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Vice President's Message



On January 27, 2007 an executive meeting was held at EAA president Fred Allen's home. Fred advised the board that he will be undergoing hip replacement surgery in the near future and requested that he be relieved of his duties as president until after

he has recuperated. It was decided by the board that I will fill in for him until he is ready to resume his elected duties. Ted Bryan volunteered to assist in any way necessary.

We all wish you a speedy recovery Fred and look forward to your return. At the time of this writing the surgery has not been scheduled.

Due to inclement weather, our scheduled fly-out to Chemehuevi Valley was cancelled. Our next fly-out is scheduled for January 20th to Twenty Nine Palms. You will remember that we went there last year. They have a new runway and nice facilities for a picnic. Bring a lunch. Hope to see a good turnout.

We are working on programs that will be interesting to all members. If anyone has suggestions or would like to put on a program, please contact any board member. See you on the 10th of February.

Chuck Schilder

Cliff Brekhus

by Donald Witt

Cliff was introduced to airplanes at a young age while growing up on the family farm near Kenmare, North Dakota. His father and uncle were partners in an Aeronica Champ which was mounted on skies during the winter and wheels for the summer. Cliff had a Cessna-140 of his own to practice with till he was old enough to take flying lessons. His Cessna had no engine or wings and a couple other parts were missing and it was parked

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Secretary's Report

JANUARY 13, 2007

The regular meeting for EAA Ch 1144 was called to order by Vice President, Chuck Schilder, in the absence of Fred Allen, president, at 12:50 pm. The Pledge of allegiance was recited. Chuck welcomed 29 members and 2 guests, Lois & John Binder



from Grants Pass, OR. He thanked Judy Breyer, Marge Skites, LaVonne Brekhuis, and

Marian Thistle for helping with the lunch for today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 50/50 tickets were sold by Marge S. and Marian T. and were thanked by Chuck and Elizabeth. \$30 was won by Dick Brehm.



It was announced that Fred Allen is in a lot of pain and is to have hip surgery soon. It was requested that as many as can check on him and take food as he is unable to do very much right now. Marge Skites had a sign up sheet for Fred so that we do not overlap.

MINUTES: November minutes were approved as printed in our December newsletter. There were no minutes for Dec., only our Christmas Party.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elizabeth reported that Bank of America made a mistake on our address so she did not have a hard copy. She gave a balance of \$1055.83 for the end of October & \$1295.01 for the end of November. Reports will be printed in our next newsletter. Treasurer's report was accepted for filing. We have one outstanding bill for \$91 from Suzanne Hong

for Newsletter expenses and she will pay that. She asked for an audit committee to go over our books for last year. Gil Lerma and LaVonne Brekhuis volunteered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AIRFRAME TECH: Jerry Breyer asked Ed Willard to report on the progress that he is making on building an RV-8 Quick Built Kit. Ed said that the Kit is coming along faster than he thought and he is happy with the Kit.

ACTIVITIES: Chuck S. announced our Fly-out for this Tues, Jan. 16 and asked how many thought that they would be going. All activities are printed in January's Newsletter and we should keep checking so that we can plan ahead. Ron Skites gave information for AZ Pilots' Assoc. and will submit for our newsletter.

HOSPITALITY: Judy B. reported that we cannot sell Brats at the Chili Cook Off but we can sell sloppy joe's and corn dogs. Bev Sullivan is setting up the logistics and filling out the forms for the Chamber. Elizabeth is donating Chili Cook Off aprons to use and Marge S. is getting a Food Handling Class set up for those who missed the one in Nov. Judy has her committee in place.

MEMBERSHIP: Elizabeth announced that she must have National EAA numbers and expiration dates from each member. Member dues are \$10 per member and are due now. Several members have paid today & their names will be published in next months Newsletter.

YOUNG EAGLES: Ted Bryan reported that Jerry B., Chuck S., and himself received pins for flying 10 or more young eagles. He also announced that National will send us wrist bands for each young eagle and that he will order them. Young eagle day will probably be planned sometime after the Chili Cook Off which is in Feb.

OLD BUSINESS: Chuck suggested that we table purchasing a projector right now. Motion was made to do so. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Elizabeth mentioned that

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we might want to do a, "Living with your airplane", event sometime in April and include this event with a fly-in. The idea was favorable and we will begin making plans for this event.

OTHER: Judy suggested that it would be nice to have an EAA banner. Ted B. will look into it.

PROGRAM: Skip Schipper gave a talk about his first



experiences in the Navy as a mechanic.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Postponed due to Fred Allen's illness.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:05 pm

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Bryan, Sec/Treas

Dues are Due

Currently we have 37 paid members for 2007:

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| Allen, Fred | Kelsay, Joe |
| Anderson, Art | Kelly, Mike |
| Anderson, Pinkey | Lerma, Gil |
| Breeyear, Jerry | McFarlin, Eileen |
| Breeyear, Judy | McFarlin, Paul |
| Brehm, Dick | New, Dan |
| Brehm, Lucretia | Root, Roy |
| Brekhus, Cliff | Schipper, Skip |
| Bryan, Elizabeth | Schilder, Chuck |
| Bryan, Ted | Skites, Ron |
| Coon, Bud | Smith, Howard |
| Coon, Lorene | Smith, Marjorie |
| Corsnitz, Bob | Sullivan, Bev |
| Dieter, Clarrise | Sullivan, Larry |
| Dieter, Wally | Thistle, Roger |
| Grape, Harry | Willard, Dagmar |
| Haynes, Eddie | Willard, Ed |
| Hong, John | Witt, Don |
| Hong, Suzanne | |

We continue to update our membership list monthly. Please bring your National EAA number with you when paying your 2007 dues and give this information to Elizabeth Bryan. She will be available to answer any questions concerning your membership.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 10, 2007

EAA Chapter Lunch at Noon
 Beef Stew, Biscuits & Dessert
 Cost: \$4.00
 Meeting at 1:00
 IHA Great Room

February 17, 2007

Outback Chili Cook Off
 EAA Chapter 1144 Booth
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Selling Sloppy Joe's
 and Corn Dogs

February 20, 2007

Flyout to
 Twenty Nine Palms, CA (TNP)
 Arrive at 11:30 am
 Pack a lunch

March 10, 2007

EAA Chapter Lunch at Noon
 Chefs Choice: \$4.00
 Meeting at 1:00
 IHA Great Room

March 20, 2007

Flyout to Needles, CA (EED)
 Arrive at 11:30 am
 Pack a lunch

April 14, 2007

**** No Lunch at Noon ****
 EAA Chapter Meeting at 1:00
 IHA Great Room
 Ice Cream Social following
 the meeting. Cost: \$3.00

April 17, 2007

Flyout to Marana, AZ (MZJ)
 Arrive at 9:30 am
 Breakfast at the cafe

Treasurer's Report

FOR NOVEMBER 2006

ENDING BALANCE FOR OCT 2006 \$ 1055.83

REVENUE FOR NOVEMBER:

Food@ \$3.00/chili (includes
 pre-sale Christmas party)\$ 240.25
 50/50 \$ 13.50
 Dues \$ 50.00

TOTAL REVENUE FOR NOV 2006 \$ 303.75

EXPENSES: CLEARED CHECKS:

Ck # 1011 to Judy Breeyear
 for food \$ 43.57
 Ck #1012 to state of AZ
 for Corp dues \$ 10.00
 *monthly maintenance fee
 (to be reversed) \$ 11.00

TOTAL EXPENSED FOR NOV 2006 \$ 64.57

BALANCE AS OF 11/30/06 \$ 1295.01

** Must be requested every year in November*

Respectfully Submitted By Elizabeth Bryan Sec/Treasurer

Executive Board Meeting

JANUARY 27, 2007

An executive board meeting was called to order at the home of Fred Allen at 10:00 am on Saturday January 27 with the following members present: Fred Allen, President, Chuck Schilder, Vice President, Elizabeth Bryan, Sec/Treas, and Chairs, Ted Bryan, Judy Breeyear, Jerry Breeyear, & Susanne Hong.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine continuance of Fred Allen as president, due to his medical problems, membership, programs, and budget meeting.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE STATUS: The board of directors decided to appoint Chuck S. as a temporary president until Fred Allen can assume his office once again. They also appointed Ted Bryan to fill the office of Vice President until Chuck S. is able to take over again. This decision was unanimous and according to Chapter 1144's By-Laws.

PROGRAMS: Chuck S. mentioned that we need to have more interesting programs for not only the men but the women in our Chapter. We suggested that we need more experimental projects to observe even if you have to travel to see them. Chuck will ask Dave Wallis if he is available for our program on February 10, 2007. A questionnaire was suggested so that all members can have input for the type of programs that we want. Getting a sound system was also suggested as some of us have not been able to hear our speakers. Elizabeth B. said that she would type up a questionnaire and asked if Chuck S. would help her. He agreed to do so.

FOOD: Judy suggested that the questionnaire should also include what members want for our luncheons and if we want to continue with them. We also want input on our meeting dates to see if the second Saturday of each month is still suited for us. Judy B. asked if the banner for our chapter has been ordered. Elizabeth B. said that it has and should be here in less than 10 days. It was \$20.

MEMBERSHIP: Elizabeth B. reported that our revenue from dues monies has dropped considerable because many spouses do not want to join National. Fred Allen suggested that we have an associate membership category and that the associate member would have all rights except voting or holding an office unless they join National.

RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION: Fred A. suggested that we have raffle items at our meetings to spark some interest in attendance and Elizabeth B. mentioned that if we have enough items we could hold a silent auction as a fund raiser.

INSURANCE: Elizabeth B. filed the Chili Cook Off event form with National & has a Certificate of Insurance on file for this event.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Bryan Sec/Treas

Rudder Workshop

Silver Sky Aviation Chandler Stellar Airpark

Silver Sky Aviation, in conjunction with Quality Sport Planes, is holding a 2-day Rudder Workshop, March 24 & 25 (Sat. & Sun), for the Zodiac 601 & Zenith STOL 701. You will learn about all-metal aircraft construction, and build your first component in just 2 days for just a few hundred dollars. Come prepared to work and experience firsthand how you can build your own kit airplane. You don't need any experience, skills or tools to attend. But you must call to sign up ahead of time, class size is limited. Call Sky McCorkle at 480-422-9425.

www.silverskyaviation.com

Peggy Thomas, Silver Sky Aviation

APA Seminar

Arizona Pilots Association

Feb. 17: Buckeye. Program TBA

Mar. 17: Air Show at Douglas. Program TBA

Apr. 21: Payson Muni Apt. Payson. A fly-in social event and camping on the airport.

This schedule is tentative. Please check

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Cliff Brekhus

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out in the tall weeds where he got lots of solo time. This special airplane in the weeds helped Cliff hone his skills so that when it came time to operate a real flying machine with a motor he was one step ahead of the average student pilot. He knew how to get in, fasten his seat belt and call "switch off – throttle closed." He also knew how to hold onto the controls and no longer had to make airplane motor sounds with his mouth.

Attending school, learning to operate a farm plus raising a family pretty much used up all of his time with flying put on the back burner. The flying bug temporarily began to nibble on him again in 1967 but he only got as far as soloing. Helping to run the farm and family responsibilities required his time. His brother had a Piper PA-18 which he occasionally flew to keep his flying skills alive.

During the mid 1980's the Brekhus family experimented with living in Tempe, Arizona during the winter. Cliff began to visit local airports. He started flight instruction at the busy Phoenix Sky Harbor airport sharing the runways and air space with airline jets. Too much time was spent between the ramp and the runways, trying to keep from being blown away, and not enough time in the sky. Remember, the lesson money started flowing as soon as you left the tie down.

The flying bug was really chewing on him now so he went to visit the Stellar Airpark near tempe. With a quick ground school he passed the private pilot written and went on full time to get the flight training. Flying a Cessna-152 he received his private pilots

license proving that with determination and perseverance the rewards can be great.

There is no point in having a pilot's license if you don't have an airplane, so Cliff set about to correct that situation. A Cessna-170C was the first of his covey acquired in 1982



and is still in his Indian Hills hangar. Thinking his children might want to learn to fly he added a Cessna-150 in the early 1990's. One of his sons acquired his private pilot's license with it. The C-150 stays at the



North Dakota farm where Cliff occasionally uses it to fly to a distant section of his land to check up on something or just to go for a ride. It can also be used for short trips around the state.

Now if you want to go any distance by air you should have a real moving machine so he added a 200 H.P. Mooney in 1996. This



ship has the latest of everything electronic

that you could desire for a cross country flight. Just aim the nose, give her the throttle and hang on. He is still looking for a mysterious black box that will lead him around the heavy turbulence that lingers in the sky between Indian Hills and North Dakota waiting to pounce on LaVonne and him.

Now the last steed to enter his coral of machines was acquired in a very questionable manner. Cliff had never met the seller before who flew it in from Washington state to Indian Hills and just left his airplane parked by Cliffs hangar. It is a very nice 135 H.P. Piper PA-12. After



delivery the owner requested immediate and quick transportation of himself to the Phoenix Sky Harbor airport for his return flight to Washington State. No financial transaction took place...Cliff was just asked to fly it a while and see what he thought

(what a great way to decide on the purchase of this much desired airplane by the old fabric covered airplane collectors).

No one from the F.B.I., C.I.A., F.A.A. or P.T.A. came by to question the transaction so after a number of months in 2002 Cliff closed the deal and another plane was added to his fleet.

Some people collect stamps and some coins but Cliff just collects airplanes and tractors. Just mention tractors and Cliff can whip out pictures showing his collection of beautiful John Deere tractors restored to like new or better condition. He is a hands on man and worked in all phases of the renovation. Cliff never sits still. He can be seen during the winter months riding his bike up and down the runway in the pre-dawn darkness possibly thinking "when will all of these sleepy heads wake up"? All you see is his bicycle light zipping by. I guess he is just warming up for the day ahead. No one ever told him that senior citizens are suppose to slow down...Long may he ride!

