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I hope Santa was good to all of the 495 members this past Christmas season, but I haven't seen any new aircraft on the ramp yet. One thing we do have is a freshly remodeled bathroom at our meeting place at Felt Field thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers.

When I ask where our chapter should be headed, several members mentioned getting younger people involved with aviation. Pres. George may address this at a future meeting. I've interviewed several members so far and their thumbnail sketch and their picture will appear elsewhere in the newsletters at the rate of about one per month. The more that I talk to our members, the more I'm impressed with what a great bunch that I'm privileged to be a part of.

Our chapter is off to a great start if the turn out for the January general membership was any indication. Ken and Esther put on a great dinner and a lot of great ideas came forth for where 495 should be headed. We discussed iscounts on aviation oil, and getting someone from the FISDO to come down here to give us a talk on any aviation related topic that the chapter would like to know more

about, (I've been to a couple, and they're great). We'd like to get some fly outs going, and flying some Young Eagles this June on International Young Eagles Day. There was also some discussion about building a do it yourself ADS-B IN receiver. You probably know, all the aircraft that now fly in airspace that presently need a transponder to fly in, will need ADS-B OUT after January 1, 2020.

Right now, this is tax season, and you should remember Young Eagle flights are a totally tax deductible item, which helps out on the "bottom line". Everybody wins with this deduction. The pilots, the Young Eagles, and General Aviation all benefit. I've done the math, and when I get 2 or more Young Eagles to fly at a time, I rent out a 172 from Rob at the FBO. If you don't have your own set of wings but have a Private SEL license, it's a fun way to go! There was also some talk about getting an activities director to help pick and choose (manage if you will) what OUR CHAPTER will be doing.

Hey everybody!! Lets' make Treasurer Lynne a happy camper by getting our individual dues paid. Pay at the meeting, or pay by mail. O.K., enough for now, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting—V.P. Steve

Newsletter Editor's note: We need input from all our members for the newsletter. If you are planning a fly-out and would like some company, what better place to find like-minded aviators than right here? And it's a shame to take off with empty seats in your airplane. Have some pictures from a recent trip or flying vacation? Send them along! Others love to see what you have done and get ideas for trips. Looking for a special

something or have something to sell? Did you know you can place a free classified ad in the Chapter 495 newsletter? It also goes on the chapter website. http://495.eaachapter.org/ Just email your content and photos to me, joe(at) joemessinger.com If you have ideas for articles, send them along. Remember, this is your newsletter and we need your ideas to make this the best chapter around.

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Stan Donahoo..pilot, Airplane Builder, Physician, and more

Wow!! Where do I start?? When I asked Stan Donahoo if he'd grant me an interview, I knew that he was a retired doctor, but all the other things he's done and places where he's been, is, in a word, "Amazing!"

His story starts over 80 years ago in St. Joseph, Missouri. He has lived all over the world with a lengthy career in the military, and also as a surgeon. When it became time to settle down for good, he narrowed down the list of places until, luckily, Roseburg came out on top. (As a side note, I agree!)

When he moved to Roseburg he became the very first Board Certified orthopedic surgeon that was ever in Roseburg.

He and his lovely wife raised six children to become productive citizens, and one of the pictures that adorn his hangar shows a strapping young man in front of a B-1 bomber that he piloted. That's one of his offspring who, incidentally, went on to become a Wing Commander in the Air Force. In his hangar there's also a beautiful rocket ship RV-4 taildragger that he built a number of years ago.

Dr. Stan has owned a Cessna 320, Mooney M20, Beech E55, and partnered on a Cessna 172. Speaking of 172's, one of his most memorable flights occurred when returning from Baja, Mexico, to Oakland, CA at night when the engine gave out and he managed to coax the crippled bird 12 miles to Lemoore Naval Air Station. What a story! He became a member



of 495 because he enjoys being around people who have an interest in aircraft and aviation. He's been to EAA Airventure several times and this year, he'll be going back, but he'll be flying commercial. Dr. Stan has ratings for multi engine ATP, commercial seaplane, IFR, and an airman repairman certificate. I could tell more, but I'd run out of paper. We're fortunate to have people of his caliber in our chapter.

JUST FOR GRINS



Three old pilots were walking across the ramp to their airplanes.

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"
Second one says, "No, its Thursday."
Third one says, "Yeah, so am I. Lets go get a beer instead."

One mouse tells her girlfriend she dates a bat.

- " What is this "thing" you are dating?"
- " It's a bat, a mouse with wings!"
- " But he is so ugly!"
- " Well, yes, but he is a pilot!"

Q: What makes a helicopter fly?

A: They don't actually fly. They are so ugly, the ground repels them!

Did you hear about the new flight regulations for commercial aircraft? Now all commercial pilots must be able to read and write, hence, the two-pilot rule. One must be able to read and the other write.

The Copilot

I am the copilot. I sit on the right. It's up to me to be quick and bright; I never talk back for I have regrets, But I have to remember what the Captain forgets.

I make out the Flight Plan and study the weather, Pull up the gear, stand by to feather; Make out the mail forms and do the reporting, And fly the old crate while the Captain is courting.

I take the readings, adjust the power, Put on the heaters when we're in a shower; Tell him where we are on the darkest night, And do all the bookwork without any light.

I call for my Captain and buy him cokes; I always laugh at his corny jokes, And once in awhile when his landings are rusty I always come through with, "By gosh it's gusty!"

All in all I'm a general stooge, As I sit on the right of the man I call "Scrooge"; I guess you think that is past understanding, But maybe some day he will give me a landing.

Keith Murray