
✈️ EAA CHAPTER 32 NEWS ✈️

Jim Bower, Editor

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Don't miss the November meeting on Sunday, November 23 at 2:00. If you are in the Executive Committee (or want to see what goes on), there will be an EC meeting in the back room at 1:00.



Gale Derosier and Don Jonas work on the Chapter project...a Mustang II

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UPCOMING EVENTS**

October Meeting

Shamlessly stolen from the web page...thanks Laura!

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date for the Christmas party is Saturday, December 6th, 2003. Gather and Social at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. Wesley Hurt Sr, of the Tuskegee Airmen will be the speaker. Tickets are \$16 and reservations are due by the November meeting.

FIRE SAFETY

The Chapter has approved the purchase of 5 fire extinguishers. One will be placed in each corner of the hanger and one will be placed in the kitchen. The cost is \$50 per extinguisher. KZ Zigiatis will purchase these units.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The final sales for the Entertainment Books will be at the November meeting. Payments are due to Ron Wright by the November meeting.

NEW HELP NEEDED

Al Donaldson has been planning the Christmas party for 9 years and has asked for a volunteer to take the planning of the event for next year. Dave Doherty has agreed to take over for Al.

Doug Killebrew has asked for a volunteer to take over the cooking at monthly meetings. Jim Bower has agreed to cook with the help of others as needed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following members have been voted into office for 2004-2006:

President: Laura Million

Vice President: Bill Jagust

Secretary: Tom Baker

Treasurer: Gale Derosier

Newsletter Deadline: The deadline for submitting articles, pictures, want-ads, etc. is two weeks prior to our regular general meeting. Please submit these items to the newsletter editor via e-mail (jimbower@hotmail.com), snail-mail (10350 Toelle Ln. St. Louis, MO 63137), or phone (314-869-8971).

Editor's Ramblings

Last month, I put my computer in the shop for a few days, which turned out to be several weeks. I want to once again thank Laura Million, who graciously offered to pick up the slack, and did a dang fine job of it. I wish I could operate a web page as well as she can produce a newsletter!

As you saw in the meeting minutes, your friendly editor will become your new chef. Of course, due to the onset of rotten Missouri winter weather, this blessed event won't happen until sometime around the April meeting. Besides new hands at the grill, a few other changes will be taking place regarding our monthly feast. (I don't know if these changes will start this month, or wait until the next BBQ meeting, but they be a'coming!)

I plan to arrive at the ARC around 12:00 on meeting day and start the fire, which should be good and hot by 1:00-ish, and we'll eat as soon after that as things are ready. Some of us have discussed this, and feel that the present eating time is too late for lunch, and too early for dinner.

In addition, I would like to ask for volunteers to take over this job for me if I can't make it to a meeting for some reason. Let me know.

Jim Bower - Newsletter editor/chef



Learning As We Go

mr. bill

Well, the EAA 32 "Dream Trailer Team", of "have folding table, chairs, and brochures - will travel" (Laura), "hey I remember that Gyro thing from an old James Bond movie" (mr. bill), and that Powered Parachute (Troy) flying machine from the newest Bond movie!!! You guys are cool. The only problem was the weather was real cool - a balmy 38 degrees F. The St. Louis Science Center (SLSC) called 9 days prior to their "CELEBRATION OF FLIGHT" event at the SLSC and asked for airplanes. The DREAM TEAM answered the call and it was a great day. 55 radio control (RC) airplanes arrived in one piece and only 52 went home that way. One out of the 3 scheduled helicopters (a new Roberson - \$430,000 R-44) arrived on time and the pilot went in for the free food and the tour. They hovered out :45 minutes later. The RC boys were putting on a neat show with basic, stunt flyers, and even stunt helicopters. Yes, I guess one could say that those RC flyers were doing some really cool James Bond moves. Like the RC helicopter hovering upside down 6 inches off the ground. Not to be out done was a McD F-18 with a Blue Angel paint scheme with a REAL jet engine. It was lit every half and hour and taxied around for 5 minutes. This \$3,500 Scat Cat engine produced 28 pounds of thrust and was really, really cool. But \$10,000 for the whole get up well....honey about that new car..... Our own "Tear em up Troy" let some volunteers stand behind the Powered Parachute to experience a 30 knot wind chill. Minus 5 wind chill factor. Now that IS cold!

While we were outside some real smart kid was inside dazzling the crowd in the warm building with HIS paper airplanes. Oh they had his books for sale and some kind of contest going on. Though I never did see the guy I was told he holds the world record for throwing and keeping paper in the air for like 27.06 seconds or something like that. I need to find this guy and get me an inside job!

Well, please remember the EAA Chapter 32 Christmas Party is Saturday, December 06, starting at 1800 hours (6:00 PM) at OUR Aviation Resource Center (ARC). Retired Major Wesley Hurt will talk about his time with the Tuskegee Airmen. It is also rumored that one of the Wright Brothers may arrive by train to tell about his experiments with powered flight. TICKETS ARE GOING FAST FOR THIS GALA EVENT!!! Tickets are \$16.00 per person which is \$ 2.00 less than last year. Add \$ 60.00 for your next year's dues and you're set for the next year's programs. You will not be disappointed! Every guest speaker next year has offered up a ride in their fly machine to be raffled off at the meeting. So if you think it is cool toss in a five dollar bill with your name on it for the drawing. If you think it is dangerous well then toss in a couple of fives with your enemies' names on them and they will have to take the ride. Either way there will be some interesting presentations and conversations. Snooze and you will lose!

Q? How much of a \$ 200 dollar airline ticket covers the taxes and the fees?
.....\$50 dollars

Treasurer's Report

Chapter 32 members, it's the end of the year again. You know what that means?? Yes that's right DUES ARE COMING DUE. There's no time like now to start to send them in. Again this year they are \$60.00. That's only \$5.00 per month. They are due by February 1st. We've come a long way in the last 3 years on the A.R.C. We need your support both monetarily and even physically. Our present checking account stands at \$5,692.78 and our hangar savings is at \$5,856.44. We will be spending some of this on the kitchen, conference room, and ventilation system. Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party. As you can see, the cost has been lowered to \$16.00 per person. See, who says everything goes up!!

Gale Derosier, Treasurer EAA Chapter 32

From Al Donaldson...

Well, it's that time again fellow Aviators/Aviatrix, I'm sure you have all noticed the stores, malls, etc have started their annual Christmas effort a good 30 days before Thanksgiving. You might think that is early but Vince Morris and I started lining up our guest speaker back in August. His name is Wesley Hurt and he is a genuine Tuskegee Airman. He and his lovely wife Evelyn are enjoying their retirement at Lake St. Louis. Social hour begins at 6pm. I have asked Wes to come around 6pm so all may have an opportunity to meet and talk to him. So get there early and introduce yourself. Our own Mr. Bill will M.C. the program this year and we appreciate it. We have a new caterer this year. It is Castello's Catering of St. Charles. Diane also has a restaurant called "Lady DI's". Our own Newman Richards (der Grupenfuerer) found this caterer. We will have two entrees: apple pork roast, and chicken lemon pepper. Sides are butter parsley potatoes, green beans almondine, pasta con broccoli, and mostaccioli. There will be salad and assorted rolls and butter. We will have a big Chapter logo cake. There will be setups for drinks for those who wish to BYOB (if you do bring your own safety driver). There will be coffee and decaf with cream and sugar. We will be serving at 7pm, and using a double line system so it should move along fast. We will appreciate any donations of door prizes. For the 1st seven years we rented space every year and it was a bit of a hassle. Now we have the ARC and no longer the \$250 fees plus deposit. However we are still short of chairs and tables. So the Executive Committee voted to buy what we need. There's more good news: last year we charged \$18 per person but this year it dropped to \$16 and that was after adding in most of the cost of chairs and tables. Hopefully next year we can lower the cost below \$16. (If our neighborhood creek don't rise or a tree doesn't fall on us). The after dinner program will follow the same general format as in the past including awards, guest speaker and door prizes. So put your reservation in to Gale Derosier very soon, as we need to give our caterer an estimated head count.

Blue Skies, Al Donaldson Christmas Party Chairman

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 23rd - 1pm, Executive Committee Meeting, ARC Conference Room

Sunday, November 23rd - 2pm, General Meeting, ARC

Saturday, November 29th - 9am, ARC Work Date

Saturday, November 29th - 1pm, Clean-up the ARC for the Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6th - 6pm, Chapter 32 Christmas Party

Just a Reminder:

November Meeting and Pot-luck

There is a November meeting on the 4th Sunday of November (that is the Sunday BEFORE Thanksgiving.) Since we don't Barbeque during the winter, please bring a pot-luck dish to share.

Christmas Party

Please note that we will be having a clean-up session for the Christmas Party on Saturday November 29th at 1pm. If you are not able to attend this clean-up session, please be available to stay after the Christmas party to help clean up after the festivities. We have no official cleaning crews so it is up to all of us members to set up and clean up after ourselves.

If you haven't sent Gale your reservation for the Christmas party yet, you can give it to him at the November Meeting. The price of tickets is \$16 per person.

Also, in the past, everyone has been asked to bring an inexpensive gift to be included in the door prize raffle. Do not wrap the gift so everyone will see what they are getting.

There will be no December meeting due to the holidays.

Laura Million

From the desk of the New President

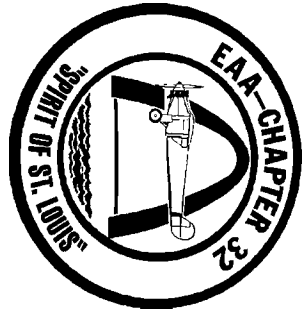
I just wanted to say a few words before taking office. First, I want to thank you all for giving me this opportunity to serve as your President. As a recent article in Sport Aviation said, "These are exciting times for the members of Chapter 32." We have so much going for our Chapter that others are, quite frankly, jealous of us. We have a strong active membership of over 120 people (and growing). We have over 50 members building aircraft in various stages and type. We have a building we call home! We've had some very positive press in SportAviation about our chapters and its members. Now is not the time to slow down.

What strikes me as interesting about this chapter and EAA as a whole is the diversity of the people. We have airline captains and office workers; we have fire fighters and businessmen; we have medical personnel and factory workers. The one thing we all have in common is our love of aviation. Some have been in aviation their whole lives, some have been involved only a short time. The ideas for uses for the building are just as diverse. Some members want the building for a place to meet and socialize. Some members want the building to build things and learn about building. Whatever your reason for wanting the building, it belongs to all of us and all of us are expected to help take care of it. I've already heard complaints from some that we should be finishing the inside of the building before working on the ramp area. Not more than an hour later another member complained about spending so much money on the inside when we should be spending it on the ramp. Again, everyone has their priorities. The fact is all of the work needs to be completed. Why one project takes priority over another is not necessarily because one is more important. Often it is because there is someone willing to take on that project and do the work. The number of volunteers on Saturdays has dwindled significantly and work progress has slowed. If you want to see a portion of the building completed, talk to Stan. He would be more than happy to have you take on that project. If you don't know how to do it, he will find someone to help you. One member saw the need for a sign identifying our building. He took it upon himself to find and later build a sign and now everyone driving down Grafton Ferry Road knows who is in that new building at Smartt Field. The time for talking is over; we need action. To quote that "aging" rocker, John Mellencamp, "it's what you do, not what you say, unless you're part of the future, then get out of the way." The future of this chapter, as I see it, is to promote aviation, help builders with their projects, introduce our next generation to aviation and of course socialize with other aviators. We can only do that as a group. In the next few months, you will be called upon to help the chapter in various ways. It could be with Young Eagles, workshops, the Chapter's open house, cleaning and taking care of the building, etc. Someone has to do it. Someone recently told me that we don't join EAA to clean bathrooms. That's true, but that task is needed as much as organizing workshops, cutting grass, or flying Young Eagles. If all you want the building for is to sit and hanger fly, great. It's there for you. As far as the rest of us, we want more. We've done so much already. Don't slow us down by lack of participation or complaints with no follow through. WE are Chapter 32, not me, not you, WE!

Laura Million...President, EAA Chapter 32

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