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Special Chapter Members

In March of this year I wrote an article titled, "Why are you an EAA Chapter Member?" In it I wrote about the diversity of our Chapter's members. About how our Chapter is made up of people who cover a wide range of aviation interests and backgrounds. That no matter what part of aviation "turns your fancy" you will find people of like interest in our Chapter.

Today, I would like to talk about some very special members. Now, before continuing I want to caution you that this article covers a select occurrence of events in the life of Chapter members. It is not does not talk about all of the other events that have occurred over the years, or even this year, with Chapter members. As the Newsletter Editor I have the leeway to choose which events to highlight. However, I do invite those who have similar stories (or any stories) to write an article for the Chapter Newsletter.

The special members I would like to highlight are some of those who attended the last minute "New Years Hangar Warming" event at the Wahoo Hangar on December 29th. Our new (and a former) Chapter President Tom Wieduwilt decided we should attempt to have a short notice get together at the Wahoo Hangar. He offered to cook his traditional sloppy joes and onion rings and invited others to bring sweets to compliment the meal. This was an open invitation with no strings or expectations attached.

To TW's delight, several members showed up early to help set up and to prepare food. Enough people brought cookies, brownies and other sweets to fill us all while others stayed late to help clean up and put everything away. There were many people who help, but the main contributors were Ronye McKay, Leonard Lawton and Jon Breese. (My list, not TW's) Now, these guys did not do this because I would put their name in the newsletter. In fact, they would probably prefer I did not. They did it because it needed to be done and they are the kind of members that will chip-in when work needs to get done. They did not need to be asked, pleaded with, coerced, bribed or threaten—they just did it.

Other events that day highlighted these and other members for being people who come forward to help other members in need. Steve Stevens flew his Swift to the event only to find his battery had gotten to low to start his engine when trying to leave. Jon Breese offered to charge his battery and helped Steve get his plane to a hangar to recharge it.

Now for the event that prompted me to write this article. When attempting to start my plane upon leaving, all that could be heard was a starter turning, but no prop turning. Leonard Lawton came over and moved my prop (after I turned everything off and removed the key) to see if that would help. Well, the prop moved on the next attempt, but the noises coming from under the cowling made one realize that this was a no-go situation. The help I started to receive at this point made me proud to be a member of this Chapter. Jim Rush, who had not flown in because it was too cold, Larry Gitt, Jon Breese and Leonard analyzed the problem and determined that the bolts on my starter had all come loose. They assisted me in finding tools, removing the cowling and tightening the starter bolts. They also helped get the cowling back on and insured everything was ok before I attempted a restart. They even offered to remove the starter and hand-prop the plane if tightening the bolts did not work. By the way, did I mention it was cold that day. I want to pass along a special thanks to Jim Rush for

having the right size hands and determination to get in there to tighten the bolts even though it was quite cold. Also, I would like to apologize for not remembering the names of the other people who came over and helped.

I am sure this Chapter is like so many in the EAA family of Chapters. Full of people who are willing to help without being asked when someone needs assistance or something needs to get done.

Once again I offer my thanks to those who were Special Chapter Members on that day.

Will Kroeger

January Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be at 7PM on Monday, January 14th at the main hangar of Hangar One at Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. It is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison. I heard that the Hangar will be heated!

January Program.

Our very own Jim Steier will be our guest speaker this month. His topic will be Aviation Medical Examinations. Do not worry, he is not bringing any gloves and no one needs to turn their head and cough.

In addition to being the Young Eagle Program Coordinator, Jim Ratte is also our VP. He is looking for input from the Chapter members as to what they would like to see for programs during the year. Soooo, if you have a good idea or are interested in doing a program, give Jim a call.

EVENTS: (B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (0730-1030)	Crete, NE
Jan 19	Winter Chili Cook Off	Newton, KS
Jan 26	11th Annual Chili Fly-in 1130-1430	Greenfield, IA
Jan 23-26	Nebraska Aviation Symposium Holiday Inn 110 2nd Avenue	Kearney, NE

Jan 23-24 is the Aviation Conference
Jan 25-26 is the Aviation Maintenance Seminar
For more info, go to:
www.acmechseminar.org or www.faasafety.gov
or call Lincoln FSDO 402-475-1738

""Take-offs and Landings - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly""

Topic: Take-off and Landing Accident Avoidance
On Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Location: The 16th Annual Nebraska Aviation Symposium - Kearney, NE

You can still get a 2008 Calendar - they look good in your hangar and are still \$8.00 each. See a Chapter officer.

Congratulations to the following members for getting a new certificate or completing another level in the WINGS Program.

Instrument	Charles Birdsall
Phase 1	Ron Gawer (You have to start sometime)
Phase V	Bob Cartwright & Harlon Hain
Phase XIV	Gordon Pahre

Would you like to fly a Cessna 172 for \$20/hr.? We are looking for additional members in our flying club. Call Ed Haffke @ 935-0803.

CESSNA DEFENDS SKYCATCHER MANUFACTURING DECISION (from AvWeb)

Cessna Aircraft has received a lot of e-mail since announcing it would build the light sport SkyCatcher in China. It has been running about half and half for and against the manufacturing decision, so Cessna marketing Vice President Tom Aniello posted an open letter to those who disagree. He said many of the remarks were based on inaccurate or incomplete information, and he wants to set the record straight. See the text of his message at: <http://www.cessnaskycatcher.com/home/124.html>

Anyone interested in an airpark located in east Texas? Aero Estates Airpark (TX27), located in east Texas on Lake Palestine, sent me some info. If interested, you can go to their web site at www.AeroEstatesAirpark.com

An EAA Chapter 80 First!! The first flight of a members home built on youtube. The video of the first flight of Scott Laughlin's Zenith CH601XL, as taken by his daughter, is at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5deWeDKGxLc>

If you have not paid your 2008 Chapter Dues, see Bob Cartwright!!!! Those not paid up by February will be removed from the newsletter list.

Strategic Air & Space Museum has a new exhibit opening February 9th - "SPACE: A Journey to Our Future". To kickoff an amazing year, the Museum will welcome one of the largest traveling exhibits on space travel and exploration ever to tour the country! There will be many interactive displays including a centrifuge, a replica of a Mars base camp and touchable pieces of the Moon and Mars. The exhibit will be sure to inspire your imagination. For more information go to the exhibits page of the Museum's website at www.strategicairandspace.com.

GET DUAT ON YOUR SMARTPHONE (from EAA hotline)
A beta version of DUAT mobile is now available for mobile phone users, intended as a means of updating a standard weather briefing. The mobile version allows pilots to check weather graphics, get METARs/TAFs for departure/destination, file flight plans, check flight plan status and close VFR flight plans, all from their web-enabled smartphones. The DTC DUAT portal opens in a variety of web-enabled phones and PDAs, acting like the computer-based DUAT portal already in use: access code, password and tail number. Access the free service at www.DUAT.com/mobile.

EAA Chapter 80
December 10, 2007
Official Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Laughlin at 7:00 at Tiburon Golf Course, Omaha, NE. This was the chapters annual Holiday Party attended by many members and guest.

- Scott Laughlin, President
- Dale McClure, Vice President,
- Don Meyer, Secretary
- Jan Daniels, Treasurer

Treasurers Report:

- Income \$936.00, Expenses \$512.40, Net income \$423.60. Balance \$2781.91. Total cash assets \$11,895.48.

Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made and passed to accept the previous month's minutes.

Young Eagles:

- No Report.

Builder's Reports:

- No report

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:

- No Report

Fly-Out Report:

- No Report

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- The following members were recognized for their service to Chapter 80 for 2007: Dale McClure, Jim Ratte, Leonard Lawton, Will Kroeger, Don Meyer, Mike Howard, Bob Cartwright, Bob Harvey and Scott Laughlin.
- Tom Wieduwilt 2008 president recommended a transition meeting before Jan. chapter meeting. Will be held soon.

Librarian Report:

- None

Web Site:

- www.eaa80.org

Program:

- Jonathan Fuller gave a very interesting and informative presentation on his solo round trip flight across the Atlantic Ocean in his Beechcraft Bonanza 36 (BE36).

Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer
Secretary

1966 Cessna 150F commuter for sale. Total time about 6000 hours. Engine about 250 hrs (SMOH). Original paint, good interior. VAL 720 com, KT76 transponder with altitude encoder. Wheel pants and back seat (very rare option). Alternator, Autogas STC. Current annual, no problems. \$13K or so. Hangared at Blair. Contact Terry Wilwerding 342-2795 tmjw@creighton.edu

Cessna 150 for sale. Ron Wood is selling his Cessna 150 for \$20,500.

For sale — Extra Stuff left over from Jerry Mason's L-3 (Champ) rebuild. All are new and unopened.

Stits Poly Spray	2 gallons	\$66.10 each when purchased
Stits Poly Brush	1 gallons	\$67.20 when purchased
Stits Poly Fiber RR 8500	3 quarts	\$9.53 each when purchased
Air Tech RT4085 Rev4 Reducer	1 gallon	\$47.08 when purchased
Air Tech PCU2030F Primer Filler	1 quart	\$57.38 when purchased
Air Tech PFU1030F Primer Filler	1 gallon	\$120.41 when purchased

Listed price or make offer. Email: mason.jerry@cox.net or Phone: 393-0361



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Another picture of Jim Rush's RV-4.



The new (2008) and old (2007) Chapter 80 Presidents. Tom Wieduwilt and Scott Laughlin. (Photo by Dick Austin)