

EAA Chapter 471

November/December Newsletter

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President's Message

I would like to thank everyone for their support for the last two years and say it has been a learning experience. I have to take some time off from most of my extra duties and spend the time taking care of me and my husband for a change. The incoming officers and directors will do a great job with the Chapter and continue moving us forward. The 2008 Board of Directors are:

President - Hobby Stevens
Vice-President - Steve Johnson
Secretary - David Bradshaw
Treasurer - Tim Walker
Director - Tim McMurray
Director - Steve West
Director - Steve Krazer
Director - Audie Gill
Past President - Charlotte Rhodes

Please thank the incoming members for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to give some of their time to running our Chapter.

We are waiting on an estimate to move the electrical service to the south wall of our hanger and put in a new box that will accommodate our electrical needs. We are able to do the electric project in phases and will work on upgrading the existing service and hanger requirements.

The T Hanger roof project is still moving forward but very slowly. Please be patient as we are trying to figure out a way to stretch our funds and still provide the labor to accomplish this. As per the bylaws, assessments may need to be made to help with the labor portion if enough volunteers are not available. Each tenant will be given ample notification, once the project actually starts, to move their aircraft out of the hanger and cover up anything they want covered. Stay tuned for further information.

Newsletter

This is the November and December newsletter. Starting in January 08 we will do a newsletter and start mailing it out again.

Christmas and AirFest Volunteer Appreciation Party

On December the 8th 3pm at the EAA Hanger we will have our Pot Luck Christmas Party and say thanks to everyone who volunteered at AirFest. We had quite a few steaks left over and we need to cook them up so the Board decided to combine the two gatherings and do just that. The Dyess group will be invited to attend. All the meat, water, tea and some adult beverages will be provided. If you come please bring a dish, dessert or snacks of some kind. By starting at 3pm (eating around 5) we hope it will be warm enough for everyone to have a chance to attend. We will be able to keep food warm or reheat it if necessary. For those who do not have airport badges park on the west side of our hanger or TSTC and come in the west door. We will end when the last person leaves.

Christmas Party in Brownwood

The annual Harold Stiver party will be held on Dec 22nd at his place just east of Brownwood. Feel free to fly or drive in. Some of you have been there before but for those who haven't I will get the "Fly-In" "Drive In" info and get it posted on the web.

B1 Tours

Member and fellow pilot, Scott Koeckritz has offered up tours of the B1 bomber. If you have a group that would like a tour please contact him at 695-9877 to set something up.

Young Eagles

On October 20th some of our group flew to Rotan to fly kids at their annual Boot Scoot and Wild Hog Fest. The morning started out slow and as it started picking up so did the wind. I think everyone that went flew at least one round and a few did two before it got way too windy and we had to quit. Everyone was very understanding and we will try again next year. Those who flew up were:

Russell Ueckert and daughters
Gary Potter
Steve West
David Bradshaw and Mark Reed
Charlotte Rhodes and Don Bledsoe
Seymour Beitscher
Steve Johnson
Tim Walker

I hope I did not miss someone and if I did I am very sorry, as this is important because it is an example of our commitment to furthering interest in aviation. The pictures I took did not turn out so we will have to try again next year.

Breakfast

December 8th breakfast is replaced with the Christmas Party and for the months of Jan, Feb and Mar we will meet at Golden Corral at 9am. If it is starting to warm up in April we will resume breakfast at our hanger.

EAA 2008 Calendars

I have heard from several members requesting a calendar. I will order 30 calendars of which at least 13 are spoken for. The remaining will be for sale by the Chapter for \$13.00 each. Profits will go to the building fund to be used for future projects. This is first come first serve so if you want one call me at home 695-4469 or cell 669-9825 and let me know.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

