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Aviators and Significant Others,

As we come to the end of another great year we reflect back on all the Chapter accomplishments and great events that we enjoyed. Three fly-ins with many things going on for our visitors including good hot section/parking management by Vernon Pitts and his able bodied assistant, Glen Hughes and committee. Young Eagles were flown at the Winter and Spring Fly-Ins between 0800-0900 with Karen Ellison at the helm. Tony Spicer served as the chapter's Air Boss keeping the fly-ins and the skies over Stag safe. Welcoming all pilots and their guests, Sgt. of Arms, Jim Flippen and his committee with Shawn as the official photographer shooting every arriving aircraft, including pilot and crew. Gary Sigvaldsen provided the photography for the Fall Fly-In. While the shots were being taken, images were forwarded in real time to the hospitality hangar suite where Ed Brown, John Jefferies, Ray Benton, Billy Johnson and crew printed and framed 8x10 pictures for visiting pilots to receive when they drop by for a cold RC Cola and Moon Pie provided by Ms Billy Hughes. In the seminar hangar, Sparkchasers put on a great seminar during the Winter Fly-In on how to properly wire and install avionics in experimental aircraft. And for the kids we offered the aviation simulator room. Something for all and all I believe had a good time. For those that drove in, Capt Jack Parks and his staff handled the installation of the road direction signs. Don Rhodes and his crew reinvented the Lakeland Raiders and took care of the refuse. At 1200 hrs Jordan Chapel provided a Bar B Que plate for hungry pilots to fly back home.

In May, the Chapter under the leadership of Vernon Pitts and Members worked the Mid Atlantic Fly-In in Lumberton providing parking services for all aircraft flying into the event.

This year was the first "BIG TOY DAY" at the Brunswick Airport and the chapter under the leadership of Mark Thoman worked the event with other members flying 80 Young Eagles.

In July we sent Hunter Owen to Oshkosh as our scholarship recipient. Hunter reported back with a program of "The Week at Oshkosh" and he noted that he learned a lot about aviation and expressed many thanks for the scholarship and the opportunity.

Tom Goodwin again headed up the Boy Scout Young Eagle/Aviation Merit Badge project at Elizabethtown Airport flying many of the young scouts.

This fall Ray Benton organized a committee of chapter volunteers to provide/involve young children in aviation model building. This is an ongoing event and we look forward to hearing more about it.

This year also brought the loss of our Founding President Glenn Moore and another one of our long time members Dr. Sheldon Koesy. While we will miss Glen and Sheldon we will always remember them as fellow EAA members, good pilots and great friends. We are better pilots and better people for knowing them and we will never forget them.

Thanks to everyone for stepping up and for the opportunity to serve you all this year. It has been fun and a great honor. Merry Christmas and may God bless you always,

Ken Mcgee

EAA Chapter 297 - Burgaw, NC

President - Ken McGee 910- 392-5500 Vice President - Gary Sigvaldsen 910-399-2875

Secretary - Anna Pennington 910-763-6047 Treasurer - Glenn Hughes 910-256-4927

Airport Happenings:

I stopped building my Flying Dutchman and started a boat. Also, I have ordered a pair of pontoons. We have water on the runway, the ground is soaked, and it will be a while before it will be useable. It is closed until further notice. Since I am writing this on Thanksgiving day riding up I40, it could be (weather) entirely different by club day maybe no more rain for a while.

I started this column twenty-two years ago. We had 12 active members and a lot of dedication to get the club going. Our move from ILM to Burgaw was a big change and caused a loss of members. Now, we have about 75 members. With this in mind, I am turning this monthly chore over to a worthy soul, so step forward whoever you are. I have enjoyed the task, but enough is enough. I'll see you Saturday at the meeting.

John Jeffreys

Officers and Board Members for 2009:

The Chapter officers and board members for 2009 were elected at the November meeting. Here are the results:

President	Gary Sigvaldsen
Vice President	Jim Flippen
Secretary	Anna Pennington
Treasurer	Glenn Hughes

Board Members:

Garry Brown
Glenn Drew
Tom Goodwin
Jack Grigsby
Billy Johnson
Robert Pennington

Please give these Chapter leaders your full support.

Incoming President Message:

At the November meeting, the rank and file saw fit to elect me as one of their officers for 2010. While I would like to thank all of you that voted for me (I think), I hope that I can help you make this coming year a fun, safe and interesting one for our chapter.

I have called for a meeting of our elected officers, and board of directors for Saturday, December 12, 1000 hours, at the Air Wilmington conference room, located at the Wilmington airport. Hopefully, the meeting will be over by noon. The primary purpose of this meeting is to plan for the upcoming year. I would like to remind everyone that these meetings are opened to all members. If you have any suggestions, or ideas, please either bring them to the meeting, or contact one of the officers or board members and share your thoughts. Remember, this is your club.

Gary Sigvaldsen



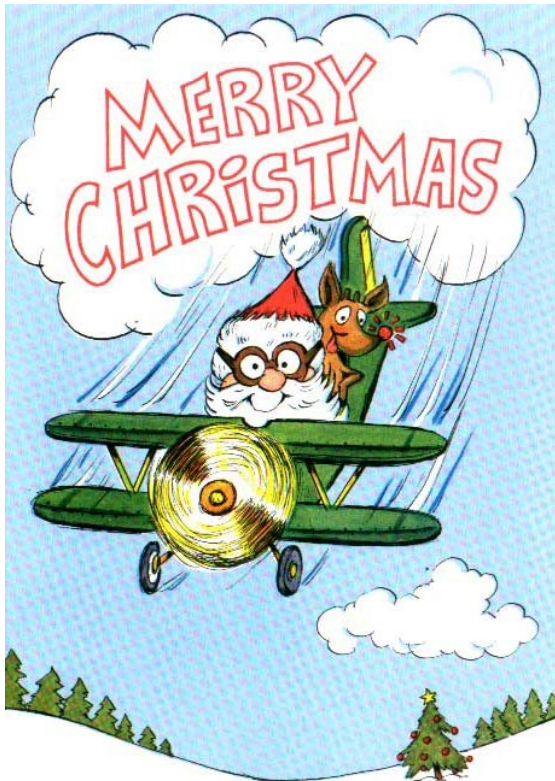
Annual Dinner Party:

Again this year the Chapter will hold its annual dinner party at the Chapter meeting room. Festivities begin with a social hour at 6:00 pm with dinner scheduled to begin at 7:00. The Chapter will provide the meat and soft beverages and Chapter members will provide the side dishes. Please coordinate your food offerings with Cathy Moore 910-259-5090 no later than December 3rd.

Chapter Youth Program:

At the September meeting Ray Benton suggested that the Chapter initiate a youth program to introduce kids to aviation, a program not only to pique their interest in aviation, but to give them something to occupy their hands. When he asked for volunteers twelve members quickly signed on to help.

Ray made arrangements with the Burgaw Middle School to proceed with the program at the school, and he has the 'Introduction to Aviation' youth project well under way at the School. Ray, along with some of the volunteers, meets for an hour with 18 to 20 boys every other Friday at 1:15 to build model airplanes and study what makes them fly. They have had four sessions and have been making paper models so far. The kids have been learning about flight surface alignment and weight and balance by adjusting their models until they fly properly. The group is ready to progress to balsa wood models to learn about aircraft construction. Eventually, the kids will progress to rubber band powered stick and paper model type, but Ray is having some trouble finding kits for this. If you know of a source for these please let Ray know. As part of the program the youngsters will be offered Young Eagles flights.



CALENDAR:

12/12-13/2009 - **Rainbow Aviation Services, Suffolk, VA 8:00 am - 5:00 pm** Repairman Inspection Course - Successful completion of the course allows you to perform the annual Airplane condition inspection on any Experimental-LSA fixed wing airplane aircraft you own now or in the future.

http://www.rainbowaviation.com/seminar_scheduled.htm Contact: Carol Carpenter 530-824 0644

02/20/2010 - **Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Chesapeake, VA** [EAA SportAir Test Flying Your Project Workshop](#)

<http://www.sportair.org/workshops/index.html>
Phone Mark Forss 800-967-5746

02/20/2010 - **Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Chesapeake, VA** [EAA SportAir What's Involved in Kitbuilding Workshop](#)

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02/20-21/2010 - **Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Chesapeake, VA** [EAA SportAir Workshop Gas Welding](#)

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02/20/2010 - **Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Chesapeake, VA** [EAA SportAir Composite Construction Workshop](#)

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02/20/2010 - **Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Chesapeake, VA** [EAA SportAir Electrical Systems & Avionics Workshop](#)

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