



EAA Chapter 478
COCKPIT CHATTER
Lexington Park, MD **December 2002**

FROM THE EDITOR

Next Chapter Meeting:

Annual Holiday Dinner & Gift Exchange
17 December 2002, 6:00 PM
Air Terminal Building
St. Mary's Airport (2W6)

In this issue of *Cockpit Chatter*:

From the Top, Bernie thanks everyone supporting him as president before he turns the reigns over. He reviews the past year's events and asks everyone to join him at this month's chapter meeting/party.

Chapter Meeting Minutes, one way to increase communication in the chapter is to pass on the minutes from meetings using this newsletter.

Governing Board Meeting Minutes, routine business is handled at the once-a-month governing board. Meetings are usually held at the NAS Patuxent River Test and Evaluation Museum conference room.

Treasure's Report, Lois lists the current balance and yearly cash flow.

Curtis A1 Triad, Dave Z. provides a monthly progress report.

Member's Forum, year ending jokes and some Society of Flight Test Engineer's info for 2003.

EAA Network, look for updates in future newsletters.

From the Web, Annexing Air and space at Dulles.

In the Chocks, My thanks and look to the future.

Flying Destinations we'll start fresh next month.

Calendar of Events we'll start fresh next month.

Membership Roster has been included to help us communicate with chapter members.

- Paul Gambacorta, Editor

FROM THE TOP

Bernie Wunder, Chapter 478 President

Well, this is it! My last "From the Top" as President of EAA Chapter 478. I have truly enjoyed my tour (second time around is always better --- I think). It has been great working with an outstanding group of fellow aviation enthusiasts and I would like to pass on my biggest "thank you" to all those who contributed to and supported the chapter. But it now is time for a new administration and I am passing the baton to our next president, Bernie Wilder. He will be supported by Tom Weiss as VP and Lois Rose as Secretary/Treasurer. We have two new board members - Eric Chase (1 yr) and Frank Drefs (2 yr). Paul Gambacorta will still be writing the newsletter and Dave Zorychta will be the A-1 builder/coordinator. I will be staying on as Young Eagle's coordinator and Social Chairman (need to have fun, food and more fun at meetings!). So please give your support to these folks and we will have another great year.

I would like to thank John Nelson for his excellent RV 8 presentation that he gave at the chapter meeting last month. John will be flying soon at the rate he is building. We need more like him to get the building fever and spark our meetings with building stories (or tales of woe). I just got my KR spars inspected so I can close them up, but I'm afraid I won't be able to get in the air as soon as John will. I just sent in the end of the year chapter status report to HQ and we had 47 paid up members with 16 active projects. So there is definitely a lot of activity going on within the chapter.....that's good!

So, what did we do this past year? We flew about 75 Young Eagles. We held two pancake breakfasts in June and September. We held a Young Eagles Rally/Fly-in in September that made the community aware of what we are all about and we had several outstanding programs - both lectures and hands on - at our monthly meetings. The A-1 project is progressing well. All of our paperwork is current and up to date and I just sent in our application for tax exemption status under 501(c) (3).....now if

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Treasurer: *Lois Rose*

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we could ever get a chapter home, we would just about have everything!

In closing, I hope everyone can make it to our holiday/member recognition party next Tuesday (17th - 99th anniversary of you know what?) at the St Mary's airport terminal building. We will meet at **6 pm** for a Turkey dinner/pot luck smorgasbord. The chapter will provide the turkey and drinks. Please bring a dish or desert to share. We will also have a merry-go round "gift exchange" like we did last year. If you would like to participate, bring your "gift" for \$10 or less and put it in the grab bag. We need some entertainment for the evening, so let your imagination run wild! Fly and build'em safely in the upcoming year!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

-Bernie (aka dusty)

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

General meeting Minutes for 19 November 2002

Meeting opened by the president at 7:00.

Minutes of last meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

A-1 - Chairman was not in attendance.

Membership - Lois Rose volunteered to assume chairperson role.

Social Committee - Bernie Wunder volunteered to chair committee for next year.

Flyin/open house - Need coordinator.

Young Eagles - Need coordinator.

Program - Need coordinator.

Award Committee for Xmas Party - Need coordinator.

Old Business:

Christmas Party will be on the regular meeting night - December 17th. Chapter will furnish turkey and drinks. Members will bring a "dish". There will be a gift exchange. All who wish to participate should bring a wrapped gift of not more than \$10.00 value.

Calendar sign-up sheet distributed for the last time before placing the order.

New Business:

Election of officers was held. Results were :

President - Bernard Wilder

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Treasurer - Lois Rose
Secretary - (Vacant because incumbent becomes president)

Proposed that the position be incorporated in another officer's Duties. Lois Rose volunteered.

Motion to pursue renting a hanger at airport if someone volunteered to coordinate the effort and if the activity was cash neutral was tabled.

Chapter voted to submit 501c3 application papers.

Program:

A very professionally prepared and interesting program presented by John Nelson on the building of his RV-8 was well received by the group.

- B Wilder, Secretary

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6 December 2002

Location: Navy Air Museum

Attendees: B. Wunder, President

T. Weiss, V President

L. Rose, Treasurer

R. Rose, Web Editor

1. The President called the meeting to order at 12:00.
2. Treasurer's report: As of 12/4/02, our net worth is \$1201.44. Calendars have been ordered, so the treasury will be reimbursed for them.
3. There were no committee reports. Mr. Gus Eggert from the museum popped in and asked how the A-1 was going. Need status report sent to him.
4. Old Business:
 - ◆ 501(c) (3) application for tax exempt status has been completed. Per vote at last month's meeting, members recommended sending in. A check for \$150 was written and the application will be sent in the week of 9 December.
 - ◆ Chapter hangar/home. After meeting last month, it was apparent that there is too much diversity among builders, no consensus, and no one volunteered to lead the effort. Board recommends dropping the effort.
 - ◆ Christmas/holiday party. Chapter will provide turkey, drinks, etc. We will get extra tables this time to set up outside the conference room since the sheriff's office is not available.
5. New Business:
 - ◆ Reviewed the chapter status report. Treasurer wrote a check for \$155 (\$115 for insurance and \$40 for chapter "fee"). Board agreed to combine Secretary and Treasurer. Bernie Wunder agreed to stay on as YE coordinator and to take on membership chair. Status report mailed to HQ on 12/7/02.

- ◆ Programs: January we will have a KR presentation.

6. Meeting adjourned at 12:45

- submitted by B. Wunder, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>ACCOUNT BALANCE (as of 12/6/02)</u>	
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	\$160.19
Savings	\$615.75
Fly-Ins	\$0.00
Pancake Breakfasts	\$0.00
Petty Cash	<u>\$120.50</u>
TOTAL	\$896.44
TOTAL ASSETS	\$896.44
LIABILITIES	<u>\$0.00</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	\$896.44
YEARLY CASH FLOW 1/1/2002-12/6/2002	
INFLOWS:	
Calendar Sales	\$18.00
Chapter Patch Sales	\$80.00
Dues	\$476.00
Event Income	
Fly-in	\$634.50
Pancake Breakfasts	<u>\$37.00</u>
TOTAL Event Income	\$671.50
Gift Received	\$8.00
Interest Inc	\$6.60
Other Inc	<u>\$15.00</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$1,275.10
OUTFLOWS:	
Calendar Purchase	\$366.15
Chapter Patches	\$173.25
Event Costs	
Fly-In	\$580.14
Picnic	<u>\$60.64</u>
TOTAL Event Costs	\$640.78
Fees	\$190.00
Insurance	\$115.00
Name Tags	\$119.00
Post Office Box Fee	\$24.00
Postage	<u>\$66.40</u>
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$1,694.58
OVERALL TOTAL	\$-419.48

-Lois Rose, Treasurer

CURTISS A1 TRIAD

Curtiss A-1 Construction input since last report:

- Sid Wood removed and replaced the trailing edge and false ribs

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on outer wing panel #1. He installed the trailing edge and false ribs on outer wing panel #2. The gusset blocks remain to be installed. Sanding and epoxy varnish also need to be done. He has all the materials on hand and expects to complete both outer wing panels by 31 December 2002.

- Dave Zorychta completed the fourth outer wing panel and is working on the first of four intermediate wing panels.

-Dave Zorychta

- Paul Gambacorta no progress on the rudder this month.

- [Ed.]

MEMBER'S FORUM

How about a joke or two?

One day, the pilot of a RV-6 was told by the tower to hold short of the runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the RV-6. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?" Our hero, the RV-6 pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts."

Another landing like that and I'll have enough parts for another one."

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A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for takeoff".

- Jim McCarthy

SFTE Info

The Chapter vision and plans for next year includes:
 -Reaching out to the community by mentoring high schoolers in Leonardtown aerospace and technology curriculum
 -Contribute funding to the St Mary's science fair
 -A trip to NASA Langley
 -Monthly speakers (first meeting 1/23/03, noted airplane designer Augie Bellanca will be the speaker)

- Thomas Mellies, SFTE Chapter President[Ed.]

EAA NETWORK

Look for EAA updates in future newsletters.

FROM THE WEB

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ANNEXING AIR AND SPACE AT DULLES: The Smithsonian Institution's annex to the National Air and Space museum is nearly 75 percent finished and is scheduled to open December 2003, at Dulles International Airport ... yes, 100 years after the Wright brothers' first powered flight. Seventy denizens installed for the opening will include a Lockheed SR-71, the Space Shuttle Orbiter Enterprise, Federal Express' first carrier, a Curtiss JN-4D Jenny ... and the Enola Gay. By 2007, the museum expects to hangar 200 aircraft, with one Concorde promised upon its retirement from Air France. Visitors will have access to their own 164-foot tower compete with audio feed from Dulles' real tower and an IMAX theatre to project digital and celluloid reality. Some 3.5 million visitors are expected to make the pilgrimage each year.

IN THE CHOCKS

Well 2002 is coming to an end. Another interesting year with my most memorable moment again is flying Young eagles. Unfortunately, work has caused me to miss some events and will continue this Tuesday. I will be in California on business travel. We have also had an opportunity to sharpen our chapter expectations which will improve our future activities. To close out this year I want to thank all that have contributed to this year's newsletter. The personal contributions are what make this newsletter unique. I looking forward to next year have a resolution to complete up the A-1 rudder assembly. See you in January 2003.

-Paul Gambacorta, Editor

FLYING DESTINATIONS

Event	Date	Location
Update in work for 2003		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Location
Holiday Dinner and Gift Exchange	17 Dec	St Mary's Air Terminal Turkey and Potluck