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Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 517

December 2002

From the President

Merry Christmas! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and best wishes for the new year. It's hard to believe that 2002 has flown by so fast.

Year in review. We've done well this year at EAA Chapter 517. We started the year with 15 members and we ended the year with 51 members. We started the year homeless and now we have a "hangar home." What wonderful changes! Weather rained (pun intended) on our Young Eagle Flights a couple of times, so we didn't quite make our goal for the number of kids flown this year, but we will keep working on it. We had several interesting programs this year, and we set up our first annual Poker Run. We even had our "test run" Pancake Breakfast at the hangar on November 23 with around 25 participants. Basically, EAA Chapter 517 has established our new pattern of operations for 2003 and beyond.

I thank all of you for providing your time and resources to achieve the goals of EAA Chapter 517 in 2002. I hope we exceed our goals in 2003 as much as we exceeded them in 2002.

Donations. We are working hard on a couple of new aircraft donations for the Chapter. The Board will keep you advised on the progress of these efforts.

Speaking of donations, it isn't too late for you to make a tax deductible donation to Chapter 517. Remember the Chapter is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation. If you have something you think the Chapter might be able to use, please contact me. We can also accept cash to help offset the cost of supplies (such as tables and chairs) and material we have been buying to upgrade and equip the hangar.

Bylaws. I bet you are getting tired of me ragging on you about the vote for the amended Bylaws and the proxies we need to get it done. During the last few months one fact has become very evident. We clearly want to get this amendment passed, so we don't have this kind of trouble in the future making necessary changes. It is unfortunate that certain provisions of the current Bylaws require an 85% member vote. This is one of the major changes that needed to be made so it is not as hard to conduct Chapter business in the future.

Attached you will find a new Proxy Statement for your signature. All of the previously submitted Proxy Statements expired the end of November. Please complete and sign the enclosed Proxy Statement, even if you plan to be at the January membership meeting. If you are there, you may vote in person. If you are not, I hope to have enough proxies and members present to finally vote on the amended Bylaws.

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Attached is a copy of the amended Bylaws for your review. You will note that the main thrust of this document is to provide direction on how the Chapter is operated and it clarifies the fact the Board of Director's is accountable to the membership.

November Meeting Feedback. We had a nice meeting on November 18, 2002 at the new airport terminal conference room. We discussed a number of issues and set a plan for 2003.

- The date for the **hangar dedication** was set for Saturday May 3, 2003. The Board will establish a Hangar Dedication Committee to work out a plan for this event.
- The dates for the **Kids Camps** have been set. The first one, a girls only (new this year), will be June 16 -20, and the traditional Camps will be July 14-18 and July 21-25, 2003.
- The **MSO Air Show** will most likely be July 12, 2003. We are working with the Airport Administration to design a part for the Chapter to play in this event. I anticipate an Air Show Committee to over see our part of the planning process.
- We selected August 16 to have our 2003 **Poker Run**. On the weekend of February 14 -17, 2003 we have set as a **Sweetheart Fly Out** (the weekend after Valentines Day) with Chapter 102. The plan is to fly down to Jackpot, NV.
- We selected the Saturday after the monthly meeting for our **Pancake Breakfast** each month in 2003. We will continue to publicize this event to the aviation community so they can plan on this as somewhere to fly once a month.
- We are planning four member training events this year: painting, fabric, composites, and a flight review week end.
- The **Flight Review Week End** will be April 26-27, 2003.
- We will also visit with the Division of Aeronautics to see how we might participate in the **State Aviation Conference** schedule February 27 - March 1, 2003.
- Members requested that we include a few minutes of training at each of our meetings.

Reminder. Starting in January 2003, we will be alternating the dates of our meetings as well as location in an attempt to garner participation from members that are unable to make the Monday night meeting. Watch the newsletter each month for the date and location. The January meeting will be on Thursday, January 16, 2003 at the Museum of Mountain Flying at 7 PM. John Seymour, the Missoula Airport Director, has agreed to provide an update on the future of Missoula International Airport.

The tentative plan for the February 13, 2003 meeting at Stevensville, will be a **Wings Program** meeting that will include invitations to the whole aviation community. I have invited Dr. David Westphal to discuss the best ways to deal with potentially disqualifying medical issues at flight physical time.

CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 14th

The Chapter Christmas party will be Saturday, December 14th, from 6-9 PM, at the Best Western Grant Creek Inn, located northeast of the I-90 & Reserve Street interchange. This specially-prepared, all-you-can-eat, catered dinner buffet will feature three meat entrees, three salads, scalloped potatoes, rolls, dessert and a beverage. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person. Checks should be made payable to EAA Chapter 517 and mailed to Sherry Rossiter at P.O. Box 16446, Missoula, MT 59808 by December 9th (the

date she needs to give the caterers a final count). **Please bring a wrapped (or unwrapped) “white elephant” item for a fun gift exchange.** There will be time before and after dinner to mingle with Chapter members and their guests and to enjoy some Christmas eggnog. There might even be a surprise visit from Santa Claus, if he can work it into his schedule! Ho Ho Ho, Steve

Hangar Space Rental

Monthly rate. The hangar will be ready to accept member’s airplanes by January 1, 2003. An introductory rental rate has been established by the Board of Directors of \$75.00 per month through the month of March 2003. After that, the rate will be based on the space required by the aircraft not to exceed \$125.00 per month.

Day rates. If you need to use the hangar for a day to change oil, wax the aircraft, 100 hour inspection, annual or something similar, the following rental rates will apply:

1 day (24 hours):	\$15.00
2 days:	\$25.00
3-5 days:	\$10.00 per day
6-15 days:	\$ 8.00 per day
16 or more days:	\$ 7.00 per day

Requirements. Hangar use is limited to Chapter members that are current with Chapter dues and National EAA dues. Rental agreement/lease (monthly or daily) must be completed prior to hangar use.

Contact. Please contact Steve or Zane to arrange space in the hangar.

Bob Brunson and Gary Weyermann drove to the Kalispell EAA chapter 102 November meeting. The meeting was held at Hank Galpin’s hanger. The first two pictures are of Hank Galpin’s Travelaire 6000. 10 years and 8000 hours of work. It is just like new, in fact most pieces were made new during the rebuild. The second plane is Alan Potts, probably the finest example of a Marquart Charger around. The third aircraft is Ray Sanders mid-twenties Swallow with an OX5 engine. This is a rare bird - only six left and none are flying. This one should be flying this spring. “What a great time.” Gary Weyermann photo’s



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Merry Christmas!
 Happy New Year!!

Calendar 2003

December	14	Christmas Party -6 pm	
January	Thursday	1-16-03	MSO
February	Thursday	2-13-03	32S
March	Monday	3-10-03	MSO
April	Monday	4-14-03	32S
May	Thursday	5-15-03	MSO
June	Thursday	6-12-03	32S
July	Monday	7-14-03	MSO
August	Monday	8-11-03	32S
September	Thursday	9-11-03	MSO
October	Thursday	10-16-03	32S
November	Monday	11-10-03	MSO
December		Christmas Party	TBA

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16th @
 7 pm at Museum of Mountain Flying
 Congratulations to Steve
 Rossiter * Master CFI ***



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