

# WingNut

**EAA Chapter One**

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## Chapter One Open House - Sept. 23rd

Just a few more weeks until the EAA Chapter One Open House--an event we all look forward to every year! The day will begin early, at 6 a.m., with a balloon launch, and will continue with a Poly-Fiber demonstration, exhibits, hay rides, food booths, vendors, a silent auction, and a Wathen Foundation Education booth. Add to that the enjoyment of getting together with a bunch of EAAers and the Gala Banquet Dinner featuring Tom Wathen as speaker and you've got a day of fun for the whole family.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with the myriad of tasks required to pull off such an event. If you can't make it to this month's Chapter Meeting on the 10th, please call any of the board members (their phone numbers are available on Page 2) to volunteer your services. We'll be asking those who attend the meeting to sign up while they're there.

And tell all your friends and neighbors about this special day. Let's all pitch in to make this a fun and well organized Open House. See you there!

## The Prez Sez...

We are approaching our most exciting, and rewarding, event of the year---Open House. At this time every year, we hope and pray for those perennial volunteers to once again show up and carry us through our big event. Thankfully, a number of members signed up when we passed a Volunteer List around at the last Membership meeting. As we get closer to the actual time---Sept.23---we will again try to identify the tasks that remain and ask for help on those things. As usual, the last minute set up of crowd control ropes, signs, etc., will be finished JUST IN TIME. Our notices and advertising got out a little more timely this year and if the weather Gods smile on us, we should have a large turnout to enjoy the day.

In the meantime, we are recovering from the trip to Oshkosh, but the publicity mill is still producing coverage for our Chapter and the Aeronca Kids adventure. The EAA magazine will have a feature article in the October issue, and a package of photos they requested has been sent. Thanks to Andy Anderson and Kathy Rohm for taking care of this task. This is good.

Candidates for Chapter Leadership positions need to comply with the By Laws requirement to put an Election Statement in the WingNut, stating their qualifications and desires for performing an elective office. I will be a candidate for one of the Board of Directors positions as a follow on to having served as President. That statement will

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*Pilots gather to chat at the Short Wing Piper Club's fly-in at Flabob on Aug. 19th. Around 30 Pipers flew in for the day-long event.*

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# CALENDAR



## September

- 1st -- First Friday Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar -- 5 p.m.
- 9th -- Young Eagles Rally**  
Chapter One Hangar -- 8 a.m.
- 10th -- Chapter Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar -- noon
- 10th -- Board Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar -- 3 p.m.
- 16th -- Design Group Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar -- 10 a.m.
- 23rd -- Chapter One Open House!!**

## October

- 6th -- First Friday Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar -- 5 p.m.
- 7th -- Young Eagles Rally**  
Chapter One Hangar -- 8 a.m.
- 8th -- Chapter Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar -- noon
- 8th -- Board Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar -- 3 p.m.
- 17th, 19th & 21st -- Hot Air Balloon Ground Training Course**
- 21st -- Aircraft Display Day & Car Show**
- 28th -- Design Group Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar -- 10 a.m.

## November

- 4th -- Young Eagles Rally**  
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 5th -- Chapter Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - noon
- 5th -- Board Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
- 11th -- Friday Night Flicks**  
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 12th -- Veteran Day Celebration**  
Sponsored by Wathen Foundation
- 18th -- Design Group Meeting**  
Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.



# The August Chapter Meeting: If you weren't there, you missed a good one!

Members of the Aeronca Crew related their experiences taking the Aeronca Kids to AirVenture 2006 at Oshkosh...and there

were plenty to relate, from engine failures to thunderstorms. We heard from other members who went to Oshkosh, plus several gave us updates on their projects. Wes Blasjo presented his monthly Young Eagles report. The meeting was expertly conducted by our vice president, Jerry Cortez.



**See you at our next meeting:  
Sept. 10th**



Yes, our lame duck President Jim Pyle was present, having returned from his many travels. This picture looks like he got caught with his hand in the till...but he was actually passing out the winning prizes in our monthly raffle. We hope you will join us at our next Chapter meeting.

# Election Statements of Candidates for Board Positions

Candidates for Chapter Leadership positions need to comply with the By Laws requirement to put an Election Statement in the WingNut, stating their qualifications and desires for performing an elective office. Following are the statements that have been submitted:

## Jerry Cortez

My name is Jerry Cortez and I am a candidate for President in the upcoming Chapter 1 elections. I am currently the Vice President of Chapter 1 and have held this position since October of 2005. As President of EAA Chapter 1, I will have the enthusiasm and flexibility to contribute to our Chapter. I will use my experience as Vice President of Chapter 1 and my past experience as a board member of AYSO Region 736 in Moreno Valley.

I have participated in all Chapter 1 Board decisions and had to step in and serve as President while Jim "our current President" was unable to perform the duties of President.

Your support in our chapter's upcoming election for candidates of your choice would very much be appreciated. Thank you.

## Jim Pyle

After the end of my elected term as President, I hope to be allowed to return to Chapter Leadership as a Board Member. I believe it is in the best interest of the Chapter for the President to serve not more than two terms, and then to follow that service with a term on the Board, to provide a

continuity to the Board's considerations of important decisions. It has been a great honor for me to serve as your President, and I will always consider this period of my life as SPECIAL. Thank you for making it a highlight.

## Karen Schicora

I have enjoyed my almost three years on the Board of Directors for our Chapter One. I have agreed to run one more time. I feel the financials are in the best shape they have ever been in and easy for someone else to take over in case the need arose.

I still feel there are many ways our Board can make progress in the future and I look forward to helping with this endeavor.

It has been an exciting year around Flabob with all the new changes and the Young Eagle project being completed. I look forward to meeting more of our members and encouraging them to get involved – even if it is just for a few hours a month.

## Doug Maxwell

Hi, It's me Doug M. I have been a member of Chapter One since 1991. During that time I have been a volunteer, Chapter Officer, and Board of Directors member (off and on). Currently I am a member of the Board of Directors. I am a candidate to continue as a member of the Board of Directors. Many of you know me (maybe too well). For those of you who don't recognize me, I'm an older person (72 years) you know, gray hair and wear glasses. I am a  
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staunch Chapter One and Flabob supporter who has enjoyed participating with the other members in the successes and trials the chapter has had during my 15 year association with it.

### Nancy Acorn

I would like to run for the Membership position because I enjoy working with such a great and dedicated team. It took me almost the two years to develop a smooth and working system to keep on top of the membership and I was able to learn many new skills. I hope to continue to grow and learn what is needed to keep an organization running smoothly. This is my way to help out Chapter One and all the people in it.

### Leon Grumling

It has been my pleasure to serve as your newsletter editor and as a recently-appointed board member. My goal is to do what I can to keep Chapter One the smoothly operating chapter it is, and, most of all, to ensure we all have fun doing it. We appreciate the involvement of each and every one of you, and hope you will encourage your friends to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship we have each time we get together. Your vote would be appreciated.

### Ray Stits

I run on my record.

# The EAA Chapter One Gala Banquet Dinner

## Saturday, Sept. 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

### Menu *(new caterer this year)*

Herb Lemon Chicken Breast or  
Marinated Trip Tip Roast  
2 salad choices - Fruit Display or Fresh Green  
Salad w/Ranch or Italian  
Roasted Red Potatoes/with Rosemary  
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# AZ cowboy helps pilots “share the ride”

Flying isn't the least expensive avocation available, as we know all too well. And there are many pilots among us who feel the stretch on their purse strings as they try to enjoy that occasional hour in the sky. We all have the dream of slipping the “surlly bonds,” but we don't all have the ability—due to many reasons, including financial and medical.

One pilot thought about this dilemma, and decided that there should be a place where pilots could offer, and search for, passenger seats available to other pilots who would like to go along for the ride. Maybe they can split the fuel. Or look for other pilots who would like to split the rental costs at an FBO.

So he developed a website, <http://www.pilotsharetheride.com>. For no charge, pilots can “Search for Members with Flights to Share,” “Search for Members Looking for a Ride,” or “Search for an FBO Rental Partner.”

Currently, there are 95 pages of members with flights to share. At 5 per page, that's 475 pilots looking to share flights. There are 64 pages of members looking for a ride, and 36 pages of those searching for an FBO rental partner. With over 7,000 members, the website is obviously a hit among aviation enthusiasts

The man who came up with this idea wasn't a computer geek, but a cowboy in northwestern Arizona. “As a working cowboy, I knew nothing about computers,” said Baldy Ivy, the cowboy who loves to fly. “My mother was sick in Michigan, and I wished I could find somebody flying there that I could catch a ride with. I searched all the aviation magazines and resources I could find, and couldn't find anything that offered a way for pilots to share the ride.”

He searched the web, and again found nothing. So he came up with the idea for Pilot Share the Ride.com. “I designed it the way I thought it should work,” he said. “You don't have to read 5,000 emails to find somebody who's going from a certain place to a certain place.” He contracted with an internet company to design the website.

“The original concept was that you would get 90 days for free, then buy a membership,” Baldy said. “But after 90 days, I found nobody was going to pay for it.” But in two months, membership in the site had grown to 398. “I had some internet people tell me that with that kind of growth, it wouldn't be long before I could pay for the site by selling ads, and keep the membership free.”

Baldy, who became a pilot in his fifties, said working cowboys don't make a lot of money, but even so, he didn't begin the website with the idea of making money. “When I was learning to fly, this old man took an interest in me and helped me out,” he said. “Somebody helped me, so I'm trying to help other people enjoy aviation.”

To pay for the expenses of the site, he sells ads. “It's pretty inexpensive to advertise,” he said. “It's \$25 a month for a banner ad, and \$15 for a button.” Classified ads on the site are free.

Baldy is spending less time punching cattle these days, and more time working on and restoring airplanes. He flies a '41 Taylorcraft on the ranches where he works, and has a WWI replica Boredom Fighter half done. He and a partner recently rebuilt a Starduster Too.

He revels in and is often amazed at the success of his website. Using a mass emailing to the site's members, he helped provide over 260 pilots for “Operation Teacup,” which provided free general aviation transportation to Katrina victims a few days after the hurricane hit (quite a story—you can read about it on the website). He's even seen two of his members get married...after meeting through the website.

“Pilots Share the Ride allows you to find someone to fly with,” he said. “That's what it's all about. What the heck could be better?”

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# Balloon Ground Crew course to be offered

A Hot Air Balloon Ground Crew Training Course will be offered at Flabob Airport this October. The course will include three training sessions: classroom training on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., and a balloon flight (weather permitting) on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m.

The course will cover the history of hot air ballooning; balloon operations, including preflight, launch, chase, deflation and packup; balloon "race" competition; radio communications; tether operations; study of aeronautical charts; safety considerations; and hands-on instruction.

Enrollment, which will be limited to 20 persons, costs \$30 per person or \$50 per couple, and includes a manual and other materials. Pre-registration is required, and may be made by calling Kathy Rohm at 951-683-2309, ext. 104. Participants must be in good physical condition.

Instructor Bruce Eaton holds an FAA commercial pilot certificate for hot air balloons. The balloon, *Anasazi*, carries an FAA airworthiness certificate.



*Interesting paint job on an RV at Oshkosh.*

Balloon pilots insured by I.M.C. who audit this course will receive a 10% discount on their insurance when renewing their policies.

## Newest Members...

According to Membership Chairperson, Nancy Acorn, our new Chapter One members since July 15 are:

Rob Wilson of Fontana, CA

Larry White of Winchester CA

Welcome aboard!

## The Prez Sez... (Continued from Page 1)

appear else where in the WingNut. Other candidates are urged to make their statements promptly. At last information, we still need a candidate for the Vice President position.

Last Membership meeting was a joy to attend. The program was a team discussion of the Aeronca/Ercoupe/C-150 voyage to and from Oshkosh. None of the participants will forget this adventure. We have programs planned through the end of the year, asking our members to tell us about their flight adventure trips this summer. It has been a productive season. Stay tuned for the announcement each month of the program that is planned.

Once more, I need to say how much I appreciate the way Chapter Leadership has pulled together to make operations so smooth, while some of us are absent, and the remainder of you had to pick up the additional work load. Thank you.

- Jim Pyle, L.D. President

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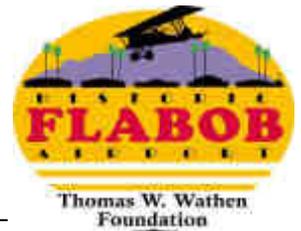




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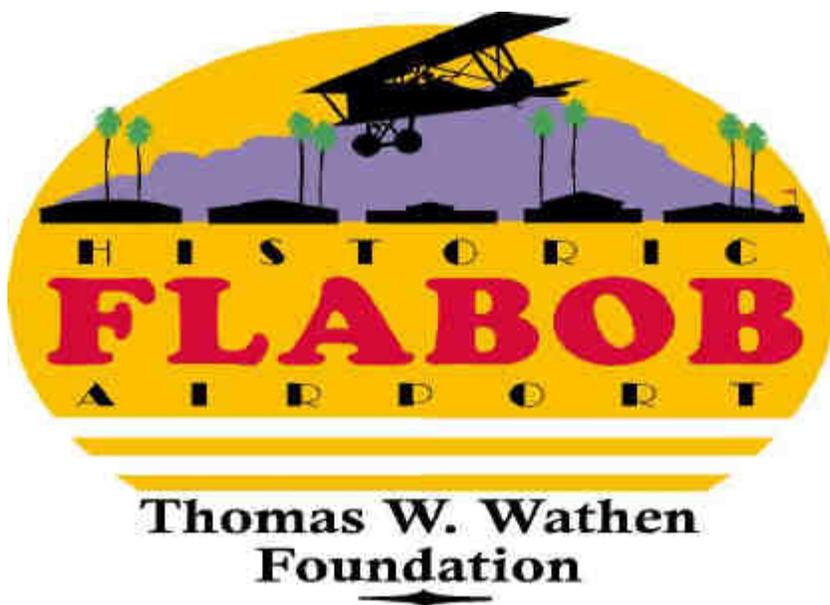
## *EAA Chapter One* **Open House & Fly-In**

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Saturday, September 23, 2006

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- \*Fun starts at 6:00 a.m. with BALLOON LAUNCH
- \*Poly Fiber Demonstration
- \*Exhibits/Hay Rides
- \*Food Booths
- \*Vendors



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# *Membership Meeting*

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provided!

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