



# EAA Chapter 32 News

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**Our very own mr. bill with some of the young men to whom he has imparted much aeronautical wisdom and knowledge.**

**We'll see YOU at the EAA Chapter 32 meeting.  
Be at the ARC at 10:00 am on November 16, 2013.**



Fellow Aviation  
Enthusiasts,

As I sit looking out the dining room window, I see leaves of autumn falling off the trees in great numbers. It looks remarkably like multi-colored snow. Trees are rapidly shedding their summer greens. Most of the farmers in the area are finishing their harvest for the year. Everyone and everything is getting ready for winter. So am I. I have found a lot of time to do things I want to do lately. After a lifetime of working for a living, the company I work for has seen it fit to put me out to pasture. YIPPEE!!! Retired at last. I relish the thought, and am making adjustments to my life to take advantage of my newfound freedom. One of the first things I want to do is fix up my garage into a workshop. Here is where I'll finish several aircraft projects waiting for my attention.

Our EAA Chapter 32 has had a good year. We've attended a number of events in the Greater St. Louis area, starting in January with the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association's annual meeting. We were at the St. Louis Science Center on Aviation Day.

During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week, we were really busy with a B-17 visit as well as the Fair St. Louis downtown. The annual SCFS Pumpkin Drop presented another opportunity, and we had an open house. Our Annual Holiday Dinner and Awards event is scheduled for December 14 this year. It should be another fun evening. Along with all these activities, we held Young Eagle Rallies every second Saturday of the month.

Chapter meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, and the last Saturday was reserved for the Movie at the ARC. There should have been plenty to do for everyone. Next year promises to have a number of great opportunities. Your Chapter Officers and Board of Directors are working hard to make Chapter 32 a fun aviation oriented group, sharing the Spirit of Aviation with others in the St. Louis area.

This month, we have our Chapter 32 Election. Candidates are set, and the election should not provide any surprises. All the current officers have been approached by the Election Committee, and have been nominated for another term. This year, Vice-President and Treasurer will be elected to a two year term. President and Secretary election will be for a one year term. In the future, electees will serve two year terms

# President's Corner

by Dave Doherty

with President and Secretary elected one year, and Vice-President and Treasurer elected the next. The result should be a smooth transfer of leadership, setting the chapter up for better continuity in the future. It is important for our membership to come out and vote during the November meeting.

This year, we'll be sending a young man to the EAA Leadership Academy on a Chapter financed scholarship. We are pleased to announce this, as we've been working on it for a while now. Future Young Eagle events will be used to recruit candidates for this chapter program.

Our new Airport Director. Mr. Dennis Wiss was at the airport observing events during the SCFS Pumpkin Drop competition and EAA32 Open House. He had the opportunity to meet a number of our chapter members who volunteered to participate in our activities. Mr. Wiss seems to be a good fit for our airport, and has a number of improvements in mind. We'd like to get him over to our chapter meeting this month if he's available. If at all possible, we'll have him at our meeting for a meet and greet activity.

This is very important! The Chapter 32 Holiday Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held the evening of Dec 14 at the All Occasion Banquet Center in St. Peters, Mo. We have reserved the Banquet Center for a minimum of 50 people. Cost is \$25.00 per person. We need to get an idea of how many people will attend. Please let our Treasurer, Don Doherty know if you will be attending, and how many will be in your group. Tickets are on sale now. We would really appreciate purchase of tickets in advance. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information about this event. It'll be fun. Let's get a good crowd and have a good time. Make your reservations now.

*Blue Skies,*

*Dave Doherty*

# Safety Tip of the Month

Fall and winter bring on special challenges due to cool/cold weather operations.

Fall mornings check for frost on lifting surfaces; it can affect performance and stall characteristics. If water seeps down into linkages, landing gear doors, pitot tubes, radio masts etc. it can freeze thus rendering some or all of the effectiveness to diminish or not work at all.

Check proper inflation of tires, and oleo struts. Nitrogen is preferred over air as it does not have any water and will not cause rust.

In winter try to use a pre heater, or at least a heat gun to warm the engine before start-up. If starting cold, do not over prime. That washes down the cylinders. Before run-up insure the minimum oil temp and pressure are attained. Exercise the prop until you see the oil pressure change, if so equipped. This may take more than three cycles.

If equipped with carb heat, ensure proper operation. Place the heat on full - never partial. Consult your P.O.H.

NEVER depart into either suspected or known icing; it's a killer !!

Always carry your cell phone along. If you are ever forced down, it may save your life.

*Bob Kraemer*

## **Please Turn the Pump OFF!!**

When you visit the ARC and use the bathrooms you need to turn the pump ON so they will flush. Please do not forget to turn it off. The constant pressure erodes the valves in the toilets until they leak. The resulting water then fills the holding tank, which costs \$275.00 to empty. Don Doherty notes that in recent weeks it has been left on twice. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

# EAA32 CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 14, 2013



## **EAA32 Holiday Banquet and Chapter Recognition Awards Dec 14, 2013**

All current and past chapter members plus their family members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend the EAA Chapter 32 Holiday Banquet. This is a great way to include wives and other family members in an aviation-related activity!

The Annual Holiday Banquet will be held on December 14, 2013 at the All Occasion Banquet Center located at 111 Compass Point Dr, St. Charles, MO 63301. This is the fourth year that the EAA32 Holiday Banquet will be held at this location. The doors open at 6 pm and the party will last until 10 pm. The evening will include dinner, a program of activities, attendance prizes, a gift exchange, and a 50/50 drawing.

Dinner will include a choice of either beef or turkey along with potatoes, green beans, and a couple different types of salad.

Each person please bring a gift for the gift exchange as only those who bring a gift will be able to select a gift at the appropriate time. Tickets for the 50/50 drawing will cost \$1 for a single ticket and \$5 for six tickets. The holder of the winning ticket receives 50% of the total amount collected for the drawing. The other 50% of the money raised goes to the chapter to help fund next year's Air Academy Scholarships.

What a great deal! The cost of the party will be \$25 a person which essentially covers the chapter's expenses for using the banquet center. Dress is casual with a holiday flair, but please, no jeans..

See you there!

The evening program:

- 6:00 – 7:00 Social Hour
- 7:00 – 8:00 Dinner
- 8:00 – 8:30 Awards and installation of Chapter Officers
- 8:30 – 9:15 Guest Speaker – Libby Yunger – Women in Aviation Presentation
- 9:15 – 10:00 Drawings and Gift Exchange



**PLEASE RSVP to the address below.**

### **Holiday Banquet Reservation Form**

Cost is \$25.00 per person. Payment may be made in advance or at the door. Reservations are preferred at least 2 weeks in advance to determine a head count for the caterer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s)

Mail, e-mail, or notify the above to: Party on December 14 at the:  
Don Doherty (EAA32) All Occasion Banquet Center  
1036 Pegasus Circle 111 Compass Point Drive  
St. Peters, Mo 63376 St. Charles, Mo 63301  
(636) 397-4713



# Chapter Officer Elections

Elections are at the upcoming meeting. The slate of officer nominees is now fixed; no more nominations will be requested. The (unopposed) candidates for the offices are as follows:

- **President: Dave Doherty (incumbent)**
- **Vice President: Bill Doherty (incumbent)**
- **Treasurer: Don Doherty (incumbent)**
- **Secretary: Dave Deweese (incumbent)**

## Donation SNAFU

**At last month's meeting a new member donated some books, videos, and other materials to the chapter. The items were not intended for general distribution, but were meant to be used by all our members. Some of them were borrowed without being properly checked out from the library. If you have one or more of the donations in your possession, please let us know so that we may be able to keep better track of our materials. Thank you.**



# Learning As We Go

## “Thank You For All The Memories”

mr. bill

When I was handed a temporary Pilot Certificate on January 21, 1977 little did I know what was in store for this high school senior. Living only a mile away from a major airport on the south side of Chicago (next to a guy named Leroy Brown) provided me with many beautiful glimpses of various airplanes cranking and banking, pilots jockeying their aero machines into position to land at this once busy airport, that is now busy again. It was quite fascinating to see all this happen under various clouds, weather, and windy conditions from my parent’s house. The image that is still etched in my mind is a Midway Airlines DC-9 in a climbing 30 degree bank on climb out from the airport against a perfect blue sky. Still as cool of an image today as it was back then when I was a cool teenager taking flying lessons.

Over this last year in my Learning As We Go articles we have strolled down memory lane of my life with my first flight back when I received my “Young Eagles Flight” as a 14 year old wet behind the ears wannabe pilot. Now 40 years later with some grey hair around those ears, a pocket full of certificates, and the total flight time column in the logbook saying there are 18,000 hours of awesome flight time memories, I have to say, IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL LIFE! But in life there are changes.



Young Eagle Pilot & Master Builder & Mechanic  
Gale Derosier

It has come time in my life to step away from EAA 32 as the Aviation Merit Badge Counselor. The airline announced two years ago as it filed bankruptcy, that it was closing the St. Louis Pilot Base. Well after two years of lawsuits, Federal mediators, and just plain politics, the former TWA pilots were officially stapled to the bottom of the AA seniority list. We will retain our captain slots BUT because we came on the property (with the merger) on April 10, 2000, this 2000 date is

now our new date of hire for bidding airline seniority! (Even though I was hired in January 1989 at TWA and my official AA badge states 1989 as my seniority date of hire too!



I will be a Captain that has the seniority of a NEW guy! So the TWA boyz will be on the bottom of the seniority list for the rest of our 10 year careers.

What does that mean??? No complaining here BUT we will be last to pick the monthly schedules, so no more weekends off. Last to pick vacations, nothing like getting your 5 weeks of vacation all in a row from the second week of January until the third week of February. Did I say all in a row?

The airline will begin to hire NEW pilots in the middle of November (sorry we are REALLY behind here and now that will start in January) so if you have an Airline Transport Pilot certificate and 1,500 hours, AA is looking for YOU! In fact all the airlines are looking for YOU!

And now with the new FAA “REST” rules kicking in on January 4, 2014, the airline needs 436 more pilots that DAY to run the new rest schedule and they have not hired anyone yet...ahhh hello! This all came about from the Buffalo, NY accident where the flight crew was up all night trying to get to their base to work their flights the next day. So the airlines are now required to schedule more rest hours behind the door in the hotel for crews. We as pilots are required to have 8 hours rest **BEFORE** our first flight of the trip.

So, I will be hanging up my Aviation Merit Badge Counselor hat as of January 01, 2014. Thank you Ms. Laura for stepping in as the new Aviation Merit Badge Counselor!



**Awesome Marine/Airline Pilot/Young Eagle Pilot  
Ron Burnett**

So, it is what it is! The TWA boys are still dealing with the lawsuit of how we were stapled to the bottom of the American seniority list 13 years ago! We won that lawsuit but the “politics” of that has yet to rear its ugly head. The Pan Am pilots won their lawsuit and a chunk of money ONLY to have a Federal Judge throw out the financial monetary award of the lawsuit. Makes you wonder sometimes. But as I said in the beginning of this article....that’s how things were on da’ South side of Chicago! (I am glad our Federal Government does not run this way!)

Well growing up a mile east of the Chicago Midway Airport was truly a GREAT place to grow up, a GREAT place for flying, and a GREAT place to start this wonderful career. A career that has taken me to such great heights, some really cool places, and has given me a lifetime of memories. Ones that I have tried to share with you all in these articles over the past years.

Thanks to ALL for all the help over the last 20 years. Thanks to all those who have helped with the EAA 32 Young Eagles Program and in the last 7 years with the Aviation Merit Badge Program. There are thousands of GREAT memories that are etched in my mind of GREAT days, COOL flights, and AWESOME moments that EAA 32 has had with the Young Eagles Program. Adding the Aviation Merit Badge (288 candidates) made it that more special! I wrote about those cool kids too this year!

In fact there is another candidate that is just starting to begin her journey that we will learn more about in the future!

So, here is what is happening at the airline. On December 02, 2013 the old TWA pilots will be scattered to different bases in the airline system. I have been given a slot in Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) and will be reporting for duty in DFW. With the new assigned seniority number of 7,686 (out of 9,996 pilots) and a date of hire of October 2000, (the bottom American guy in DFW has a seniority number of 5,500 with a date of hire of 1991,) yours truly will be at the bottom of the list for awhile. But wait, when American gets merged with US Airways, we will NOT get date of hire like the US Airways people will as these two airlines merge. Oh well, that is another story for another day.



**Master Chef Richard Emery at  
the grill**

I will be going to training in the near future and I will still be hanging out at THE retirement community out at the Troy Airpark. I also will continue to write for this GREAT group of men and women, here at EAA 32! Just not sure when I will see y’all!

My new email address with be [vp2boy@gmail.com](mailto:vp2boy@gmail.com) as I retire the BSARJ one.

You will see the Volksplane II hanging out at Smartt Field for a bit while I go through the transition in this life as an airline pilot!



**Rick May Young Eagle Coordinator**

Still **LEARNING AS WE GO!** I thank you all because you all have showed me and taught me so much! Thanks for the education and the memories!

*Blue skies to all,  
mr. bill*



Check out our fantastic Web Pages at [WWW.EAA32.ORG](http://WWW.EAA32.ORG)  
 Laura Million, Web Designer  
 While you're there, take time to join the Yahoo Groups to help you stay abreast of Chapter happenings!

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