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The Newsletter of EAA Chapter 323

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We meet at the Sherman (TX) Municipal Airport, the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Visit us at: <http://www.eaa323.org>

January 21st Meeting

Ultralights and LSAs

A presentation by Evans Gauthier on the "Light" airplane

Bring a friend

and

learn why he is talking "light" planes in cold January

President's Message



Committed or Commitment?

Welcome to a New Year and new chapter leaders. Some of us wonder if we should be committed for doing this. Gary Hill has passed control of the ship to me and replacing me in one of the two VP slots is Bud Smith. Thank you Gary, for your leadership and service to EAA and to our chapter for the past two years.

Commitment- a word we don't hear much of any more, it's more about convenience.

When most of us were growing up if you made a commitment it meant something, people could count on you. In some places you could borrow money at the bank just on your name, because the banker knew you were a person of commitment. Dad could

call the banker and after a few questions, the reply was "Sure thing, go ahead, stop by day after tomorrow and sign the papers." How do we handle commitment today or is it more of convenience? Well Rick this is great trip down the Road to Yesteryear but what's it got to do with Flying and EAA?

I want to ask you to make a commitment, a commitment to EAA and your chapter in the next year. One way to make a commitment is to support my "Bring a Friend" month. I want to ask each of you to bring a Friend in March. I will offer a door prize to each member who brings a guest and a guest at March meeting. More info will be presented about the Door prize in a later issue. We will be doing some exciting and fun events through the year. Fly outs for the \$100 burger (or BBQ), Parties; Valentines, Christmas, Young Eagles events and Fly ins at several locations. The Board's planning meeting last fall has resulted in several excellent programs planned for our meetings you can see elsewhere in this newsletter. Our events will be ably planned and coordinated by our VP's. Commit to attend as many of these as you can, then try a little harder, past the convenience point.

Your leadership team is committed to bring you the best events and meetings we can offer. We are not merely doing this if we can, or when we can, as a convenience to the chapter, but as your Committed Partners in aviation to put and much fun, flying and fellowship into our Chapter as possible. See you on the Ramp,

Happy New Year EAA 323!

Rick

Christmas Party

Another good time was had by all with the Chapter Christmas Party. We want to especially thank Rich and Jan Worstell for providing the baked ham entree and all the folks that brought the side dishes. The food was wonderful. As usual the gift exchange was a lot of fun. Gary Hill passed out Chapter awards for the year. Shown is Bud Smith with his opened gift, a tire. However, there was a nice gift within the tire if I remember correctly.



Membership

This is a reminder to check the mailing label on your newsletter for the expiration date of your membership. Six memberships will expire at the end of January 2010.

Valentine's Party at Cedar Mills Lodge

All Chapter members please plan to attend the Valentine party with your wife or guest on Feb.13 at 6:30 P.M. The party will be held at the Cedar Mills Lodge at the marina. Brisket and tenderloin will be provided and everyone is asked to bring your favorite dish or dessert. It will be a fun time for all, so please come on out.

Got A Paper Certificate? Replace It Now

If your FAA pilot certificate is printed on paper, it's going to expire on March 31, unless you replace it with a new plastic certificate. To get the new counterfeit-resistant certificates, you have to fill out a form and mail it to the FAA in Oklahoma City along with \$2 for each certificate you want to replace, or you can do it online. Either way, the new certificate won't list your original date of issue, so you might want to keep that old dog-eared piece of paper to prove your longevity. If you apply by mail, it's going to take four to six weeks, and up to 10 days for online processing, so don't put it off till the last minute or you could find yourself grounded. Some non-pilot certificates, such as those for flight engineers and mechanics, are good for another three years but then they will also have to be replaced. Student certificates are not affected.

While you're at it, you can also ask the FAA to issue you a new certificate number that is not your social security number. There is no additional charge to make this change.

The snail mail form is posted on the Chapter Website or you can set up an account at <https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/amsrvs/Logon.asp> and complete the process on line. The online account is easy to perform.

The Logistics of a Christmas Young Eagle Flight

- Executive summary: Chapter 323 flew 5 Young Eagles 28 December 2009 and took some photographs.

What do you give a young boy for Christmas that no one else on the block is going to receive?

One clever mom called the Grayson County Airport to ask if it was possible to arrange a Christmas present flight. Due to EAA 323's relationship with the airport manager, Mike Shahan, the call was relayed to Ross Richardson as a Chapter Point of Contact (POC).

Ross sent out an email to see if anyone in the chapter was available over the holidays that had any interest in accomplishing this Santa flight. Joe Nelsen was in town and agreed to check out the details of what was being requested. Joe then became the Chapter POC. Ross provided Joe a phone number for the family POC, Iris, who it turned out, was to be an interpreter for the family.



Joe was absolutely ready to support the flight but there were a couple of issues to resolve first. The weather was very “iffy” and a ground crew was needed to provide the safety aspect of the event.

Once it was agreed that the flight was do-able, Joe started working the weather issues and it soon became apparent that the flight was not going to occur until after well after Christmas. The 28th of December became the target date. Ross had a conflict with scheduling, so Joe dialed up Evans Gauthier to act as ground crew. No problem there. Later Joe and Ross got together to have the necessary release forms available in hand for Evans to work with the family.

Weather was still “iffy” but Monday looked good after 10 and before noon. The next adjustment came when the passenger list from the family expanded from one to five. The weather window was good but Joe and Evans didn't want to chance having to rush if weather/winds started to go poor. Joe always likes to fly one kid at a time so he can focus on giving the best experience to the kid as he can.



One short phone call to Winn Harris and he was a “Sure, I'll be there”. With two birds, it was s going to be easier and with two birds, every Young Eagle could be flown one at a time.

Monday morning, the preplanning started paying off. No matter how simple an event sounds, you must always deal with the people and make it a “good memory event.” It's more than just piling them into a plane and going for a ride.

Iris could not attend the flight portion of the event, but to the rescue came Cesar Lopez, a relative of the Young Eagle, and a medical college student. He had the skills to speak in both directions if needed.

Meeting the family was great. Evans “worked” the crowd and the kids became Young Eagles.

Joe and Winn, “The Pilots”, created exactly the kind of flight experience we wanted and the smiles on the whole family was a great pay off for the day’ effort. All the kids in the photo including Cesar and the father were flown.

Oh yeah, about Cesar, the interpreter shown in the rear seat of Winn’s plane - once the family arrived at the terminal and we could speak, eye to eye, rather than over a one dimensional phone line, conversation was absolutely no problem. We still had him echo us just to be sure before they signed the release paper work. It is highly likely we will see Cesar and one of the fathers at the chapter meeting in the near future.

It was a very good day and Evans later brought lunch for the pilots at the Area 51 café on the field.

Clean- up-logistics included getting the photographs to Billy Dollarhide to post on the website and getting the Young Eagle forms to EAA Headquarters to log into the master book of Young eagles flown. And finally this little recap of what happened.

Former Southwest Regional Fly-In Chairman Passes Away

(from eaa.org and via e-mail)

Stan Shannon, a longtime EAA member who became well known as the chief organizer and chairman of the Southwest Regional Fly-In in Texas, passed away Sunday after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was 70. Shannon (EAA #247516) was extremely active in Texas aviation for the past 30 years, and was also an avid builder and restorer of aircraft. He served as an EAA Technical Counselor, assisting other aircraft builders so they could complete and fly their projects safely and effectively. Shannon received an EAA President’s Award at Oshkosh, Wis., in 2006 and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Aviation Association in 2009.



After the Southwest Regional Fly-In (also known as the Texas Fly-In) completed its 40-year run in 2007, Shannon helped the organization evolve into the Tony Bingelis Scholarship Fund, which presented Texas youth with resources to pursue aviation careers. He was also a founder of EAA Chapter 1088, based in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Above all, Shannon was a tireless promoter of general aviation and EAA, and dedicated himself to encouraging people to discover and explore the world of flight. EAA’s condolences go to Shannon’s family and many friends. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at St. Barnabas Church in Fredericksburg, Texas.

2010 Events

Jan 30, 2010	Pancake Breakfast and Fly In	Cleburne, TX	74 miles
Feb 20-21, 2010	EAA's SportAir Workshop Van's RV Assembly	Waco, TX	129 miles
Mar 6-7, 2010	Several EAA workshops	Dallas, TX	27 miles

Mar 12 - 14 — Bryan, TX. Coulter Airfield (KCFD). Heart of Texas LSA Expo 2010. Featuring the latest and most highly regarded Light Sport Aircraft on the market from some of the most regarded manufacturers from around the world. Demonstrations through out the event, food and entertainment for all ages. Contact Karl Preston, 979 412 1611

More in later newsletters....

2010 Calendar of Programs and Events

Month	Programs	Events
Jan	21 – The Ultralights / LSAs	
Feb	18 – Propeller Maintenance	13 – Valentine’s Party at Cedar Mills Lodge
Mar	18 – Engine Maintenance	20 – Engine Maintenance Workshop @ 3T0
Apr	15 – RV-12 Light sport	
May	20 – High Altitude	TBD Altitude Chamber Tour
Jun	17 – Pilotage Training	19 – Pilotage Practical
Jul	15 – John’s Program	6 – BoD Meeting Planning update
Aug	19 – Thunderbird’s Crew Chief	
Sep	16 – Summer Fly-in Reports	
Oct	21 – Leldon’s Program	2 – Brushy Creek Fly in 15 / 17 – 3T0 Splash in
Nov	18 – Danny’s Project Construction	
Dec	16 - Christmas Party @ Richardson’s	

Looking for newsletter contributions. Places you have flown, flying experiences, where to eat, anything –send it in! Send to rprichardson@verizon.net

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Did you know...?

- § that your membership **expiration** date is printed on the mailing label. If your membership has expired please see Ross Richardson during the meetings to renew or go to the Chapter Web site and print the form and mail to Ross Richardson. Dues are a cheap \$20.00 per year.
- § that you must also be a member of the National EAA to belong to a local Chapter. This protects the Chapter for insurance. If you are not a National Member please join now and let Ross know your EAA # for the records.
- § Board of Director minutes are published on the chapter website.

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