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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 11th at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake. This is our annual Holiday get together, and we start ½ hour earlier – **7:00 P.M.** No program, just great Holiday socializing. Don't forget about the Goofy Gift Exchange ! Details inside. See you there !

Editor's Ramblings

by Jim Hull

Our annual Holiday party is almost here, which means the year is almost gone. They really do pass faster each year. We can always spare a little time to reflect on the events of this year, and the possibilities for next year.

The year started on a sad note, with the passing of Dick Cobean on January 6, 2003. Dick was one of the earliest members of Chapter 414, a staunch supporter of EAA, a Technical Counselor, Officer, and a

wonderful person to be associated with. We miss him. One month later, Joe Drehobl passed away. Joe was also an early member of the Chapter, with a great interest in engines. He helped many members on their projects, and owned several aircraft.

In February, it was announced that pilot, weatherman, and aviation reporter Jim Tilmon was to be our guest speaker at the annual awards banquet. Jim fascinated the audience with his description of becoming a pilot and flying with American Airlines.

As April warmed, we began flying Young Eagles. This year, Kim Spath replaced Mitch Brown as Chairperson for our Young Eagles program. Mitch headed West for better opportunities. Kim brought in new pilots, while Jeff Barnes added some much needed discipline to flight operations, especially with the newer pilots. We were able to increase flight ops without increasing tower work load, most of the time. New ideas were tried. Some worked, some didn't. That is why we call ourselves the *Experimental* Aircraft Association. The point is, new ideas were tried. All in all, it worked well, as we flew 539 Young Eagles at our rallies in 2003.

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April also brought about the destruction of Meigs Field by the Coward of Chicago in the dark of night. There are still those that think they can restore it, but don't count me as one of them. It is gone forever. Another sad day for aviation.

This was the first year the Chapter presented a student with a \$500 scholarship for aviation studies. Shawn Ward took home the honors, and is attending Lewis University.

Summer brought parades, and EAA 414 was represented in two of them. Bob Lasecki supported the Chapter in a big way, by donating the entry fees, then decorating his 1931 Chevrolet to participate in the parades. Again this year, the Avid became the widest float in a parade. This year, Libertyville got to experience it. Bob represented the Chapter in the Waukegan parade.

Waukegan Port Authority hosted an Open House at UGN, and, of course, 414 was there with our biggest rally of the year. Young Eagles were flown from 9 AM until airshow time. The line was never empty, as you can imagine. Those we couldn't accommodate were given first choice for reservations at our next rally. The open house is a great

opportunity to acquaint people with EAA. We will take more advantage of this in the future.

The weather was terrific for our annual Camp Lake picnic, as usual. Turnout was high, Young Eagles were flown, and the food was great. Nuf said !

The year is almost over, and it has been a busy one. There is still one more thing to attend to. In a few days, a new old airplane will attempt to lift off a cold sand dune, just like one did 100 years ago. This time, the pilots have all the advantages modern technology can give them, but it is still risky. That was proven a few weeks ago, when the aircraft struck a fixed object (ground) during a practice run. Guess we can't drop the *Experimental* from our name just yet.

Jim



Calendar Of Events

DECEMBER	11	Chapter Meeting No Board Meeting	7:00	Holiday Party
JANUARY	7	Board Meeting	7:00	
	8	Chapter Meeting	7:30	
FEBRUARY	28	Board Meeting	7:00	
	12	Chapter Meeting	7:30	
MARCH	25	Board Meeting	7:00	
	TBD	Annual Dinner Meeting	6:00	Lamb's Farm
	24	Board Meeting	7:00	

EAA Chapter 414
November 14, 2003
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Pres. Hurtenbach at 7:30 p.m. 23 members were present at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake.

Pres. Hurtenbach began with the following announcements:

- 1) 414 flew 539 Young Eagles in 2003! Bill Butler's career total reached 781 !! (applause)
- 2) Tom Poberezny announced that the one millionth Young Eagle was flown on Oct. 13 near Freeport, IL (secretary's note-how close did we come having had a meet on the 18th--). He also announced that the program will continue in 2004. Details are being worked out.
- 3) The Hurtenbachs will construct a display in the Mundelein Library
- 4) Mrs. Cobean sent a thank you note for the memorial we placed in Oshkosh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Hull reported \$1522.76 in the checking account, \$6386.17 in the Scudder account and approximately \$100 cash on hand.

Membership Chairman Johnson reported that we have 44 members, and distributed a listing to those who wanted it.

Webmaster Barnes stated that he is installing new software, revamping the website. It will be available for all members. In response to a question regarding the cost of the Website, he stated that it costs \$25 per month, but must be paid in two-year increments (\$600).

Newsletter editor Hull reminded members that he can send SHORELINES by email. Give him your address and he will do the rest.

Tech. Counselor Kilpatrick reported inspecting the RV 9 of Sam Valdez along with Dale Severs. Sam is doing a good job.

The floor was then given to Bill Butler, Chmn. of the nominating committee. Ballots were passed out and voting took place.

The Pres. declared a recess while the votes were being counted.

After a tie-breaking revote for the office of Vice president, the results were as follows;

President: Jim Hull
Vice President: Sue Hurtenbach
Secretary: John Gaddis
Treasurer: Wm. Parmer

These officers will assume their biennial office on Jan. 1, 2004

Cory Evans then presented a very interesting slide show of his adventures while obtaining a seaplane rating in Alaska. Thanks, Cory, for sharing this with us.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gaddis



CHAPTER 414 HOLIDAY MEETING

Christmas is fast approaching, and with it, EAA Chapter 414 Annual Holiday Gathering. This year, it will be on our usual December meeting night, December 11. **Doors open at 7:00 PM**, ½ hour earlier than our normal time. Time enough to socialize and still get the kids home for school on Friday.

As usual, everyone is encouraged to bring a plate to pass around. Sorry, no contest this time ! However, compliments are freely given. The Chapter will provide punch and hot chocolate to wash it all down.

Remember - Doors open at 7:00 PM !

GOOFY GIFT EXCHANGE IS BACK!

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WHOLESOME FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !

Gift giving is a terrific tradition of the holiday season. And who doesn't enjoy a surprise ?? Our Goofy Gift Exchange combines the best of both. You too can participate in this free for all.

Now here are the rules:

- Bring a gift. Not just any gift. Something you can afford to part with. That old 9 iron that never could hit straight. That picture that seemed really relevant in 1973, but the reason why escapes you at the moment. That special, inside out reverse do- hickey removal tool that you thought you needed to adjust the widget that you threw out 12 years ago. You get the idea. If there is a story behind it, all the better. If you really want to spend money on this, let's set a limit of, oh say, \$10 to keep everything reasonable.
- Wrap up the gift. Something that says "you really HAVE TO HAVE this".
- Bring it to the Christmas meeting and put it on the gift exchange table.
- Everyone that brings a gift will receive a random number.
- When the exchange begins, numbers will be called, starting with #1
- When your number is called, you have two choices:
 - Take an unclaimed gift from the table
 - Take a gift from someone that has already claimed a gift. In that case, they may take another gift from the table.
- When all the gifts are distributed, there is one final exchange opportunity. This calls for all your bargaining skills. You may exchange a gift with anyone else, if they agree. Bargain your way up to the best gift(?). Of course, since they are not open, are you really sure it is the best??? You have 3 minutes to complete negotiations.
- Now open your gift. And find out the story behind it. Isn't this fun ???*

* It is permissible to rewrap the gift for NEXT year !

NOTICE

Deadline for January issue of Shorelines is

December 30

All articles must be submitted by then to be included in the next *Shorelines!*

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