



# Prop Wash

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## President's Message

**November Meeting:** We had a nice little gathering in the Missoula Airport Conference Room where I briefed the membership on my California chapter visits and other discoveries. As a result, I will be doing a few things differently in the future (more later). Gary Matson briefed us on the latest goings on with the Missoula Airport and the efforts to get something moving on new hangars for general aviation. We received updates of current projects by the members that were present. We also discussed plans for the various activities for 2006 (more later). To finish up, we watched the Naval Aviation version of "No Easy Days."

*Only in America....do drug stores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions filled while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front!*

**KitFox Update:** If you haven't already heard, we have a deposit on the KitFox. It turns out that a friend of Garth's from Wisconsin who has flown the airplane has made an offer that was accepted by the Board of Directors. The deal should be complete by the end of the month. The new owner has joined the Chapter so he can store the airplane in the Chapter hangar until he picks it up this coming spring.

*Only in America....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a diet coke!*

**Thanks to Bob Brunson:** You've seen the picture, now here's the story. Chapter 102 member, Bob Brunson, was kind enough to lend his professional welding skills to repair one of the cable drums for the hangar bi-fold door. He and Gary Weyermann are working up an improvement to better distribute the load when opening the door on the hangar. Thanks again Bob.

*Only in America....do we leave our cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our junk in the garage!*

**2006 Dues:** It's that time of year again; Chapter dues are due for 2006. Annual dues remain \$20.00 for an individual and \$30.00 for family membership. It will be helpful if you will simply sent Sherry your dues. It costs the Chapter about a \$100.00 to prepare and mail out bills. Please feel free to renew for two years at \$40.00 (individual) and \$60.00 (family).

*Only in America....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eigh!*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Chili Feed:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mid Winter Chili Feed will be held on January 28, 2006 at the Chapter Hangar at the Stevensville Airport. Last year we had a great turn out and some fantastic chili. It is expected that we will have more entries and more people. The event will be open to the public and hopefully be another successful fund raiser. Last year we discussed actually doing a competition this year, so you may have the opportunity to vote for your favorite chili.

*Only in America....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering!*

**Silent Auction:** In conjunction with the Chili Feed, there will be a silent auction to raise further funds to support chapter activities. Some of the items identified so far are: Chandelle wine with cool aviation scenes depicted on the labels; die cast metal models such as a Doolittle B-25, B-24, B-17, P-51s, P-40, P-38s and others; painting; Orbis fly fishing rod; other items to be donated. If you have anything that you are willing to donate or you know where you can obtain a donation, please do so and let us know what it is. It would be best if we know by the first of January so we can list them in a catalog and advertise the items we will have.

*Have you ever wondered.....why Psychics never win the lottery?*

**Future Meetings:** As a result of my visits to other chapters, in 2006 we will be having a food event tied into some of our monthly meeting. Some will be pot lucks, some will be soup and salad, some will be desert pot lucks, and some will be BBQs. This will only be some of our meetings in 2006, and if the members like it, we can expand it to all meetings in 2007. Another change will be that I will be asking for an update report on member's projects; after all we're the EAA and some of us actually build airplanes. As a result of our survey, we may not have formal programs at all of our meetings; some may simply be social events. Some of our meetings may be at locations other than our regular meeting locations, so please check your newsletter to be sure of where to go for the monthly chapter meeting.

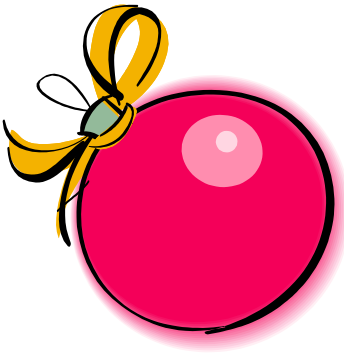
*Have you ever wondered.....why "abbreviated" is such a long word?*

**Activities for 2006:** Our first draft of activities for 2006 include, besides the Chili Feed, a welding workshop, a fabric work shop (includes actually covering Don Lorenzen's BearHawk ailerons), two youth camps, and our regular Young Eagles Flights. I expect to add more as time goes on. 2006 is shaping up to be another terrific year for EAA Chapter 517, Inc.

*Have you ever wondered.....why the man who invests your money is called a "broker?"*

**Christmas Party:** Time is short, so please make your reservations with Sherry (542-5177) for the 2005 Christmas Party on Monday December 19, 2005. We need to let the hotel know how many meals to prepare by December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see the details next page.

Merry Christmas, *Steve*



## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! EAA Chapter 517 Christmas Party

**Day: Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Place: Inn on Broadway, 1609 W Broadway, southwest of the intersection of Broadway and Russell**

**Time: 6:00 PM no host bar with beer, wine, soft drinks; 7:00 PM dinner**

### Entertainment:

- \* Surprise presentation by Bob and Judy Klein, seasonal performance Troupe, recipient of rave reviews for past performances
- \* White elephant exchange... bring your best!
- \* Spontaneous spotlight opportunities available for volunteer entertainers



## RESERVATION FORM

Please send your *menu selections* and *payment* (\$22 per person)  
by Monday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>**

to **Sherry Rossiter PO Box 16446, Missoula MT 59808.**

\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala ("herbed" chicken breast flavored with wine, herbs, mushrooms) \$22.00 per person

\_\_\_ Roast Pork Loin with Cranberry Stuffing \$22.00 per person

Buffet choices include Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Wild Rice Pilaf, Baked Potatoes, Garden Green Salad, Decadent Desert, rolls, butter, coffees & teas

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## Calendar 2005

December 12      Deadline Christmas Party  
December 19      Christmas Party  
December 25      Merry Christmas

**2006      Happy New Year**

**January 28th    2nd Annual Chili Feed  
& Silent Auction**

## Next Meeting:

**Christmas Party Monday Dec. 19th**  
**6:00PM Drinks - 7:00PM Dinner**  
**The Inn on Broadway**



Thanks Bob Brunson!

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