



# **EAA 297**

## **KITTYHAWKERS**

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#### **The Prez Sez:**

February is almost upon us, and boy oh boy, do we have another busy month in the making. I'm going to ramble a little in this article in part because there are a number of subjects that I'd like to address; and in part because, well, I sort of ramble.

Jim Flippen and I have just returned from the Leadership Workshop at EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh. Was it cold, you bet it was but it could have been colder. The people at HQ are all professional, helpful people who will fast tell you that their number one purpose is to support the local Chapters. The workshop did this by making sure that we understand how they can do this. While Jim and I will put on a program at the March meeting about the trip, one of the things that we learned is that we should be issuing the Young Eagles that we fly the Logbook that will enable them to take the Private Pilot ground school offered by Sporty's at no cost. As for what's next after the flight, we can also sign them up to join the EAA as a student (no charge) until they are 19 years old.

There are numerous changes that involve the reporting that local Chapters do with HQ, all aimed at enabling HQ to better serve us. Jack Grigsby is feverously taking care of this.

Looking further into the future, we can now offer a six-month trial membership, at no charge, to someone that might be interested in joining the EAA. This membership comes with all of the rights and privileges of a full membership. If you know of someone that might be interested in joining and is currently sitting on the fence, undecided, bring their name and address and other vital information to the meeting and we can sign them up. Even better, bring them to the meeting.

Our February Fly-In is just around the corner, and this is a good time for me to mention that we as a Chapter must not encourage or condone aerobatic flying to include high speed passes down the runway at our Fly-Ins. While some of us might think that this kind of activity adds something to the Fly-In experience, our special Fly-In insurance is no good if we permit it.

Our guest speaker(s) at our February meeting will be two members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary that will explain everything you ever wanted to know about their Aviation Program. This is a program that I was involved with many years ago and should be of interest to everyone. Finally, this is not only a busy month, but it is a busy year. Your involvement in the Chapters activities will go a long way to increase the fun you have with us. If you haven't given much thought about what you would like to 'volunteer' to do during the year, ask any of us on the board and we'll be glad to help you find a way to 'have more fun.' Oh, at present we need one more Junior Mess Officer for the February meeting, and three Junior Mess Officers for the February Fly-In.

Gary

#### **Member Information Forms:**

I still need your Member Information Forms to complete the chapter mailing list and contact information data base. I have only 18 so far and I hope that more of you have decided to sign up again this year. It's really pretty easy to do. Just log onto the chapter web site [www.eaa297.org/297infoform.html](http://www.eaa297.org/297infoform.html) , fill out the form and send it. I will take care of the rest. Don't forget to send your dues to Glenn Hughes or bring them to the February meeting.

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### Pilot's License Upgrade:

Are you still flying with a paper pilot's license? If so, you must replace it with a plastic one by March 31<sup>st</sup> in order to exercise your airman's privileges unless you have a student or a temporary license. You can request a plastic license online at [http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/) or you may mail an application for replacement of lost, destroyed, or paper airman certificate form or a

signed, written request stating your name, date and place of birth, Social Security number and/or certificate number, and the reason you want a replacement. Include a check or money order for \$2.00 payable to FAA for each certificate you request.

The FAA says to allow 4 to 6 weeks for mail processing and 7 to 10 days for online processing so don't delay!

### Photo of the Month:

This year the newsletter will include a Photo of the Month selected by the editor from pictures sent to me during the previous month. I have received only two for February so far. At the end of the year a 'winner' will be selected by committee. There is no limit to the number of pictures that you may submit. Get out your digital camera and start shooting. The subject does not have to be aviation related but, please, no pictures of your grand kids or your pets. Send your submissions to [j1grigsby@bellsouth.net](mailto:j1grigsby@bellsouth.net). If the photo has a caption please include that too. Here is this month's photo.



## Board Meeting:

There will be a chapter board meeting on March 20, 2010 in the meeting room at Stag Air Park. Topics will include a Chapter Financial Plan and Chapter Position Descriptions. All members are welcome.

## Special Events for 2010:

The Chapter will conduct three special events this year. These events will be available only to chapter members, but non-members may participate by joining the day of the event.

A Weighing Clinic will be held on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> at Stag Air Park. Bring your plane to Stag then and our weighing team will weigh it on our digital scales. Weight and Balance determination is up to the aircraft owner.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> we will attempt to hold our second Navigation Contest. The rules and routes have yet to be firmed up, but one rule will be that planes having more than one seat must carry a passenger. Stay tuned for continuing developments.

Then, on August 14<sup>th</sup> we will have an Aircraft Performance Day. The goal of this event is to determine the actual performance characteristics of your airplane. Do you know how much distance your plane requires to take off from a grass runway and clear a 50 foot obstacle?

## Young Eagles:

Young Eagles activity for 2010 will get underway with a rally scheduled for Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Stag Air Park. About fifty youngsters from the Jacksonville area are expected. Volunteers will be needed so when Bob Pennington asks for help please sign up.

## Chapter Calendar:

The Chapter calendars are ready and will be available for purchase at the February meeting. The price is \$12.00 each. These calendars are spiral bound so they will lie flat and each month features a full page color photo of a chapter member or members.

## CALENDAR:

02/13/2010 **Burgaw, NC, Stag Air Park (7NC1)**  
EAA Chapter 297 Annual Winter Chili Fly-In  
[www.eaa297.org](http://www.eaa297.org) Contact: Jim Flippen 910-790-1984 or [goflyjim@hotmail.com](mailto:goflyjim@hotmail.com)

04/10/2010 **Burgaw, NC, Stag Air Park (7NC1)**  
EAA Chapter 297 Aircraft Weigh Clinic Day  
[www.eaa297.org/weighin2010.html](http://www.eaa297.org/weighin2010.html) 10:00 until done - Contact Garry Brown 910-259-6501 or [brown.garry@bellsouth.net](mailto:brown.garry@bellsouth.net)

05/7-9/2010 **Roxboro, NC, Person County Airport VAA Chapter 3 Spring Fly In**  
<http://vaa3.org> Phone: Jim Wilson 843-753-7138

5/8/2010 - **Burgaw, NC, Stag Air Park (7NC1)**  
EAA Chapter 297 Ben Kennedy Memorial Fly-In  
[www.eaa297.org](http://www.eaa297.org) Contact: Jim Flippen 910-790-1984 or [goflyjim@hotmail.com](mailto:goflyjim@hotmail.com)

May 14-16, 2010 - **Lumberton, NC Lumberton Airport (KLBT)** - Mid-Atlantic Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention <http://www.mafac.com>  
Contact: Danny Freeman 910-740-6751

05/22-23/2010 - **Suffolk, VA, Suffolk Executive Airport** - Virginia Regional Festival of Flight  
<http://www.VirginiaFlyIn.org> Phone: DeWitt (Dee) Whittington  
804-358-4333

06/05/2010 - **Wilmington, NC, Wilmington International Airport (ILM)** - Eastern North Carolina Fly-In 10:00 - 3:00 Food and Aviation Piston Engine Fuel Seminar. Contact Gary Sigvaldsen 910-399-2875

07/10/2010 **Burgaw, NC, Stag Air Park (7NC1)** - Chapter Navigation Contest. Rules and routes to be announced the day of the event.

08/14/2010 **Burgaw, NC, Stag Air Park (7NC1)** - Chapter Aircraft performance Day. Chapter members measure their airplane's performance.

10/9/2010 - **Burgaw, NC, Stag Air Park (7NC1)** - EAA Chapter 297 Annual Fall Fly-In  
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