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Newsletter**

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Secretary's Report *by Barbara Beech*

EAA Chapter 701 Meeting Notes — Friday, February 16, 2007

- The meeting was brought to order at 7:45pm by President Mike Vidal.
- The January Meeting Minutes were accepted as published in the January Newsletter.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read by Treasurer Joe Kelly.
- A discussion will be held at the next Officer's Meeting relative to possible changes in the annual Christmas Party to enable more people to attend.
- The Airport Commission Meeting notes were presented by Tony Correia:
 - The meeting date has been changed to the 4th Wednesday of each month.
 - The meeting is open to the public and any interested EAA member may attend.
 - The Beacon has been repaired.

Old Business:

- Harry's bench has been repaired.
- The EAA Air Academy sign-up sheet is posted in the FBO
- The chapter will pay the registration deposit only for a student interested in attending the academy.
- The student's parent/guardian will be responsible for the remaining costs.
- The Chapter insurance has been received.

New Business:

- Young Eagles flights will be held in May. The date will be selected at the next meeting. Activities such as chart work and flight planning will be conducted for Young Eagles while they are waiting for their turn to fly.
- New regulations have been proposed regarding aircraft and pilot qualifications that could impact the Young Eagles programs. More information about this as it becomes available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm for coffee, donuts and delicious toll house cookies baked by Dan McIntyre's wife, Patricia.

Joe Kelly brought his brand new Epon projector and showed a movie entitled 16 Right. This beautifully photographed movie is a history of the Van Nuys, California Airport from its early days to the present time.

The airport was first built in 1928 and was surrounded by fields. It is now a busy metropolitan airport with general aviation planes, jet aircraft and many businesses on the field. Famous and non-famous pilots tell their stories about their aviation careers. The film shows some old airplanes that have been restored by their owners as well as airplanes from the early days of aviation.

Important events in aviation have taken place at Van Nuys Airport and old films of them are shown. This film details the struggle to keep small airports open and shows the important contributions to the economy of an area made by such airports.

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Young Eagles in May

There will be a Young Eagles event to be held on Saturday, May 19th with a rain date of Sunday May 20th. More information will be provided at the next meeting and details will be finalized as we get closer to the date. We will need pilots and ground volunteers for this event. If you have questions about the event or would like to participate, please contact Paul LaFratta (508-695-0120) as soon as possible. If you plan to participate as a pilot, please review the requirements, complete and sign the form below and return this to Paul or one of the officers at the next meeting.

EAA 701 - Young Eagles Event - Requirements Acknowledgement Sheet

The Young Eagle Pilot requirements are basic, but must be followed:

- All participating pilots must hold an Appropriate Airmen's Certificate (Sport Pilot or greater)
- Pilots must possess a current Medical Certificate (if applicable)
- Pilots must be current EAA National Members
- Pilots must be current to carry passengers in the aircraft the plan to use.
- Pilots must have a current Flight Review
- Aircraft Passenger Liability Insurance is required for the aircraft used (owned, rental or borrowed)
- The Young Eagles registration form must be completed before the flight complete with parent or guardian signature.
- The aircraft used for the flight must be in airworthy condition.

As an EAA member, pilots participating in the Young Eagles program are eligible for an additional \$1 million of passenger liability insurance coverage, if they carry a minimum of \$100,000 per seat liability insurance.

I, _____ having read the requirements above, attest that I
(First, Last, printed name)
meet these requirements and am therefore a valid volunteer participant for the Young Eagles program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Membership Dues Reminder

Membership dues, \$25 as voted by the membership, are due now.

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2007 please do so ASAP as this will be your last newsletter!

That's right, we'll have to be mean and remove you from the newsletter mailing list and you wouldn't want that now would you?!

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

e-mail: _____

EAA #: _____

Aircraft Tail #: _____

Squawks

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor.

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on backorder.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction lock causes throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

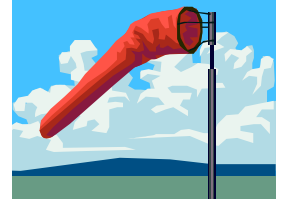
And the best one for last...

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

Fly-Out ...let's try again

In the February newsletter it was discussed that we would hold a fly-out for breakfast. Unfortunately the day of the fly-out came and found us battling some *healthy* winds. We're going to try to get this plan off the ground again. The plan will be to meet at the airport (1B9) around 8:30AM, pick a destination, and depart around 9-ish for breakfast, sightseeing, etc. The planned date for the fly-out is Sunday March 18th. We will discuss this more at the next meeting.



So March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb? That means continued battles with the wind. Here are some photos of textbook crosswind procedures.



Photos from www.airliners.net

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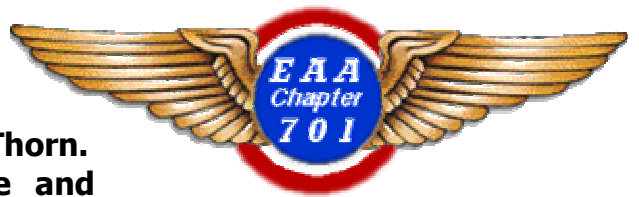
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Don't Forget the March Meeting!

The next regular Chapter meeting will be Friday, March 16th, at 7:30PM. The meeting will be held at the **SRE building at Mansfield Airport.**

Our speaker for the evening will be our own Wil Thorn. He will be on-hand to impart his knowledge and answer our questions for all things aeroplane.



Logo courtesy of Bob Sisson

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Newsletter Additions? Suggestions?

Your content and comments are always welcome and will assist in improving the ch 701 newsletter.

Send your news to the editor via e-mail to **newsletter@eaa701.org** or via postal mail to Kevin Buonagurio, 27 Cynthia Ln, Attleboro MA 02703, or phone at (508)639-9214. The deadline for the next issue is 10 days before the next meeting. Items received after will be included in the next issue.