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Newsletter**

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From the President's Desk *by Mike Vidal*

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Why I Love to Fly

My company hired an intern from The Netherlands back in June to work in the manufacturing area. We would often talk during lunch about things when, surprise-surprise, the subject of flying came up. I shared with him my now well worn story about how I have my pilot's license and I'm building a plane in my garage, blah, blah, blah. I also offered to take him for a ride in the club Grumman if he was interested. He said he was so I told him I would let him know the next time I went up.



Several lunches over several months went by and had yet to take him up. In that time, my currency and BFR both expired. To top it all off, we were hip deep into implementing a new business system at work which required significant weekend work. Well, December came and Jeroen's (pronounced Yeroon) time in the US was almost up and I had failed to live up to my promise. Lucky for me I have a friend at work, Claude, who is also a pilot and has access to a very nice and well equipped Piper Archer. I didn't have to twist his arm much to get him to agree to take Jeroen and me for a ride. It also didn't take long to agree on a location. We were off to Martha's Vineyard.

The weather wasn't too bad though it had snowed a couple inches the night before. The taxiways at North Central were pretty icy and performing a run-up was a bit of a challenge. I thought our little trip would be over before it started. Claude was up to challenge however and found a dry patch of taxiway and we were soon on our way to the Vineyard. We flew out over Providence (the city, not PVD), past New Bedford, out over the Elizabeth Islands and into MVY. Once there, we rented a car and Claude, once a Vineyard inhabitant, proceeded to give us a tour of the island. We enjoyed an excellent, if greasy, breakfast at the Dock Street Café where I gave a generous tip to the waitress whose birthday was that day. We drove around a little more after that then hopped back in the plane where I took the right seat and flew us back to SFZ for the close of a great day. I think we made a GA fan out of Jeroen in the process.

I still wonder if it was really her birthday though...

Happy Flying!

Mike Vidal

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Secretary's Report *by Barbara Beech*

EAA Chapter 701 Meeting Notes –Friday, November 16, 2007

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:30p.m. by President Mike Vidal. Fourteen members were present.
- The October meeting notes were accepted as published in the newsletter.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read by Joe Kelly.
- Airport Commission:
 - Joe Kelly reported on the meeting:
 - The new gas pump has been installed.
 - Quadrant One paving is finished except for some areas where puddles occurred. These will be fixed.
 - New fuel oil tanks are installed.
 - The noise abatement plan will be presented to the public on January 8th.
 - Discussions were held on controlling the geese.

Old Business:

- The new web site, EAA 701.org., is in operation, thanks to Bob Sisson. Give or send any articles, pictures, etc. for the web site to Bob.
- A discussion was held about obtaining a new trailer or building. Mike is gathering information.

New Business:

- Holiday Party:
 - Reservations are coming in slowly. The party is Dec. 8th and returns must be in by Dec. 1st. We need to guarantee the restaurant 35 people. If too few people are attending we may have to give up the banquet room and order from the restaurant menu.
- Elections:
 - The proposed slate of officers was elected unanimously:
 - President-Mike Vidal
 - Vice President-Dale Fox
 - Treasurer-Joe Kelly
 - Secretary-Barbara Beech
 - President Mike Vidal requested that members volunteer to assist with programs, events and entertainment. Give Mike any ideas or suggestions you may have for these activities.
- Frank Roscoe reminded members not to forget to register their airplanes with the state. The fine for not doing so is \$65.00.
- Our condolences to Tony Correia on the recent deaths of his brother and his aunt.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

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2008 Dues...

Membership dues for 2008 are due now. See Joe Kelly at the next meeting or clip and mail the form below:

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 January Meeting!

The next regular chapter meeting will be **Friday, January 18th, at 7:30PM** at the SRE Building at Mansfield Airport (1B9).

Dave Fetherston of NexAir Avionics (based right here at 1B9) will be in attendance to answer your avionics questions.