

The Tail Spinner



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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board Meeting is December 5, at 7 PM. The next General Membership Meeting is November 28, at 7:30 PM.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

[Editor's note: There is no President's Report this month, but I would like to thank Stephen for the very comprehensive set of board meeting minutes he submitted. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Stephen for all of his efforts throughout this year on the Chapter's behalf. Stephen is always saying we have a good chapter due to our members. It is my viewpoint that a lot of the credit should be given to Stephen's leadership and commitment to EAA 533. Let's all personally thank Stephen for all the hard work he has performed for us this year. Thanks Steve!]

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT; BIRTHDAYS; NEW MEMBERS by Sharon Kaiser

[Editor's note: The minutes for November's Board meeting were submitted by Stephen Thomas and summarized below.]

Board Meeting Summary

Meeting was held November 7, 2007

Attending: Stephen Thomas, Brian Jones, John Flanagan, Bryan Cotton; Lou Beverly by phone from PAX, Lexington Park, Maryland.

The board discussed a request from member Vincent Praczko to tie down a Zenair 2000 outside our hangar and to be able to tow his powered parachute inside the gates and work on it in or outside our hangar on a temporary basis, space permitting. He would like a key to the hangar to access the plane and 'chute. The board directed Vincent to work with Atlantic Aviation for ramp gate access and plans to approve him for a hangar key.

Bryan Cotton reported for the Hangar Heat Committee that the same people as last year had pledged to continue their participation again this winter. He had one donation in hand. The Chapter will continue to pay at least ½ the cost. Same conditions will hold as last year.

Spaghetti Dinner was reviewed. Speaker Ann Crook was unanimously appreciated. In consideration of the significant professional time Barb Jones commits away from her catering business to prepare and cook the spaghetti dinner each year, the board has directed the Treasurer to obtain a gift card for dinner for two, “so she can eat a nice dinner sometime without having to cook or do the dishes afterwards.”

Board election was discussed. Sharon Kaiser and Lou Beverly were returned to the board, Bryan Cotton is a new member, Ray Thweatt retired. Stephen Thomas stated that he had contacted (board member) Bill Bishop as to whether Bill would like to continue, he has one year left to serve. Bill made clear that he was disappointed that his workload precluded attendance at most meetings and would be relieved to have a replacement. The board will contact the non-elected candidates for board in the order of their vote tally to see if they would be willing to be appointed. Preference for one who can attend most meetings.

Election of Officers: Stephen Thomas made clear that after 2 terms/4 years as president it was time for a change for the chapter, and he would not stand again. John Flanagan agreed to continue as Treasurer. There were not enough board members present to resolve the other offices. Discussion ensued that the board is authorized to appoint a secretary from the membership at large (per by-laws). Secretary need not be a board member. Brian Jones noted that in some situations, an open tape recorder is used during a meeting, and the secretary abstracts the minutes after reviewing the tape if (s)he cannot attend the meeting in person. The board shall obtain direction from Sharon as to how she would like to proceed.

Stephen Thomas initiated discussion re: meeting schedules. Whereas: it has been an ongoing problem for several years that so few members show up for General Membership Meetings; and whereas the same board members tend to be the ones who attend both meetings; therefore it might make sense for now to combine both the Board & GM meetings to save wasted effort, especially for the board members who have to travel significant distances or prepare agendas for both meetings. The idea is to save time and duplicate effort, and to try to regain member participation in chapter management. As a loose proposal, board meetings would either precede, or follow the GM meeting. GM meetings would be moved to the first Wednesday of the month. The board unanimously agreed that the issue should be considered further. A notice shall be put in the Newsletter asking EAA Chapter 533 members to comment in writing. Member comments by email or postal service shall be forwarded to the Newsletter, the Secretary, Sharon Kaiser, or to the President pro-tem Stephen Thomas.

Brian Jones will research efficiency and prices for gas instant hot water heater and report back to the board for further action.

New Members

No new members to list this month

Member Birthdays

No listing this newsletter

EAA e-HOTLINE

The EAA e-Hotline subscriptions can be submitted at <https://secure.eaa.org/ehotline/subscribe.html>. Here is a sample item of interest from the latest issue:

Preserving Amateur-Builders' Rights

EAA seeks new opportunities for homebuilders

EAA is supporting expansion of opportunities for enthusiasts representing a broad spectrum of aircraft building and flying interests. To that end, prior to making recommendations to the FAA on amateur-built aircraft regulations last week at the Aviation Rulemaking Committee, EAA's board of Directors voted in support of preserving existing amateur-building rules. Read more at: http://www.eaa.org/news/2007/2007-11-21_amateurbuild.asp

Chuck's Airport Set and other gift ideas at EAA Aeronautica

'Tis the season...and EAA's Aeronautica has lots of aviation-themed toys for future fliers. Like Chuck's Airport set from Tonka's "Chuck and Friends" series. It comes complete with five airport vehicles, six accessories, and an 18" x 18" play mat for \$21.99. Order online or call 800-564-6322, and be sure to visit <http://shop.eaa.org/> for more great gift ideas for kids.

December 2007 EAA Desktop Calendar

Something a little different for this month's EAA desktop calendar. Taken from the EAA photo vault, it features EAA Founder Paul Poberezny's creation, *Li'l Audrey*, at an early EAA convention...and that youngster peering out of the cockpit window? That's EAA president, Tom Poberezny. Download the image for your computer desktop at the EAA Website: <http://www.eaa.org/wallpaper/> and choose among four resolutions to suit your screen. You can also view and download any previously used EAA desktop image.

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EAA 533 CHAPTER CALENDAR – Events normally held at the Chapter Clubhouse/Hanger

- Board Meeting: 1ST Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM {Except July – 2nd Wednesday}
- Membership Meeting: 4TH Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM
- Nieuport 11 Project Meeting: Every Sunday at 9:00 AM unless there is a breakfast open to the public. It follows the Cook-it-yourself breakfast
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- Newsletter submission deadline: 2nd Wednesday of the month

2007 EVENTS

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Chapter Hanger was the last scheduled chapter event. Planning is underway for 2008 calendar of events, so please refer to this section of the newsletter the list of 2008 activities.

EAA 533 Chapter Election

The board election was held during the October General Meeting and, due to low attendance, was continued through the Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Louis Beverly, Bryan Cotton, and Sharon Kaiser were elected. Since Bill Bishop will be retiring from the board, candidates Bob Bell and Warren Smith will be asked if one would consider serving the remainder of Bill's term.

EAA CHAPTER 533 PROPOSAL TO MOVE THE GENERAL MEETING DATE

The Chapter board is considering combining the Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting into a single event.

The Chapter membership is asked to comment on which date, the first Wednesday of the month or the fourth Wednesday, is preferred for this combined meeting.

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