

Hangar Flyin'



November 2006

President's Message Charlotte Rhodes

Happy Halloween! This year has sure gone by fast. We have accomplished a great deal so far for our Chapter and we still have a long way to go. After the first of the year there will be planning and scheduling of some fund raisers so we can try and get our meeting room done. We are going to need close to \$10,000 to do this so it may take awhile but we will get there. We may be able to get the bathrooms and west door completed before the end of the year and this will use up most if not all of the monies we have left for building. Rome wasn't built in a day and our home will not be completed in a day either so please be patient with us. When I talk about our EAA home I am thinking of all the members not just the ones who have airplanes in the hanger. We are all welcome here. On October 7th we had our annual business meeting which went well. After reviewing the minutes in this newsletter if you have any questions, give me a call and I will be happy to give you an answer

or find one for you. This year I have been trying to get a feel for what the majority of our members want so I will have a better idea of how to press on. WOW! I love you all but this has been a trying challenge for me. So, I decided since we have a set of rules and guidelines established by our members that I should follow them the best I can and maybe then I can stay out of trouble. There are a few things that need updated in the by-laws and we voted on a couple of those at the meeting (see minutes). Well I missed another paragraph pertaining to the same thing we voted on and we need to fix that to. On your proxy you will see the change that is requested. These items need to be changed to show how we are doing business as there are currently conflicting guidelines. Again, if you would like to discuss any of this give me a call. The other big item is the raising of all hanger rents. This is necessary to cover their operating costs. Each tenants rent will go up approximately \$5.83 a month which equates to about an additional \$70 a year. The board hated to do this but we

really have no choice even with all the hangers full. Our gate should be working now by scanning your badge, they are all activated. If the gate isn't scanning, it will be very soon so make sure you have your badge with you when you do come out. It will also open up the gate at Abilene Aero but no where else. Remember, do not drive off until the gate is closed. With the busy holiday season upon us, it is difficult to get a group of us together several times a month so Chapter activities will be limited until after the first of the year. If you have been flying lately you may have noticed the increase in military traffic, local and transient and in addition we are training several new controllers in the tower. This makes for interesting scenarios so when weather permits keep your head up, eyes out the window and ears open. Oh forgot one, tighten your seat belt. Just kidding. See ya at breakfast on November 11th.

November Breakfast and Elections

We will have a burrito breakfast on Saturday November 11th. Elections will also be held so if you are not planning on attending and want your vote counted fill out the proxy included in this newsletter and get it to David Bradshaw prior to the start of electoral voting.

Newsletter Editor Volunteer Needed

We need someone to take over the chapter newsletter from Sam. He has done an outstanding job but he needs a break. Thanks, Sam. Please, if someone would like to give it a shot, get in touch with me or Sam. I know he will be willing to pass along all he knows about putting one together.
~ Charlotte ~

Chapter Property Missing

Over time, several of us have been gathering things for our Chapter to use in the new meeting room or hanger and storing them in the end room. Recently, I was in the end room and noticed the two 4X4 blue/gray pedestal tables I got from the tower are not there. If they have been relocated for use please let me know as I have been trying to establish a Chapter property list to keep track of what we have and where it is and these are on it. Assuming they have been borrowed, please return them or call and let me know

that you have borrowed them. ~ Charlotte ~

Christmas Party Date Set

This year we are going to have our Christmas party in the Chapter hanger on December 16th. More information will be coming to you in the mail soon so mark your calendar and plan to celebrate with us. I will be needing help from some of the ladies so if you are interested, give me a call at home 695-4469. ~ Charlotte ~

Rotan Young Eagles Cancelled....Sort Of.

Due to the current and forecasted weather on Oct 14th the trip to Rotan was cancelled. It looked like at least 6 airplanes were going. Later that evening Seymour called me to let me know that **Larry Chapman waited the weather out** and flew on up. He said Larry flew a bunch of kids. Way to go Larry! I am sure they were very happy to have you there.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 2nd - Board of Directors meeting
November 11th - Breakfast and Elections
December 7th - Board of Directors meeting
November 18th - Movie Night
December 16th - Christmas Party