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December Meeting

For the December Meeting of Chapter 493 members and their guests met at Zentner's Steak House on Sherwood Way for a Christmas Party. President George Spinks welcomed everyone, and he asked each member to introduce himself and his guests. The invocation was given by Joe Christian. President Spinks thanked Chris Hatch for the striking table decorations. He announced that Nan C. Wright has a few 2001 EAA Calendars for sale and that dues for 2001 are payable.

President Spinks presented an EAA Chapter Service Award Certificate and pin to Ted Conrad, Vice President and Program Chairman, Mitzi O'Hara, Secretary, and Art Steele, Treasurer. President Spinks presented EAA Chapter Service Award Certificates to Paul Shacklette, Technical Counselor; Johnny Williams, Flight Advisor; Bob Heiser, Web Page Editor; Donald Treadwell, Newsletter Editor; Norm Beauchamp and Jim O'Hara, Directors. President Spinks presented certificates to LeRoy Anderson, Ted Conrad, Johnny Williams, Bob Reese, Jim O'Hara, Nathan Wood, Bill Yeates and Andy Spinks for presenting a

program for Chapter 493 during the year 2000.

President Spinks thanked Andy Spinks and Johnny Williams for their efforts in raising \$1,500.00 for the chapter.

President Spinks introduced the following new officers of Chapter 493: Joe Christian, Vice President and Program Chairman, Nan C. Wright, Treasurer, and Andy Spinks, Director.

The President announced that for the January program Larry Gray will tell when the CAP will initiate a search for a pilot reported "overdue" and how a search is conducted. The program will begin the meeting, January 16, 2001, at 7.00 p.m.

The President turned the meeting over to "Santa for the evening", Ted Conrad, and his helpers, Marty Beauchamp and Judy Steele, who had gifts for one and all. Merry Christmas!

Mitzi O'Hara

Secretary

Hey! What do you know?

This newsletter is always looking for articles to publish. The chapter is full of experts and their knowledge could fill a library. Yes, I am talking about you.

Please give some thought to your area of expertise and write an article about it for this newsletter. Maybe you have an exciting story to tell about flying, or where you have flown. I think your stories would really enhance this newsletter. When you write your article, please keep in mind these few simple rules:

1. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
4. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
5. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat.)
6. Also, always avoid annoying alliteration.
7. Be more or less specific.
8. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.
9. Also too, never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
10. No sentence fragments.
11. Contractions aren't necessary and shouldn't be used.
12. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
13. Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
14. One should NEVER generalize.

The next meeting is **Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at 7:00 P.M.** at the Mathis Field Conference Room. Some members come early to have supper at the Airport Restaurant. **Jim and Mitzi O'Hara** will provide the refreshments. **Larry Gray** will present a program on the Civil Air Patrol and how they conduct searches.

15. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
16. Don't use no double negatives.
17. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
18. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
19. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
20. The passive voice is to be ignored.
21. Do not put statements in the negative form.
22. Never use a big word when a diminutive one would suffice.
23. DO NOT use exclamation points and all caps to emphasize!!!
24. Use words correctly, irregardless of how others use them.
25. Understatement is always the absolute best way to put forth earth shaking ideas.
26. Use the apostrophe in its proper place and omit it when its not needed.
27. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
28. If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times: Resist hyperbole; not one writer in a million can use it correctly.
29. Puns are for children, not groan readers.
30. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
31. Even IF a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
32. Who needs rhetorical questions?
33. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.
34. The passive voice should never be used.
35. Eliminate commas, that are, not necessary.
36. Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.
37. A writer must not shift your

- point of view.
38. Place pronouns as close as possible, especially in long sentences of 10 or more words, to their antecedents.
39. Writing carefully, dangling participles must be avoided.
40. If any word is improper at the end of a sentence, a linking verb is.
41. Take the bull by the hand and avoid mixing metaphors.
42. Avoid trendy locutions that sound flaky.
43. Everyone should be careful to use a singular pronoun with singular nouns in their writing.
44. Always pick on the correct idiom.
45. The adverb always follows the verb.
46. Be careful to use the rite homonym.
47. Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

Coming Attractions

The February (Feb 20th) program will be Chip Spence from US Customs. He will give about an hour program on Customs operations, etc., including videotapes of pursuits, etc. starting at 7 P. M. Come see if you are in the video.

Flight Level 50

By Donald Treadwell

To my amazement my brand new 18-year-old son, Ted Moore, allowed me to fly him from the ranch to SJT. He really hates flying and heights, tall buildings, cliffs, ledges... you get the idea. He would deny all of this. I should have talked him out of it, since there was rain along the

route, but I figured it would be a short flight anyway. You know the rest of the story. Anytime you take a person aloft that is afraid of flying; it will be the bumpiest flight you have had in ten years. Ted didn't get sick, but I guess we all felt a little queasy from the constant turbulence. Then there was the lightning. I maneuvered to stay as far from the bright stuff as I could, which added about ten minutes to the trip. It may be a very long time before Ted gets in another airplane, which is a shame, because the very next time we went flying was the last Saturday in the last millennium, and it was as smooth as any transportation can be. There was almost no vibration from the engine and propeller. There was never a single bump from the air we flew through. And we ended the flight where I first flew in an airplane, my uncle U. E. Rogers's airstrip north of Ft. McKavett. Nancy and I flew there to take portraits of the current owners of that ranch, George and Jean Sultemeier. Many people not familiar with aviation might shy away from letting their land be used for possibly litigious uses, but the Sultemeier's were excited to see us use the old strip. Their grandchildren got a kick out of watching us land and take off. I wished I could have taken them all flying, but we had a full schedule that day with lots of Kodak moments that afternoon. Christmas pictures and holiday activities took its toll on the RV project. I am looking forward to spending some quality time with the aluminum in my life. Nancy and I should be riveting together in the near future. "Ready! Go!"

The Lone Star Flight Museum

From Terri Hamiter

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Galveston, TX. The Lone Star Flight Museum will host the 11th Annual Spirit of Flight Airshow and Aircraft Walkabout on Saturday, April 27, 2001 and Sunday, April 28, 2001. Gates will open at 9:00 am with flying scheduled to begin at noon.

Planned highlights of this year's show include:

United States Air Force Heritage Flight featuring the USAF F-15 and Lone Star Flight Museum's P-47 Thunderbolt;

United States Navy Legacy Flight featuring the F-18 Hornet and Lone Star Flight Museum's F4U Corsair;

Aerobatic performances by Paul Fiala and Jan Collmer;

Appearances by the Tora, Tora, Tora, warbirds and aircraft from the Cavanaugh Flight Museum;

Federal Express 727 cargo jet;

Galveston County Sheriff Department Tropical Impressions Racing Team;

Texas City Radio Controlled Club; and United States Coast Guard helicopter.

Admission to the Spirit of Flight Airshow is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 - 12. Children 4 and under will be admitted free.

Lawn chairs and baby strollers are welcomed, but please leave all coolers, glass containers, and pets at home.

The Lone Star Flight Museum is located at the Galveston International Airport at historic Scholes Field, located adjacent to Moody Gardens on Galveston

Island's west end. For more information, <http://www.lsfm.org>

From Bob Heiser

Bob has escaped our winter in search of milder climates, I guess (I make this up as I write it). He may not have found better weather, but he did find these jokes:

TONTO SMART

The Lone Ranger and Tonto are camping in the desert, set up their tent, and are asleep. Some hours later, The Lone Ranger wakes his faithful friend.

"Tonto, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Tonto replies, "Me see millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" asks The Lone Ranger.

Tonto ponders for a minute.

"Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo.

Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What it tell you, Kemo Sabi?"

The Lone Ranger is silent for a moment, then speaks. "Tonto, someone has stolen our tent."

"THINK!"

In a restroom at the plush office, a manager had placed a sign directly above the sink. It had a single word on it "THINK!"

The next day, when he went to the restroom, he looked at the sign and right below, immediately above the soap dispenser, someone had

carefully lettered another sign which read "THOAP!"

Bob also reports that the Pulsar project is together and painted and will be ready for taxi tests as so as a water leak and hydraulic leak can be repaired.

SWRFI

The Agenda for the EAA Southwest Regional Fly-In Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2001 at 1:00 P.M. at the TSTC Building will be:

1. Introductions
2. Minutes
3. Financial reports
4. Budget
5. Gator Raffle
6. Friends of SWRFI
7. Theme / Colors / Honoree
8. Adjourn by 3:00

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