



CHAPTER 907 SQUADRON NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting: December 12,
2019
Meeting Time: 6:00PM
Cheers
Mt. Pleasant Airport
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Guests Welcome!**

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR
YOUR NAME TAGS!**

**There will NOT be a regular
monthly Meeting on December
5th. We will meet at the Hangar
on December 6th at 6:00PM to
complete the Chapter's Float for
the Mt. Pleasant Christmas
Parade.
Our next Chapter meeting will
be on December 12th at Cheers
at 6:00 PM for annual our
Christmas Party.**

View from the Backseat



Hello everyone,
Hope everyone is doing well. The Holiday season is upon us and busy time for everyone. We are doing the Christmas parade again this year. We will meet at the hanger on Friday night at 6pm on the Dec 6th to get the float ready. I'll order pizza for afterwards.

The Christmas Party will be at Cheers on Thursday Dec 12th at 6 pm. Anyone that can attend that I haven't talked to give me a call so we can get number. Hope to see everyone there.

Thanks Randy

Since this will is my last issue of The Chapter newsletter I decided to usurp some of Randy's space this month. After approximately 170

newsletters I am stepping aside and handing over the reins to Marcia Clemens. Please provide her with your support as she gets accustomed to her new position. Any help you can provide here will be appreciated. We have several events coming up over the next several weeks, the Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade and our Annual Holiday Dinner. There will be a work session on December 6 at 6:00 PM at the Hangar to assemble the float. Saturday, December 7, the parade will assemble on Main Street by the United Methodist Church. Be there by 5:30 PM, The parade starts at 6:00PM. Our annual Christmas Party will be on Thursday December 12 starting at 6:00 PM at Cheers like last year. Randy is still working out the details but expects to offer 3 entrees to pick from at approximately \$ 20 to \$25 per person. He should be able to fill in the details by December 6. He will need a head count by early the week of December 9th. Call him at 989 240-4058 to confirm your attendance.

Thanks,
Butch

Chapter Officer Elections are Done

The Members of your Chapter have elected new officers to run the Chapter for the next two years. Your President will be Randy MacDonald, Vice-President is Al Davis, Secretary will be Becky Granger, the Treasurer is Bill Cain, and John Manley and Ralph Prewett will be your Directors on the Board. Maggie Ballauer continues as the past President on the Board. The new officers will begin their terms on January 1, 2020.

EAA Chapter 907 Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2019

ATTENDANCE: 15 Members present
CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE: President Randy called the meeting to order at 7:04 and led us in the pledge of allegiance.
Minutes: Randy asked if everyone read them in the newsletter, and called for a motion to accept them. Roy made the 1st motion and Joan made the second, they were approved.
Treasurer's Report: Butch said we have approximately \$6,000.00 in our checking account

with one outstanding bill for the port-a-potty from Wings and Wheels. He said our dues were due in December and could be paid starting now. Several members did pay the dues at the meeting. He also has the new 2020 calendars available for \$10.00.

OLD BUSINESS: The Christmas parade is a go. We are going to use the H5 on the float and have the kids group walk with the float and pass out the airplanes. Maggie will call City hall for the application and make the signs for the float.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: We decided to have it at Cheers again. There will be more details in the newsletter. The date was originally set for Saturday Dec 14th, but that may change as there was another party booked for the room.

Youth WORKSHOP: There will be one on November 9th.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed the dates for 2020. YOUNG EAGLES will be **June 13th**, the BREAKFAST will be **August 8th**, and **WINGS AND WHEELS is still to be determined.**

ELECTIONS: We had to elect new officers for 2020. Randy MacDonald will continue as **President**, our new **Vice President** is Al Davis, Becky Granger will continue as **Secretary**, our new **Treasurer** is Bill Cain, and Marcia will do the **Newsletter**. The **Board of Directors** will be John Manley, Ralph Prewett, and Maggie Ballauer. After the slate was filled there was a vote and the consent was unanimous. We welcome the new officers and thank those who said they would do another term. Joan Fleishman will continue to help with applying for grants and raising money. **THANK YOU JOAN!!!**

The December meeting will be our Christmas party. The January meeting will be **the 2nd Thursday, January 9th**, due to the holiday. President Randy adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Becky Granger, Secretary

**Aircraft Identification:
If it's ugly, it's British.
If it's weird, it's French.
If it's ugly and weird, it's
Russian.**

Treasurer's Report

The Chapter's Treasury balances as of October 31, 2019:

Opening balance 9/30/2019	\$ 6519.53
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Expenses	\$ 154.79
Balance 10/31/2019	\$ 6364.74

Scholarship Fund \$1125.81

Your Purchases from Amazon Smile has generated a total of \$8.72 for the last quarter. Thanks and keep using Amazon Smile for you on-line purchases.

Chapter 907 Youth Workshop

We have had several Youth workshops over the last month to get the Hummel fuselage ready to be used as the centerpiece of our Christmas Parade Float. The kids have been working on getting the Stabilizer ready to rivet and working on the cockpit cowling.



Randy and Butch took a trip to Hummel Aviation to pick up some parts and fitting for the project. After the Holiday we should be starting on the assemble of the wing with the spar and ribs.

A word to the WISE!
The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

Miscellaneous News Items

Trade-A-Plane becomes online-only publication in Jan.

The December edition of Trade-A-Plane will be the final print issue to be published as the 82-year-old aviation classified publication transitions to an entirely digital format in January. The company has been more focused on digital advertising in recent years because it is more economically viable and offers buyers and sellers a more immediate exchange of information.

[AOPA Online](#)(11/21), [AVweb](#)(11/19)

AOPA comments on FAA information collection for medicals

Pilots submitting a medical application via the Federal Aviation Administration's MedXPress website may have noticed some substantial changes to the form. Pilots need to be both aware and forewarned of what those changes mean. [AOPA Online](#).

ROAD TRIP: SANTA'S HELPERS VOLUNTEER FOR OPERATION GOOD CHEER

December 1, 2019 By Julie Summers Walker

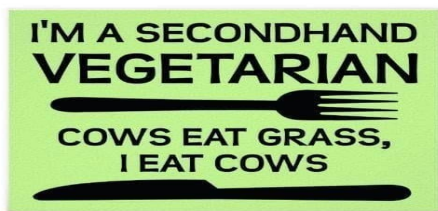


On December 6 and 7, 2019, Santa will be flying general aviation in Michigan. That's when Child and Family Services of Michigan Inc. enlists the aid of volunteer pilots who deliver Christmas gifts throughout the state to foster children.

This will be the forty-eighth year of making Christmas wishes come true for foster care children in Michigan through a program called Operation Good Cheer. The Christmas gift-giving program began in 1971, when it was organized by the late Constantine Kortidis; program recipients include infants, children, teenagers, and adults with disabilities. Thousands of volunteers participate in Operation Good Cheer. Donor groups and individuals purchase Christmas gifts from wish lists. Then, at donor sites, these gifts are picked up, loaded, and transported by volunteer trucking companies and their drivers to Pontiac-Oakland County International Airport. Volunteer pilots use their aircraft to transport the gifts to local airports

across Michigan. At each airport, volunteers gather the gifts and deliver them to the children and youth in foster care. This generosity provides thousands of Michigan children—some of whom would not receive anything otherwise—with Christmas gifts, and the joy of knowing there are people who care. More than 13,000 gifts are delivered each year to more than 7,000 children. Pilots and aircraft descend on Pontiac's airport and participate in a choreographed ballet of gift sorting, loading of aircraft, and sending flights out across the state.

Web: cfsm.org/operation-good-cheer
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Birthdays in November



The following Chapter members are celebrating a birthday this month:

Carol Hamp

(Please let the Newsletter Editor know your birthday if you haven't done so yet or if it has changed!)

Calendar of Events

Due to the large number of Dawn Patrols scheduled the newsletter will select those within reasonable distance from Mt. Pleasant. For a complete list see MDOT Web site Calendar at www.michigan.gov/aero/

Note: Please call ahead to confirm the scheduled event is taking place as published.

December 6, 2019, Gather at Chapter Hanger, Complete Float for Christmas Parade

December 7, 2019, Mt. Pleasant Christmas Parade

December 14, 2019, Annual Christmas Party and Chapter 907 Monthly meeting. 6:00 PM at Cheers Restaurant, Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI. Call Randy MacDonald for more details at 989 644-5540.

January 9, 2020. Chapter 907 Monthly Meeting, 7:00PM, Note there will not be a dinner prior to the meeting. The Chapter will provide snacks after the main meeting. Call Randy MacDonald for more details at 989 644-5540.

What was It?



The **HZ-1 Aerocycle**, also known as the **YHO-2** and by the manufacturer's designation **DH-4 Heli-Vector**, was an American one-man "personal helicopter" developed by de Lackner Helicopters in the mid-1950s. Intended to be operated by inexperienced pilots with a minimum of 20 minutes of instruction,^[1] the HZ-1 was expected to become a standard reconnaissance machine with the United States Army. Although early testing showed that the craft had promise for providing mobility on the atomic battlefield, more extensive evaluation proved that the aircraft was in fact too difficult to control for operation by untrained infantrymen, and after a pair of crashes the project was abandoned.

What Is It



COOKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE

We have the Chapter's 30th Anniversary Cook Books. The suggested price is \$10 but we are selling them for introductory price of \$8. We will have them at our next meeting for your viewing and purchase. This book contains 200 of your favorite recipes that we have all enjoyed over the years at our different events. They would make a great present for birthdays, or any other special day.

CHAPTER CLOTHING WITH EMBROIDERED LOGO

Chapter Logo shirts, hats, etc. are available directly from In-Stiches or you can order them from Maggie at our meetings

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