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## Christmas Party at Grady's

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On Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, EAA Chapter 35 celebrated the season in high style, with friends, food, fun and even some airplane talk. The social hour began at 6:00 PM, and we even got in a few hugs. Shirley Baker brought her traditional punch bowl (good stuff!) and a few boxes of wine showed up as well.

As is customary with our group, Al Almond delivered our pre-feast prayer. Though Al could not stay (he was going to do the Lord's work that evening), we all enjoyed seeing this stalwart of our chapter.

The food was the traditional turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, and we heard no one say that the quality wasn't first class. Dessert was provided by the chapter, and that went fast as all of us were ready for "Santa Claus" Dave Baker's annual show.

### HEERRRRS DAVE!!

But just before Dave took stage center for the Christmas gift exchange, President Steve Carlson brought Young Eagles Coordinator Brad Doppelt forward to present commemorative mugs to the pilots who carry that wonderful load for us and our community. Next, Steve presented awards to the folks in the chapter who seem to always be answering the bell. Volunteers do have the most fun, and we are so proud of

### Volunteer Needed

The South West Regional Fly-In (SWRFI), will be held at Hondo on May 13-15, 2005. As the closest and largest EAA chapter, we naturally assume a good share of the workload. One of the more important management jobs is that of Tram Coordinator, and we need to get that volunteer on board as soon as we can. This is an interesting and rewarding task, and one that is very necessary in conducting a successful fly in. If you want to become really involved in this great event and would like to work with some of the best volunteers anywhere, please contact our chapter president Steve Carlson at once. Steve can be reached at 210.545.2376 (home) or 210.258.3990



## A Christmas Party Treat

At the conclusion of our annual Christmas banquet, a small group remained in the party hall to receive a special treat. But first, a little background. The youngest member of EAA Chapter 35, **Matthew Sanchez** at age 14 is a super volunteer in all that the chapter has done in the last three or four years. Known as Jim Haven's sidekick—or co-pilot—he has been a real asset.

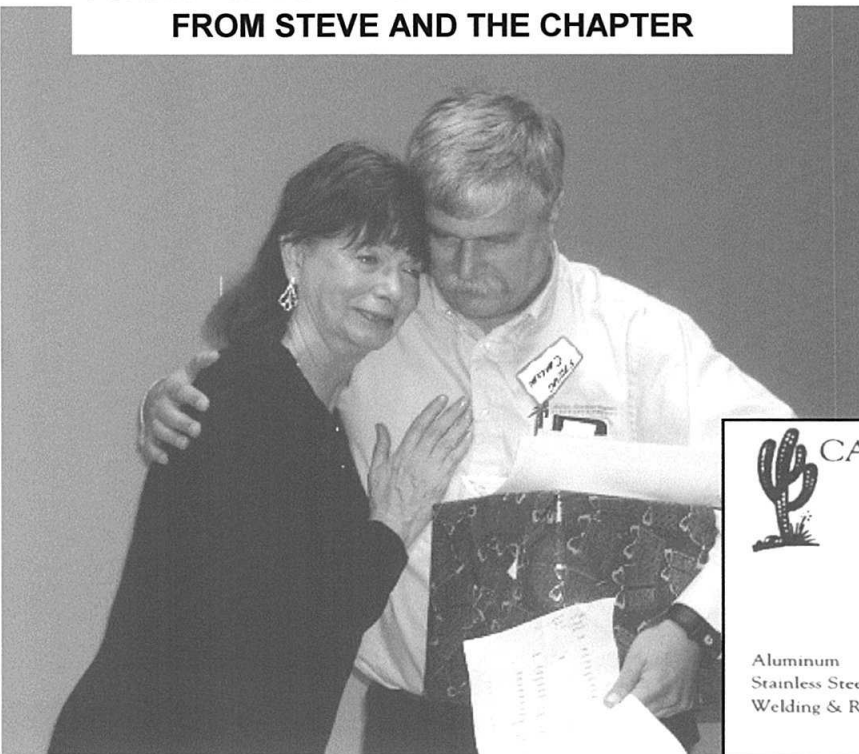
Along the way we learned that he was a very good middle school student, and also that he played the violin.

Now on our special night, we learned that Matt and his parents would be late in arriving, and this was his

"excuse." He was to be the Concert Master for the San Antonio Youth Symphony, and therefore couldn't arrive until 8:00 PM. And after they did arrive, Joanne Warner asked Matthew to play for us after adjournment, and he did. Wow!!! Did he ever play his beautiful violin!



### JOANNE WARNER GET'S A BIG THANK-YOU FROM STEVE AND THE CHAPTER



Most of us stood around with tear-filled eyes as Matt played Christmas music—beautifully. This certainly was a truly a magical ending to a fun-filled wonderful evening. Thanks, Matthew!



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