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Chapter 701 – Mansfield, Massachusetts**



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Newsletter**

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**Secretary's Report** *by Barbara Beech*

**EAA Chapter 701 Meeting Notes—Friday, January 18, 2008**

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 by Vice President Dale Fox at 7:30 p.m. Seventeen members and our guest speaker, David Fetherston were present.
- The November Secretary's notes were accepted as published in the newsletter.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read by Joe Kelly.
  - Joe discussed the cost of the Holiday Party. By changing the location to the upstairs section of the restaurant, Joe was able to lower the cost of the party to \$842.67. The corsages added \$51.00, which brought the total cost to \$893.67. The attendees paid \$660.00; so the cost to the chapter was only \$233.67. We thank Joe for his efforts as otherwise the chapter would have had to pay a much larger fee. Good work, Joe.
  - Those in attendance at the party enjoyed a great meal (with appetizers) and commented that the portions were larger than the banquet portions. There was a large selection of desserts. Many nice gifts were exchanged and a good time was had by all.
- There was no Airport Commission meeting in December.
  - The meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> will involve public comments on noise abatement at the airport.

**New Business:**

- Please note that dues are due--\$25.00. Definitely a bargain to belong to such a great organization and meet with so many nice people who all share an interest in aviation.
- A speaker is needed for the February meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:45 for coffee

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## Secretary's Report (cont'd) *by Barbara Beech*

After coffee and snacks the members welcomed the evening's featured speaker, Dave Fetherston, General Manager of NexAir Avionics, based at Quadrant four at Mansfield Airport. Dave and his partner built the hangers in Quadrant four at the airport. His background and experience in aviation are impressive. He has been a pilot since the 1970's, flying airplanes and



helicopters, and is also an A&P. He has been employed as an engineer with Sikorsky. In 1993, Dave and a friend started their own company, Altair Avionics, which developed and utilized monitoring systems to improve helicopter and turbine engine designs and operation. They sold the company to Pratt & Whitney, Canada. In May, Dave started an avionics shop named NexAir where he has full avionics, is a dealer for David Clark, Avmap and soon Garmin. His FAA certification for a repair station is pending. Dave's business is located in a hanger at Quadrant 4 at Mansfield Airport. His office and labs are on the second floor and he invites everyone to stop by and check out all the goods and services that are available there. He lives nearby and is at the airport seven days a week.



## *In Memoriam...*

*by Barbara Beech*



It is with much sadness that we announce the death of **William (Bill) Stevens** on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Bill was well known to many EAA members as he had been an instructor at Mansfield Airport and a Safety Inspector and Examiner for the FAA. He gave me my flight test and I found him to be thorough and fair and a gentleman. Bill had some health problems in the last few years, but was always pleasant and up-beat whenever Al and I would meet him at one of our local restaurants. He will be missed.

Former member **Everett Raymond** has passed away. Long time members will remember Everett, who built and flew a Starduster Two in his garage with tools he designed himself. He later sold the plane to a person who eventually donated it to the chapter. Our condolences to his family and friends.

## News from the Home Office

### NEW AND IMPROVED! EAA Calendar of Events

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We are very pleased to introduce to you the new online EAA Calendar of Events. Through the help of Jim Smith, "webmaster" for EAA Chapter 1246 in McKinney, Texas the calendar has been improved with outstanding new functionality and will truly be THE place to go for aviation related events.

The calendar includes powerful search functions that will allow users to quickly find aviation events in their local area, or according to their area of interest. What's more, the calendar will automatically generate useful information such as maps, airport information and links to the EAA Flight Planner.

To search for or to add your Chapter events simply go to [www.eaa.org/calendar](http://www.eaa.org/calendar)

### 2008 Dues...

Membership dues for 2008 are due now. See Joe Kelly at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend, please cut out the form at right and return with your check to JOE KELLY, Treasurer, 71 Arnold Street, N. Attleboro, MA 02760-1006. Thank you!



### EAA 701 - Membership Dues

Please clip this form, fill it out and mail with your check for \$25 to Joe Kelly, Treasurer, 71 Arnold St, North Attleboro, MA 02760-1006.

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**Don't Forget the February Meeting!**

The next regular Chapter meeting will be Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM.

The meeting will be held at the **SRE building at Mansfield Airport.**



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