

Hangar Flyin'



January 2007

President's Message Charlotte Rhodes

Happy New Year to all! While I think 2006 was a great year for our Chapter, I believe 2007 will be even better. This should be another active year with many social activities planned and lots of work to do on all the hangers. Look for a calendar on the web site in the near future with the social activities listed so you can plan on attending. Work days are a little hard to schedule way in advance but I will do the best I can. The door for the west side of our hanger should be installed very soon, thanks to Gray for getting this done. If you missed the Christmas party you missed an absolutely great time. We ate, drank and became very merry during the gift exchange. I wish I would have stolen that grabber thing, I could use it. Instead, I got a small game trap (welded open) with a sign attached saying "complaint department" telling you to fill out a sticky with your complaint and place in center. Someone said I should take it to work and I did. It is now mounted on the manager's door. **Thank you Seymour and Gay** for hosting this gathering for us, you both are awesome.

Chapter awards were given to **Loren Henson, Bobby Nichols and Steve West**. Loren has worked very hard this year for us, volunteering quite a bit of his time for all projects and taking care of several things for other people. His dedication did not go unnoticed and he received the Chapter 471 "High Flyer Award". Congratulations Loren! Bobby has been around from the beginning of this Chapter and has always volunteered his time and participated as much as he has been able to. Bobby has been a tremendous asset to the Young Eagles program and is very deserving of the Chapter 471 "President's Award". Congratulations Bobby! Steve flew the most (36) Young Eagles for 2006 and is always willing to do more, he received the "Golden Eagle" award from Chapter 471. Congratulations Steve! There were many members who put in many hours in 2006 to make things work and to meet our goals and I want to thank you for that. We now have to start gearing up for 2007 and hopefully we will have as much or more participation. Hope to see everyone at breakfast.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST GETS NEW VENUE

Holding our monthly breakfast in Hangar 3 during the months of January, February and March could be quite uncomfortable because of cold weather. As a temporary fix, we will meet at the **Golden Corral** for breakfast during the first three months of this year. We will have an area reserved for our group to meet at **9:00am** and will continue with this schedule on the **second Saturday** through the March breakfast. The Golden Corral is located at 4101 S. Danville, a few blocks north of Buffalo Gap Road. The dates are: January 13th, February 10th and March 10th.

Membership Dues and Hanger Rents Payable Now

If you have not paid your Chapter dues and/or your hanger rent for 2007 please do so as soon as you can. These monies help pay Chapter expenses and utility costs for which we have little reserve to draw from. Final notice will be given in March and if not current by the end of March, we will have no choice but to drop you from the membership. Please mail payment to: EAA Chapter 471, P.O. Box 2585, Abilene TX 79604.

Wings of Freedom Tour Coming to Abilene

The Collings Foundation will be bringing its [Wings of Freedom](#) tour to Abilene in April. In 1979 the Collings Foundation was founded to support "living history" events involving transportation. Originally founded with the focus of automobiles, the foundation moved to aircraft as the need for quality aviation history exhibits grew. The tour includes a stop in Abilene on April 9, 10 & 11. The famous World War II bombers **B-17, B-24 & B-25** are scheduled for the Abilene tour.

Smoking Ordinance Affects Airport Facilities

The City of Abilene's **No Smoking Ordinance** became effective Wednesday January 3rd. While the City has previously prohibited smoking in City-owned facilities, including the terminal, air traffic control tower and hangers, the ordinance goes a step further by prohibiting smoking within 20' of any facilities' doors, operable windows and ventilation systems. Signs stating this prohibition may not be posted until the end of January, but the ordinance will be enforced as of January 3rd. Tenants, whose leasehold is inside the AOA, in whole or in part, must establish a smoking area outside of the AOA. Tenants are responsible for keeping their smoking areas clean of any debris.

(per Memorandum from Don Green, Assistant Director of Aviation)

About Movie Night

Movie night has been postponed until warmer weather. Stay tuned.

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