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Monthly Chapter Meetings to be moved to Saturday at 1 p.m., beginning in April

The new year has brought some big changes to EAA Chapter One. Along with Jerry Cortez again taking the Chapter reins, and with two new faces showing up on the Board of Directors, new ideas are being put in place in order to revitalize our Chapter Meetings.

Beginning in April, Chapter Meetings will be held on the *second Saturday* of each month. The meetings have traditionally been held on the second Sunday of the month. After months of debate, the Board in January decided to move the meetings to Saturday at 1 p.m., following the Young Eagles Rally. The Board observed that there has been a decline in attendance at Chapter Meetings over the past several years, and numerous ideas were bandied about as to how to increase attendance. A number of Board members felt that the move to Saturday meetings would be beneficial to Chapter members for the following reasons:



Dave Cudney's RV-7A before the finishing touches. Come and see the finished plane at this month's Chapter meeting.

1). Perhaps we can induce Young Eagles and their parents to stick around after YE and attend the Chapter Meeting.

2). YE pilots and volunteers will already be at the airport and may therefore attend the Chapter Meeting

3). For those involved in YE, Chapter One activities will take up only one day of the weekend, rather than the entire weekend.

4). Sunday afternoons will be freed up for football watching/family time.

5). Sunday afternoons don't seem to be working real well at the present time.

The Board also decided that the Chapter's "for a donation" lunch will once again be offered, providing for a meal and social time from noon to 1 p.m. The lunches, which were launched by past Chapter President David Stits, seemed to be popular with members, but were discontinued last year in an effort to ease the workload on the few Chapter members who volunteered to prepare the meals. Board members agreed that the meals have been missed, and hope that reinstating them will help attract more of you to attend the meetings. As always, you are urged to bring a salad dish or dessert to the festivities.

"This is something we have to try," said President Jerry Cortez. "We need to do something to increase attendance at Chapter Meetings. I believe this change can help us gain new members, as well as increased attendance at meetings."

Also returning will be the "Plane of the Month," which features an airplane brought into the hangar for the Chapter Meeting with the owner telling the story of his/her plane. This month's Plane of the Month will be Dave

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**Airplane of the month:
Dave Cudney's
homebuilt RV-7A**

Calendar



February 2010

- 5th – First Friday Flicks**
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
13th – Young Eagles
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
14th – Chapter Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
14th – Board Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
20th – Design Group Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.

March 2010

- 5th – First Friday Flicks**
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13th – Young Eagles
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14th – Chapter Meeting
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14th – Board Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
20th – Design Group Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.
27th – Riverside Air Show
Riverside Airport

April 2010

- 2nd -- First Friday Flicks**
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
10th – Young Eagles
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
10th – Chapter Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
10th – Board Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
17th– Design Group Meeting
Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.



The Prez Sez...

Happy belated New Year!!

Now down to business...with the new Chapter One board in place we are starting the New Year with three scheduled EAA Workshops. We have an RV Workshop in April and July and a SportAir Workshop in October.

The Chapter One board is also looking to make some changes with our monthly membership meeting. Starting in April we are moving the membership meeting from the second Sunday of the month to the second Saturday (this is a six month trial). This will be right after our monthly Young Eagles Rally. We are bringing back lunch in April and February's meeting will bring back "Show and Tell" (Loretta and Dave Cudney's RV-7A is our February membership meeting airplane). Leon Grumling has a WingNut article with more details on the membership meetings.

Another event Chapter One has picked up is a Young Eagles Rally at the Imperial County Airport (IPL). This is the second IPL Young Eagles Rally Chapter One has sponsored in four months and looking forward to many more. Chapter One already flies an average of 80 Young Eagles monthly here at Flabob, and we do this 11 out of 12 months of the year.

Chapter One is also working with the new aero club here at Flabob. Chapter One, the aero club and Flabob airport will like to get flying and aviation activities started again. We will form poker runs and monthly breakfast or \$150 hamburger flights (use to be \$100, gas has gone up again).

Not much more to say, but looking forward to working with the 2010 Chapter One board and membership. Please feel free to contact me or our board about any concerns or suggestions.

Thanks!

Jerry W. Cortez

I thought it might be fun to put this picture in *The WingNut*. I grew up in Taft, CA, but had never landed my plane there until last Saturday when a group of us went up there after the Young Eagles flights. We took the Aviation High School science class for a field trip to see the San Andreas fault from the air at Carrizo Plains.

Today, I was looking through some papers and ran across this clipping from the 1968 *Daily Midway Driller* (I am the cute one on the left, age 11 or 12). I don't know if there was such a thing as an EAA chapter there, or if they were flying "Young Eagles," or if it was just an Airport Open House, or something, but it was my first flight.

What is really amazing is that my older brother wasn't there that day (he may have been off at the Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho, or something.) He was the one who would have given his left ear to go for a ride in an airplane. He is the one who works for JPL in Pasadena. He was the one who would have been hit with the flying bug. I am the one who got the pilot's license and the airplane! Go figure...

Allyn Auck, Member, EAA Chapter One



Photos by Wes Blasjo

Carah Durell, one of our own, flew her first Young Eagle in Andy Andersen's former Cessna that is now part of the Wathen Foundation's fleet. Carah came up through the ranks as it were. Nine years ago she became a Young Eagle flying with the late Mel Sease. For a number of years she was a Young Eagle escort. While at Wathen Aviation High School she attended San Bernardino Valley College and took courses leading to an FAA Airframe and Powerplant license. After graduating from Wathen High School she attended SBVC full time and has finished the classes for her airframe license and is only one semester away from completing the classes for her powerplant license. During this time she worked on the Stinson restoration project on Saturdays and has taught fabric covering and rib stitching for Poly Fiber (Consolidated Coatings), at Flabob, Oshkosh and numerous other locations. Squeezed in with all these activities has been flying lessons which culminated in earning her private pilots license in October 2009. Recently Leo Doiron, airport manager and CFI, gave her an intense check-out in Andy's former Cessna 150. She was all smiles as she flew her first Young Eagle, and so was Austin Vancil, the young man she flew!

- Wes Blasjo

Chapter Meetings move to Saturday in April

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Cudney's RV-7A, a picture of which was featured on the back of last year's Open House shirt. Each month will feature an interesting airplane (every airplane has a history).

The Board is also working to make sure an interesting speaker appears at each Chapter Meeting. Member John Durant was formerly in charge of obtaining speakers, and provided a steady stream of informative and entertaining programs. Unfortunately, John and his wife moved to Fresno to be near family, and no one in the Chapter moved in to fill John's shoes. New board member Ron Headlee has agreed to take on this task. With the help of John Durant (who knows everyone who's anyone in aviation, and was responsible for getting Burt Rutan as speaker for the Open House Banquet last year) and all of us, we know Ron will provide us with an entertaining program every month (If you have any ideas for a speaker, let Ron know).

New life is being breathed into Chapter One. It's a fresh new year. A new chapter is being penned in our Chapter. Come and be a part of it.

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From the Editor's Desk

On Chapter Meetings

I've been thinking. Yes, it's an extremely slow and arduous process...but I've been thinking about the recent decline in our Chapter Meeting attendance. In the past few years, we've gone from having 60 or 70 members show up to our meetings, to as few as a few dozen (half of whom are board members and their spouses). What's the reason for the decline? Where have we, as Chapter leaders, failed?

I'd love to be able to do a Spock-type mind-meld with each of you who live within a reasonable drive from Flabob Airport and determine why you don't feel it is worth your time to attend Chapter One meetings. Unfortunately, I can't do that. I can only guess.

I attend Chapter One meetings because I believe that our Chapter is not only carrying on a cherished tradition, but is forging ahead with programs that encourage young people to become interested in aviation and provide social activities for those who enjoy and appreciate aviation. To that end, I forego watching the NFL wild card play-offs and trek to Flabob Airport for a day of Chapter One activities. Part of me urges me to stay home to watch the play-offs ("It's the best football of the year!"). Another part of me urges me to attend the Chapter One Membership Meeting and Board Meeting. So I go.

But most of you don't. Why? Do you feel our Chapter has lost its focus? Do you believe we have become ineffectual? Do you feel a lack of camaraderie or a sense of "belonging?" Do you feel we are no longer a force for good in the aviation community? Do you find the meetings boring?

In next months' issue of *The WingNut*, we will include a questionnaire asking you about your feelings about our Chapter Meetings. We will also email the questionnaire to each of you who are signed up for computer access. The questionnaire is aimed at those of you who do NOT attend Chapter Meetings. Please, fill out the questionnaire and get it back to us. The quick and easy way to do so is by email. The other way is by snail-mailing it back to us. Either way, we want to know your thoughts. Your responses will help guide us on the Board as we direct the Chapter through the new year.

Today (as I write this), I saw the first half of the Ravens-Patriots wild card play-off game. Then I went to Chapter One. I enjoyed the Chapter Meeting. I enjoyed the Board meeting. When I came home, I saw the final minutes of the Green Bay Packers-Arizona Cardinals game. I'm sure I missed a lot of good football while I was gone. Was it worth it? You bet! I had the privilege of being amongst a group of people who believe in a cause that is worth my time, and my football-viewing loss.

We are a new and revitalized Chapter One. If you've tried us in the past, and were disappointed, give us another try. I think you'll like us!

EAA Chapter One is a social chapter. We don't build airplanes (though many of our members do). We socialize. We talk about airplanes. We love aviation, airplanes, and airports. We teach and fly Young Eagles. Many of us are pilots. Many of us are not. But we love and strive to promote general aviation. That is our mission.

If you are an aviation enthusiast who would like to be among other aviation-minded enthusiasts, try coming to our Chapter Meetings. At Chapter One you'll find non-pilots, student pilots, private pilots, commercial pilots, ATPs, designers, inventors, dreamers, drones, and people who are afraid to fly. But, as a group, we have one goal: to promote aviation, in all its forms. If you feel you can fit anywhere among this group of happy misfits, you're welcome to be a part of Chapter One! We want you, and we welcome you. Give Chapter One a try!

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Help Wanted:

We have need of someone to be able to help as a Boy Scout merit badge counselor. Currently we have Bob Barton and Al Gester, but we need someone as a "backup" person in case either of these are unable to make it on a Young Eagle Saturday. It would be easy to train and "tag team" with Bob and/or Al in covering the material that Tiffany does not cover in her mini-ground school presentation. The Boy Scouts have a mandatory one-hour and two-hour class for instructors/counselors that they will come out and present. It is great fun to work with the Boy Scouts because they are the "cream of the crop" and they so motivated, enthusiastic and courteous. If you are the least bit interested, see me at the February Young Eagle Flight Rally or call me on my cell at (951) 901-9429 . Thanks.

- Wes Blasjo

Chapter One ends 2009 \$4K in the red

EAA Chapter One had a loss in 2009 of \$4,178.69, according to the year-end report from our treasurer Nancy Acorn.

Our total income from all sources was \$21,097.98, and our expenditures were \$25,276.67. Our greatest sources of income were from Young Eagles donations (\$5,202.10) and the Open House/Christmas Party (\$4,747.00), and our largest expenditures were from the Open House/Christmas Party (\$5,121.74) and Brick/Miscellaneous Supply & Expenses (\$4,376.71).

The economic crunch which is gripping the country has hit home at Chapter One. Our donations are down considerably, and our expenses continue to climb. At the end of December, our checking account stood at \$11,084.89...down considerably from the \$25,000-plus we had in our account a few years ago.

Hopefully, we can reverse this trend of bleeding red ink. Your Board of Directors will be dedicated to putting some black in the bottom line.

Thank you, to "The Few"

Thank you to the "FEW" !!!

After we asked for Chapter members to add their names to the E-Mail delivery for *The WingNut*, I asked our Webmaster Jan Buttermore if we got any response from the members. His answer was, "A few."

In a follow up, I was informed that the loop has been closed between the membership records and the list the Webmaster mails to. Now, a FEW less stamps and printed copies of *The WingNut* will be an expense for the Chapter each month.

Can we get a FEW more to contact Jan at Webmaster@eaach1.org and request they be added to the E-Mail list?? Each new one will have saved the Chapter about half the cost of a Christmas dinner by this time next year.

Thanks to the first FEW and to the next FEW.

-Jim Pyle

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January YE was a memorable event

The January 16th Young Eagle Flight Rally was one of the best and most memorable events in the 18-year history of Chapter One flying Young Eagles. The weather was great and we had ample pilots, but there were other factors that made it so memorable.

The students from one of Gabe Amthor’s science classes at Wathen Aviation High School were part of the Young Eagle Program. (Gabe is also the secretary of Chapter One). Instead of flying the kids in the local area, they and some of the staff at WAHS were flown to an area just southwest of Taft, CA, where they saw the San Andreas Fault from the air. The River Springs Science Dept., under the leadership of Marlene Kent, came up with much of the money for the gas for the flight. After the other Young Eagles were flown, seven pilots departed Flabob in groups of two or three and flew the 50-minute flight to Taft Kern County Airport. They landed, had a brief stretch, changed students in the co-pilot’s seat and flew several orbits of the fault, just north of Soda Lake. The fault is very visible from the air and everyone got a great bird’s-eye view of it. Most pilots were able to land at some airport on the way back to Flabob and allow the third student to sit/fly in the co-pilots seat. All-in-all, it was one of those “once in a lifetime” experiences for the fortunate science class students.

There was a bit of humor that lightened up the airwaves. Kern County Airport at Taft has a skydive operation. As a group of three Cessna pilots were approaching for a landing, the Skydive Taft twin Otter pilot came on the air-to-air frequency with “What are all these Cessna pilots doing here?” Without missing a beat, Allyn Auck replied back, “It’s because we love you.” He did not have a retort, or at least not over the radio. Allyn grew up in that area and lived there until she went away to Maine to go to college. She was our “go-to” person for information about that area.

On the return flight we were treated to one of the most gorgeous sunsets behind the mountains that anyone will ever see. This is one of those “special joys” that is known almost exclusively by the flying fraternity.

On Saturday, January 30, several Chapter One pilots flew down to Imperial County Airport to finish flying those who were not able to fly when we were there on Oct 24, 2009. The FBO there has again agreed to provide gasoline at a discounted rate. In October 2010, they are again having their Airport Day, and they will have a large group of Young Eagles to fly, so we are planning on having a large number of pilots participate.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great Young Eagle Flight Rally!

- Wes Blasjo, Young Eagle Coordinator

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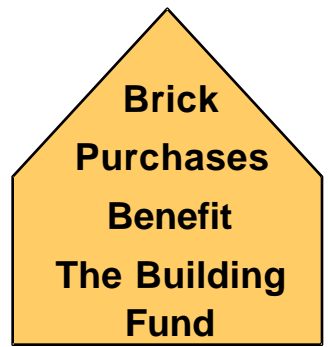
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Jerry Cortez	Vans RV 6A
Irvin Craig	Cessna 182
Dave Cudney	Cherokee 180
Barry Duble	Cherokee 235
Carah Durell	Cessna 150
Tom Jones	Piper L-21A
Norman Manary	Citabria
Conrad Nordquist	Cessna 152
Allen Teets	Cessna 172
Walt Wasowski	Cessna 172
Loreen Wynja	Cessna 172

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EAA Chapter One

Membership Meeting



Early birds help set up tables and chairs! Chapter Meeting begins at 1 p.m.

*February 14th, 2010
at 1 p.m.*

Join us at the Chapter One Hangar for an afternoon of fellowship & fun!!

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