



# CHAPTER 907 SQUADRON NEWSLETTER

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**A Tax Exempt 501 (c)3 Non-Profit Organization**

**No Meeting for February**  
**Mt. Pleasant Airport**  
**Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**  
**Guests Welcome!**

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

**There will be no meeting  
for February.**  
**Next meeting in March.**

**[View from the Backseat](#)**



## **[EAA Chapter 907 Meeting Minutes](#)**

Meeting January 9, 2020  
Meeting called to order by Randy.  
Treasurer report – spent \$1000 to Hummel.  
Old Business—Christmas parade went well.  
21 people attended Christmas party at  
Cheers.  
Young Eagles will be held June 13, 2020.  
Certificate and pins were given to Bill Cain,  
Butch Ballauer and Becky Granger.  
Randy adjourned meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

The Chapter's Treasury balances as of November 30, 2019:

Opening balance 10/31/2019	\$ 6364.74
Deposits	\$ 688.72
Expenses	\$ 2515.91
Balance 11/30/2019	\$ 4537.55

Scholarship Fund \$1125.86

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

**DEATH IS JUST  
NATURE'S WAY  
OF TELLING YOU  
TO WATCH  
YOUR AIRSPEED!**

## Chapter 907 Youth Workshop

## Miscellaneous News Items

### **First Bearhawk Companion kits delivered**

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AUSTIN, Texas — The first Bearhawk Companion kits have been delivered to customers, [Bearhawk Aircraft](#) officials report.

The side-by-side two-place aircraft, introduced in August 2019, is STOL capable, cruises at 130-150 mph, and carries from 950 to 1,150 lbs. of payload.

GREG CHAREST AND A FRIEND WITH THE NEW BEARHAWK COMPANION KIT. Greg Charest took delivery of the first Bearhawk Companion kit in January 2020.

In selecting the Bearhawk Companion, Charest said he wanted an aircraft with proven strength and a wide performance envelope. His dilemma was deciding between the Bearhawk 4-Place and Bearhawk Patrol, then the Companion was introduced.

Charest resides in the Boston, Massachusetts area.

"Weather this year has been back and forth, between cold and warm," he stated. "A little luck with warm weather helped with an uneventful kit delivery and the Companion is under cover for a couple of weeks while work on the shop is completed."

While a first time aircraft builder, Charest noted he has a close friend in Vermont with whom he's worked on aircraft before. He's expecting his friend to help with the large assemblies.

"Like many other first time builders, I am a little nervous about being able to complete such a big project. Fortunately, there is great support

available from Mark Goldberg at AviPro and a very active Bearhawk builder community. Bob and Mark want to see the first build go well,” declared Charest.

From owning and fixing Cessnas, to his current Aeronca Champ, Charest is looking forward to having a plane built with new parts.

“I’m super excited about eventually being able to fly and maintain a new airplane, rather than something built in the 1970s,” he exclaimed.

A second Bearhawk Companion customer, Chad Marks of Montana, received his kit this month as well.

“I’m going through things right now. This is my first time to build an aircraft. It’s all new to me,” he stated.

Marks has been interested in flying for years, but it was always financially impossible. Now Marks says he’s fulfilling a lifelong dream. Following research on available aircraft, Marks decided on the Bearhawk.

Living in Montana, “This type of backcountry aircraft was what I wanted,” he said. “Metal wings, payload, speed, all I read about it fit the criteria. Tubular frame, sturdy, reliable.”

Like Charest, community help was important in the decision.

Marks is looking forward to flying with and teaching his daughter one day, so a tandem aircraft seemed less suitable than one with side-by-side seating. Marks says he expects the Companion will fly like the Bearhawk Patrol, though with greater payload and without the higher cost of ownership of the Bearhawk 4-Place.

The Bearhawk Companion can be powered by Lycoming 4-cylinder engines, including the 320/360/370/375 variants and IO-390 providing 150–210 hp.

## Sporty’s puts out call for entries for writing competition

JANUARY 20, 2020 BY [GENERAL AVIATION NEWS STAFF](#) [LEAVE A COMMENT](#)

The Richard Collins family has once again partnered with [Sporty’s](#) to offer The Richard Collins Writing Prize for Young Pilots.

To qualify, the writer must be a pilot (including student pilot) who is 24 years of age or younger. The article must be original, not previously published, and no longer than 1,500 words. The topic should be an event that changed or shaped the author’s flying.

The winning article will be published in [Air Facts](#), the publication Richard’s father, Leighton, founded in 1938 and which was relaunched eight years ago by Sporty’s as an online magazine.

The articles will be judged by a panel of three: Richard Collins, Jr., J. Mac McClellan, and Amy Laboda.

“Richard Collins left a rich legacy in aviation, including the many young writers he encouraged or hired,” says Sporty’s Vice President and Air Facts Editor John Zimmerman. “This prize is a great way to continue that important work and honor a great writer.”

The winning writer also will receive a check for \$2,500. The prize will be announced during the 2020 SUN ‘n FUN Aerospace Expo in Lakeland, Florida, which is set for March 31-April 5.

Articles may be submitted through March 3, 2020. They should be sent in as a Word document to [editor@airfactsjournal.com](mailto:editor@airfactsjournal.com).

In addition, young pilots are required to submit a 100-word bio to accompany their articles.

## **Birthdays in February**



The following Chapter members are celebrating a birthday this month:

Elizabeth Kepner      Marcille Prewett

Sandra Manley

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

## **Calendar of Events**

February 8, 2020 --- Frost Bite Chili Fly In  
Canton, MI

Webinars---

February 18, 2020 – 7PM CDT --- EAA Flying  
Start—A Great Way to Grow Your Chapter

## **What Is it?**

## **What was it?**



**This is the new proposed Bell Model 360  
Invictus Future Attack helicopter for the US  
Army**

## **COOKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE**

We have the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> 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 EMBROADERED 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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