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2008 is behind us now and we have a new year in front of us. Our country will have new leadership and so will our chapter, although the faces will be familiar. We will start on year 51. Before getting into the new year, let's review the headlines of this past year..

- 1/2 The price of oil reaches \$100 a barrel for the first time.
1/21 Stock markets around the world plunge amid growing fears of a U.S. recession.
2/4 Iran opens its first space center and launches a rocket into space.
2/12 PDVSA, a state oil company in Venezuela, suspends sales of crude oil to ExxonMobile.
2/12 Bridgestone under investigation for an alleged price-fixing cartel.
2/17 Driver Ryan Newman wins the 50th Daytona 500 NASCAR race.
2/19 Fidel Castro announces his resignation as President of Cuba.
2/20 The United States Navy destroys a spy satellite containing toxic fuel.
3/1ff Rising food and fuel prices trigger riots and unrest in the Third World.
3/19 An exploding star halfway across the visible universe becomes the farthest object ever visible to the naked eye.
3/25 A 160 square mile chunk of Antarctica's Wilkins Ice Shelf disintegrates, leaving the entire shelf at risk.
4/28 India sets a world record by sending 10 satellites into orbit in a single launch.
5/3 Over 133,000 in Burma/Myanmar are killed by Cyclone Nargis.
5/12 Over 69,00 are killed in central south-west China by the Chengdu quake.
5/25 NASA's Phoenix spacecraft becomes the first to land on the northern polar region of Mars.
6/27 After 3 decades as the Chairman of Microsoft, Bill Gates steps down from daily duties to concentrate on philanthropy.
8/8-24 2008 Summer Olympics take place in Beijing, China.
8/22 Pirates hijack German, Iranian, and Japanese cargo ships off the coast of Somalia.
10/3 Global financial crisis.
10/29 Delta Air Lines merges with Northwest Airlines, forming the world's largest commercial carrier.
11/4 Barack Obama is elected the 44th President of the United States.
11/22 Frozen water is found on Mars.
12/31 An extra leap second is added to the end the year.

Next chapter event is our annual banquet at the Vista Ridge Golf Club in Erie Jan 10.
Social hour starts at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM.

EAA 43 Meeting Minutes December 12, 2008

Greg Hall, president, called the meeting to order at 7:04.

The November minutes were approved as published in the December newsletter.

Visitors: *Tim and Nik Marchese. Bill Kendall* joined the chapter.

Treasurer Report: *Lynn Miller*, Treasurer, gave us the numbers. There were payouts for the builder's forum and deposit for the banquet.

Safety Report: *Bill Mitchell*, Safety Officer, gave some tips on taxing on a slushy taxiway. The wheel pants can accumulate snow and ice and freeze up the brake system. Be sure to test the braking ability.

There has been a rash of fuel leaks lately. Cold weather can compress metal fittings. Avoid low and long runway approaches. They may be in violation of noise abatement regulations.

Trip Reports: *Greg Hall* attended the "Oldest Free Fly-In & Air Show" in Fairview, OK. It was held at the Davey & Bessie Martens Airport. *Greg* started off with one pancake (or maybe a few more) at the breakfast and then joined 1500 spectators. At least 135 planes showed up.

Progress Reports: *Jim Loyd* has a model built of his custom "Loyd Lara" up and flying. It flew fairly stable.

Gene Horsman took his Mercury BT-120 with the engine mounted to *Dan Murray* for a custom exhaust.

Georg Grell purchased an IO-360 with 550 hours on it for his Skybolt.

Don Smith has the vertical stabilizer finished on his Rans S-19.

Scott Serani is about 2-3 weeks away from taxing the Champ.

Chad Ambrosius & Kristal Hinton have the tail finished and 70% of the wings done on their Zenith 701. Also a private airstrip is in the making.

Old Business: *Brian Cabebe* shared about the Leadership Academy and will post his notes on our Yahoo Group site. (YAHOO 43).

Lynn Miller said there are 79 people coming to the banquet. (Note: now sold out).

New Business: *Bill Mitchell* bought some AN/AN3/AN4 hardware and will sell it all for \$150.

Brian Cabebe asked about some help for *Nik Marcheche* (visitor) who is interested in getting into commercial aviation.

Minutes Continued

Brian also encouraged the membership to get a YAHOO ID so we could communicate better as a chapter. It can be used for announcements, calendars, programs, training, files and questions. Also *Brian* would help members with learning computer skills, share aviation websites and help the computer challenged with the use of the Internet.

Brian also proposed a motion to print up about 500 of our chapter business cards to be passed around. It was seconded and passed.

Michael Maya Charles proposed to the chapter to purchase some subscriptions of EAA Sport Aviation for the local High Schools to promote aviation among the students.

Business meeting adjourned.

After the meeting, we had a special opportunity to tour the Pilatus Aircraft facilities. Special thanks for the employees that conducted the tour.

Board Meeting Dec. 7, 2008

Chapter members attending were Greg Hall, Steve Beach, Dave Biesemeier, Roxie Juul, Brian Cabebe, Lynn Miller, Mary Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Gene Horsman and Bob Young.

The agenda for the meeting was to plan dates and events for 2009. We will be sending out a list of our events to different airports, aviation organizations and aircraft related companies to expand our chapter to the community.

The following list in no particular order is some of the events we will be involved in or have an opportunity to recruit or participate in.

January 10	Annual EAA43 Banquet		
March 21	EAA 43 Fly-Out		
April 18	Snowbusters	April 21-26 Sun-N- Fun	
May 9	Annual Picnic	May 16 Erie Days	May 23 EAA 43 Fly-Out
July 18	EAA 43 Fly-Out	July 27/ Aug 2 AirVenture	
August 8	Annual Pizza Party	Aug 22,23 Regional & Metro Open House	
September 26	EAA 43 Fly-Out	Sept 18,19 Broomfield Days	
October 17	Ultralight Pumpkin Drop		
November 21	EAA 43 Fly-Out		

Bob Young will head up the advertising to local airports, web-sites and local chapters.

There will be other dates coming up that include open house at various airports, Radial Engine gathering, Glenn Miller dance, Sun-N-Fun, AirVenture, B-17 schedule, Thunder Birds, Blue Angels, Young Eagle events, Easter egg hunts, Poker Runs and the Regional event. Our annual picnic will be used as a recruitment tool for the chapter.

Gordon Page is taking over the large green hanger at Erie for his exhibit. The progress report on the Rocky Mountain Aviation Center is not encouraging. Corporate support is lacking because of the slowing economy. Brian Cabebe will be encouraging members to use the Yahoo Group site for communication to other members. The board is looking for a photo contact to do a chapter calendar.

IT'S TIME

I don't like to use 4 letter words, but this one is necessary. **DUES !!!** They become due January 1 of each year. Still \$20. Let's not wait until the last minute to pay. Get them in before your taxes go up. If you pay early you can get a gold star next to your name in the rooster. Note: Keep your membership dues current in EAA National to insure your voting rights and insure our insurance coverage at chapter events.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE AIRPORT KIND OR DEFENSIVE DRIVING ON THE TAXIWAY

By Dave Bieseemeier

A short time ago, I was taxiing south on Loveland's (FNL) taxiway Bravo, when a fuel truck approached at ninety degrees from my left on the Charlie Taxiway. The driver appeared to be distracted by an aircraft parked on the south run-up area near the end of runway 33. As she didn't look my way as she approached the intersection, the hair on the back of my neck began to rise and I slowed to a stop. As she made the turn toward me and the Sidewinder, she still wasn't looking my way. I reached for the strobe switch and throttle to prepare to taxi off the edge of the taxiway to avoid a collision. She must have heard the engine rev up, finally looked my way, and swerved to the right in time to miss my left wing. Needless to say, I gave her my crustiest look as she drove past.

The point of this little dissertation is to note that we must also be very alert while taxiing, to watch out for vehicles as well as other aircraft. I should have had my strobes on before taxiing, and I now have operable landing lights as well to assist in attracting attention. My recommendations would be to watch intersections closely for approaching traffic, stop well short of the intersection if there appears a conflict is imminent, don't take for granted that the other party has you sighted, and turn on your strobes and landing lights if you have them. Be prepared to

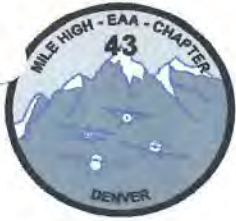
The chapter wishes to issue a special tanks to Dennis Phillips and his assistants, Dave Forester and Mike Sowell, for taking their time to give us an excellent tour of the Pilatus facilities. It was truly amazing to see the transformation of a basic airplane into a customers needs. The different shops appear to be very efficient and well managed to make the necessary modifications.

Fast Trac Thoughts & Goals

- Increase our membership by expanding our presence in the local communities.
- Expand our circulation of the monthly newsletter to airports and aviation companies.
- Increase our advertising in the newsletter.
- Expand EAA exposure into local schools by supplying free Sport Aviation subscriptions.
- Expand the activities that chapter members can participate in.

Support Your Local FBO

Vector FBO and Flight Training. Jason Hurd runs a first class business at Erie Airport.
Contact him at 303-664-0633 or www.vectorair.net



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(Needed for 2009 Roster & Chapter documents)

PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION, even if nothing has changed from last year. We particularly need EAA # and Renewal date.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Street: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

National EAA Membership #: _____

EAA Membership Renewal Date: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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Scholarship Donation (Optional)	.00
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AIRCRAFT INFORMATION:

Note: Category - Standard, Experimental, Ultralight, Light Sport, War Bird, etc.
Status: ---Built, Building, Restoring, Considering, etc

<u>Make, Model</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Since (Yr)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Based At</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED DURING 2009?

Would you?

- Run for a Chapter Officer Post For 2010? ----- Yes ___ No ___
- Arrange, Or Be, The Program For One Of Our Meetings?----- Yes ___ No ___
- Host A Chapter Meeting At Your Project?----- Yes ___ No ___
- Work as a volunteer for 2009 Builders Workshop (if there is one)? -- Yes ___ No ___
- Participate in Young Eagles functions, either as pilot or volunteer? Pilot Yes ___ No ___
Volunteer Yes ___ No ___

Suggestions: Please provide any suggestion on things you would like to see the chapter improve on or provide in the future on a separately attached sheet of paper. The board will review suggestions.



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