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President's Message

by Don Thompson

Greetings Chapter 7 Members,

I would like to welcome everyone to the new year, 2008. Our chapter will begin this year continuing our Young Eagles program, starting in February, and the B-17 fund raiser, in April. So, off and running we go!

Our chapter, as with most chapters, has a core group of members who "find" the time to volunteer for our various needs. This year I want to invite ALL members to try your best to participate in chapter programs.

Each new year we are faced with many changes in our lives. Some of them come from new laws, new work rules and new things we think of ourselves. Let's all try real hard to change the life of a young person we know or meet, and introduce aviation into their life. Our chapter now has a small number of youth and young adults we work with and I would like to increase that number this year.

I intend to continue to fly as often as possible and take along anyone who shows up to go along. We have lots of pilots and airplanes associated with our chapter and just maybe more members will enjoy the world of flight together. So, let's build and fly; explore old and new ideas; design and test our world of aviation.

Don Thompson

Membership Application

On page 6 you will find a Chapter 7 Application form. We ask that **ALL** members complete **this updated form** so we may update our files. The information will help chapter offices to better plan programs & activities for 2008. Your input is greatly appreciated to help Chapter 7 grow in 2008.

VP's Chat Room

by **Scott Walton, Ch 7 VP**

Happy 2008! I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Vice President for the next year. I owe EAA and especially Chapter 7 a great debt of gratitude.

Firstly, my Son, Nicholas has been to the EAA Airventure Camp on Chapter 7's dime, not once, not twice, but three times! As I write this article, Nicholas is hosting one of his AirVenture classmates from Chicago, named Matt, at our home for one week. Nick, Matt and another Chapter 7 (partly sponsored) candidate Alex Culp spent New Year's Eve here with us (with about a dozen other teenagers!). We all at Chapter 7 are helping create the next generation of aviators. The bonds they form at AirVenture Camp will not only help them personally, but for their future careers in aviation. This past year I got to visit Nick at camp along with fellow members John Wong, Miles Folger and Don Thompson and actually attended Oshkosh AirVenture.

Secondly, I have been honored to fly young eagles under the supervision of our very talented coordinator, Holly.

Thirdly, I am honored and proud to have assisted with the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast's" visit the last three years. It is such an honor to be able to touch such an incredible piece of history and talk to the living legends that come out to see a part of their past.

Fourthly, as a homebuilder, the support and advice I have received from so many of you has been invaluable to me on (our) KR-2S project.

I am working on some great speakers for this year, but in an attempt to return part of my debt to you all, I will be making the presentation for the January 2008 meeting. The topic will be the "new redesigned" KR-2S airfoil. I believe this topic shows how homebuilding and EAA (Cont'd on Pg 2)

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Wanted: Roving reporters.

Been to a fly-in lately, taken a trip, been to another chapter meeting. Take your camera, we'll do the rest. A short telephone interview and we can compose a great feature that your fellow members will enjoy.

Aircraft of the Month

Extra ! Extra ! Secret project discovered at home of member on Christmas Eve.



While on Christmas errands I caught this aircraft on the lawn in Mission Viejo do run-ups. (See Pg 4)



by John Mahany
EAA Ch 7 Pres
2007 Mstr CFI

In December my status as Chapter 7 Flight Advisor was renewed. It comes up for renewal every two years, based on activity. But since there have not been any first flights by anyone within the chapter, I have to use other training activities to keep current as Flight Advisor. It is my hope that during the next two years I will actually be able to work with a member on his or her first flight.

In the mean time, as I reported last month, I did have an opportunity to fly with Bryan Ray on his RV-6A check-out. We do plan to do more flying in his RV in the coming months, as there are still some things that he would like to do with an instructor on board. I am looking forward to flying with him again.

In looking at the most recent issue of <http://www.overtheairwaves.com> which I received today, Bob Miller takes a hard look at a number of areas that need to be addressed in 2008. Among them are landings, which is something that we all do every flight. In fact, in a study that was conducted by the Air Safety Foundation, it found that the highest percentage of accidents that occurred during a flight occurred during the landing phase, at 31%. It does not break down this with any qualifying conditions such as day/night, wind/no wind, single/twin, or VMC/IMC, for example. Also, we do not know how long these flights might have been. Fatigue could play a role in this. We tend to be sharper at the beginning of a flight, and can be dealing with fatigue during the approach and landing phase. This is something to consider. 'Over-the-airwaves' points out that wind-related landing accidents occur daily. In fact, they are the leading cause of non-fatal accidents. What can we do about this? Well, too many pilots and CFI's do not train when the winds pick up, such as after a cold front passage, or during Santa Ana conditions, which we have here. This is the best way to learn to deal with windy conditions, and strong cross-winds. Get with your instructor, or get in touch with me, and get some practice with cross-winds, provided you can do this safely!

Fly safely in 2008! Let's work to improve our safety record!

John

Chat Room

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are helping the aviation industry in general adapt and evolve through the 21st century and beyond. This will also allow me to thoroughly introduce myself to everyone.

Fly Safe,

Scott

EAA Chapter 7 Christmas Party 2007

The evening of December 13th was not the usual monthly meeting as Chapter members arrived shortly after 5 p.m. to help prepare for the annual Christmas party. The chapter provided drinks, decorations, door prizes, three turkeys & two hams (Don Thompson, chef extraordinaire).



Don eventually cornered our membership chairman, Tom Griffith, to do the carving duties. Others pitched in making punch, setting decorations, and arranging tables.

While decorations were being set and serving trays prepared, members could enjoy snacking on chips or vegetables with various dips.



Scott Walton's family provided chamber music of several popular Christmas songs. They

had hoped to play again after the dinner but had a 6:00 a.m. casting call from one of the local filming studios.



Again we utilized all NINE steam trays (18 half-trays) for the selection of side dishes that went with the turkey or ham provided by the Chapter. There were the usual potatoes, corn and beans complimented by a green bean casserole with water chestnuts, steamed zucchini & yellow squash, dressing, gravy, yams, baby carrots with sherried raisins, and so much more.

There was adequate time for socializing as we were able to begin setting up at 5:00 p.m. and generally have the third floor lobby until 10:00 p.m.



The line began at the salad table which featured: potato salad, pea salad with cheddar cheese, olives, pickles, fruit salads, rolls and butter.

We were happy that some members could attend , even on a limited time. Linda Abrams (gave program on her Ercoupe earlier in the year) managed to stop by on her way to choir practice. Many enjoyed her carrots with raisins. Holly Richards' mother made airplanes for decorations using Tootsie Rolls, sticks of gum and Life Savers. The Porter boys both seemed to enjoy themselves.



Our refreshment bar provided sodas, bottled water, coffee, tea, hot cocoa & hot apple cider. The fruit punch in the Italian glass jar was a refreshing taste of multiple selections.

John Mahany, outgoing president, managed to get out of Flight Safety in time to enjoy some of the party. Here he give his last words of thanks & wisdom to the members.



Mike Hanson catches up with Mike Stearns who many times is out of town on business. Glad both were able to attend the festivities. Don Myhra & Harry Leicher chat over his pictures of sky diving.

John Mahany presented Certificates of Appreciation to the officers of the Chapter for 2007. John did mention that he will continue to serve the Chapter in his position for 2008 as Chapter Flight Advisor. Holly Richards, Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator, presented awards to both pilots and ground crew for their efforts in reaching a new milestone for 2007, over 250 Young Eagles flown this past year. She is hoping to break that record again in 2008 with the help of volunteer pilots and several key events.

★ Calendar of Events ★

We will soon be in the airshow season so if you hear of an event, don't just assume I will post it here. Send me an e-mail and I will be sure that it does get on the list for ALL the members to be aware. Let's see if we can get some fly-outs going this year and let the wind blow the dust off those wings. **Due to limited space in this column, I strongly urge anyone planning to attend one of these events to go to the website for more complete details such as times, schedules, NOTAMS, frequencies, accommodations, pricing, etc.**

Jan 11-13: Upland, CA. Cable Airport Airshow. Admission FREE. Plenty of great planes & antique cars on display. See: <http://www.cableairport.com>

Mar 8: El Centro, CA. Blue Angels demo team opening season show.

Mar 29: Riverside, CA. Airshow 2008, 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. Antiques, warbirds, trophies, car shows, vendors and much more. Admission FREE. Parking \$5. See website: <http://www.riversideairshow.com>

Apr 19: Shafter, CA. Warbirds in Action Airshow, Minter Field. Ctc Dean Craun 661/703-5005 or mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com

May 3-4: Riverside, CA. USAF Thunderbirds demo team. March ARB Open House. FREE.

May 17-18: Chino, CA. Planes of Fame Airshow. Ultimate warbird show Ctc 909/597-3722 or see <http://www.planesoffame.org>

If you are aware of any upcoming shows or chapter events not listed here, please forward information to me at always1@verizon.net

Secret Project Discovered — So. Orange Cnty



We were out wandering the area of Mission Viejo when Lo & Behold ! we found one of Chapter 7's members having built a project in total secrecy. The pilot was preparing for taxi tests as his ground crewman check the engine for last minute details. The bi-plane was a semi-scale version of a Sopwith Camel. Guns had not yet been installed. Hopefully we will get more details at the meeting.



There was a plentiful selection of desserts: pies, pumpkin bread, cookies, cakes & lots of whipped cream. We hope to have all members back for 2008 and look to see some new faces as the Chapter expands.

Classified Section

Nuts, Bolts, Engines, Planes & Things



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2008 Membership Dues

EAA Chapter 7 continues to have one of the lowest rates for membership, just **\$12.00** annually. Please see the Chapter Treasurer, Don Thompson, at the meeting to complete your membership.

Printed lists of the membership will be available to members attending the meeting. If you receive your newsletter via e-mail, please send a request to always1@verizon.net and I will be sure to send you a copy of the membership list. It will be supplied in Adobe format.

I urge you to renew so you do not miss a single issue. An application form is available from the Chapter Membership Chairman, Tom Griffith. Please mail or bring to the meeting on Thursday.

If unable to attend, mail your check payable to "**EAA Chapter 7**" with \$0.41 postage to: George McDaniel, EAA Chapter 7 Treasurer, 25442 Naccome Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691-4948.

We ask that you complete the new form in this newsletter so we can update your information for our files.



2008 Chapter Membership Application

Please complete and return this with your payment so we can update our files

Chapter membership dues are **\$12.00** / yr. Please help us to verify your personal information. Members with e-mail will receive the chapter newsletter and membership list via e-mail for their review. Members without e-mail can request copies of the chapter membership at the meetings. Return the completed form to the Membership Chairman, Chapter Treasurer, or any Chapter Officer.

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FAA Ratings: Student Private Pilot Commercial CFI CFII
 VFR IFR Multi-Engine Tailwheel Glider
 SEL (Sgl Eng Land) Seaplane / Amphib. Other (Specify) _____

Airplane _____ Project _____ Status (%) _____

Kit / Plans _____ Status (%) _____

Experience / Equipment / Advise / Help / Use / Loan, etc. _____

Interests / Favorite Meeting Topics _____

Suggestions _____

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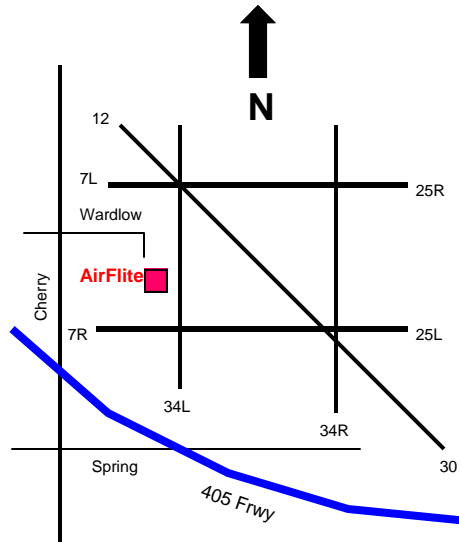
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each month at **7:30 p.m.**

We meet at the **AirFlite** facility on the Long Beach Airport. **AirFlite** is located on the west side of the airport near the C-17 building. Go east on Wardlow Road from Cherry Avenue to the **AirFlite** sign. Turn right, go to the large parking lot at the end and park. Go upstairs to the third floor with the large open area.

Board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are open to all members.

Web-Site: <http://www.eaa7.org>

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