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The Prez Sez:

Well, it isn't even January and Jack is all ready reminding me that I need to submit my column for the January newsletter, so here goes.

I hope that by the time you read this, you all have had a wonderful Christmas, and will have a happy and safe New Year. Your club's elected officers and board members are all ready hard at work laying the groundwork for 2010. While it's hard to improve on a perfect schedule, with a little tweaking here and there, hopefully we can make this a fantastic year for everyone.

Jack Grigsby is one of the hardest working members that we have, and he needs some help, from all of us. In addition to publishing our newsletter, he also maintains our web site. Simply put, Jack needs some pictures. I'd like to ask 'everyone' to bring their digital camera to 'all of our meetings and outings', and to take some pictures. You can forget the nonsense that "you aren't a good photographer", or that "your camera doesn't take good pictures." Poppycock... Jack needs some pictures, and we can all help out. All you have to do is bring your camera to our meetings and outings, take some pictures and email them to Jack so he can use them in our newsletters and web site... There, thank you!

There was some discussion at the board meeting that we should try and improve our relationship with the folks at Wilmington Tower and Approach Control. To that end, we are going to include them in our newsletter mailings. This year we will add an additional fly-in to our calendar, and have one at Wilmington International, KILM. After much input from everyone concerned, it was decided that our Young Eagles flying will be done on different dates than our fly-ins. Safety is the primary concern.

The one thought that is common to all of us is our interest in aviation. To that end, I also think that all of us get a great deal of satisfaction out of sharing this feeling with others. I would like to

ask everyone, whenever possible, to bring your aircraft to the meetings. If you are based at a different airfield, fly to the meetings, and if you are based at Burgaw, 7NC1, dust off your plane, or helo, and bring it to the meeting so that everyone can enjoy it. While you are at it, why not invite someone to go flying? With luck, there will be time to do this before lunch is ready.

Remember, whenever we get together; bring your plane and camera.

See you there

Gary

Airport Happenings:

John Jeffreys has decided to retire his pen and will no longer be writing the Airport Happenings column of the newsletter. John, we all thank you for your many years of good service to the Chapter by keeping us informed about the events surrounding the airport and for providing us with good laughs as well. Your input to the newsletter will be sorely missed.

Join Up:

Yes, it's that time again. Chapter membership dues for 2010 have been increased to \$30.00 and are owed in January. Bring your dues to a meeting or send them to Glenn Hughes, 5704 Park Ave, Wilmington, NC 28403.

Member Information forms are also needed. If you access the Chapter web site please fill out and submit the on-line form on the Membership page. Otherwise, use the paper form included with this newsletter. The information on these forms is needed to develop the newsletter mailing list.

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Demise of 100L:

It looks like it's really going to happen. All leaded aviation fuels will soon be unavailable. No doubt, all of you with aircraft piston engines are concerned. Of course EAA is on top of this problem and you will want to visit their web site to learn what they are doing to keep us flying. You may also find these two web sites interesting:

<http://www.generalaviationnews.com/?p=15644>
and also

<http://www.swiftenterprises.net/>

For the more adventurous, you might even convert your plane to run on used French Fry oil from McDonald's. Don't think so, check out this You Tube video.

http://www.aircraftowner.com/videos/view/the-besler-steam-plane_658.htm

Scholarship Program:

Robert Rippy has donated a Scholarship plaque with spaces on it for the names of each year's scholarship winners. The first space has been inscribed with the 2009 recipient, Hunter Owen. The plaque was presented to Cathy Moore at the Christmas dinner. The plaque will be mounted on the meeting room wall.



Board Meeting:

The Chapter board met in early December to discuss plans for 2010. The Chapter will hold three fly-ins using the same format as the 2009 fly-ins. The Winter Chili Fly-In will be on February 13th, the Ben Kennedy Memorial on May 8th, and the Fall Fly-In on October 9th. Young Eagles will not be flown on the fly-in days. There is also the possibility of hosting a fly-in at ILM at a date not yet determined. We will again park transient airplanes at the Mid-Atlantic Fly-In, May 1415.

The Chapter has been using the anteroom of Tom Goodwin's hangar for Young Eagle materials storage and as the Simulator room during the recent fly-ins. Since Tom does not use the room he has agreed to give it up and the Chapter will rent it from the airport.

The question arose as to what equipment belongs to the Chapter. We will do an inventory of the items in the meeting room, kitchen, the Chapter's leased hangar and what was Tom's hangar anteroom. If you have items in any of these spaces please either mark them as yours or remove them.

The board also voted to increase the Chapter dues to \$30.00 per year.

CALENDAR:

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

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 Contact: Jim Flippen 910-790-1984 or goflyjim@hotmail.com



T w a s t h e n i g h t b e f o r e !

Christmas Dinner:

Oh, the weather outside was raining
Inside there was no complaining
The room had been decorated with care
On the buffet, food was everywhere

And what a success it was. The room was beautiful, as you can see from the photos, having been transformed into Christmas dress by Billy Hughes, Ella Rhodes and Carol Brown.

Christmas carols were playing although few would notice as the joyful holiday chatter overwhelmed. All enjoyed the hand carved turkeys, ham and side dishes with flavors enough to satisfy everyone's palette. Ken McGee provided the entertainment with a Power Point review of the Chapter's activities during the year. The following day all the magical effect was cleaned up by Glenn and Billy Hughes, a job that normally drags on and on. Thanks to all the helpers. It was a great party.



January Meeting:

The January meeting will be on January 2, 2010 at 10:00 a m. It may be a bit hard to get up and get going one day after New Year's Day but you will not want to miss seeing our new president perform and hear a retired general tell of his experiences in the Viet Nam conflict. This should be really good. We also need to plan for our Winter Fly-In in February.