until further notice for helicopter parking and fueling.

There also is the possibility, that operations may increase and fixed-wing aircraft will begin operating here. I will let you know if this is confirmed.

If you have any questions or run into conflicts with this operation, please let me know. If a problem is experienced after-hours, call Airport Operations at 676-6369."

**** GATE CODE CHANGE ****

There has been a northwest gate code change that was effective on Monday, January 9. If you require access to aircraft at the T-hangars, see Jim Berry, Sam Evans or Gray Bridwell for gate code.

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