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## Chapter 80 Holiday Dinner was Great



The holiday get together held December 10th was a good time for all who attended. The turnout was great, the food was good, and the venue was very acceptable. Attendance at the 2012 function appeared to be very good. The chapter would like to thank Ward

Combs for making his hanger at the Blair airport available for our use. Mr. Combs is a member of our chapter but also operates the Blair FBO and runs a charter business from there. After the meal, Mike Howard, Chapter 80 Tech Counselor,



presented a slide show of pictures taken on the many trips he has flown is his RV6. As Mike narrated the slide show, he expressed his opinion that many of us pilots need to move out of our comfort zone and venture out making full utilization of the



opportunities and flexibility owning an aircraft provides. Mike spoke of flying to Canada, Seattle, New York (down the Hudson), Los Angeles, the Grand Canyon, and Devils Tower in Wyoming just to name



a few. After Mike's talk, most took the opportunity to relax and catch up with old friends. As you can see from the pictures, which by the way were provided by the ever dependable Dick Hinson, most of us appear to be doing just that.



It was very comfortable in the hanger, even though it was quite cold outside. Dick is in this picture, I wonder who is behind the camera?



Dale McClure and his family with members.





So as another year comes to an end, the chapter can be proud of continuing to have a strong and supportive membership. Have a very happy new year!

January's meeting will be held on the 14th at 7:00 PM in Millard Airport Hanger One. The program will be a discussion by Heath McKeehan about "halo jumps" he made while in the US Army. "HALO" is a term used in the military to describe a high altitude jump with a low altitude opening of the parachute. This should be a very interesting. Hope to see you there.

There are no chapter minutes due to having the dinner on our last meeting date.

EAA SportAir workshops: February 9, 2013, Chesapeake, VA. Come gain the knowledge and hands-on experience you need to see your dreams take flight. Best of all, they provide the facility, tools, and all of the expertise. Courses offered are: Composite Construction (2 days, \$349\*) Electrical Systems & Avionics (2 days, \$349\*) Fabric Covering (2 days, \$349\*) Sheet Metal Basics (2 days, \$349\*) (\$389 Non-member \*) Gas Welding (2 days, \$349\*) Fundamentals of Aircraft Building (2 days, \$195\*) What's involved in Kit Building (Saturday evening only, \$25, may bring up to two family members). For workshop info go to: http:// www.sportair.com/workshops/ and select the workshop you are interested in.

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-York Airport (JYR), EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-In breakfast (free will donation) on the 1st Saturday of every month, 0800-1000.

- Crete Airport (CEK), EAA Chapter 569 Fly-in breakfast on the 3rd Saturday of every month, 0800-1000.

-To report any tower with lights burned out contact www.http://oeaaa.faa.gov. Go to light outage reporting under "Information Resources." or call 1-877-487-6867.

-June 14, 15, 2013 - Holdrege (HDE) Fly-in. More information to come.

Happy New year to all of the Chapter 80 members and our other EAA friends!

