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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

Here we are in the middle of winter when many of us are grounded due to cold weather. What better time to plan our events for the upcoming season. This month we will discuss plans that are in the works for a combination Young Eagles and Aircraft Flea Market to be held sometime this June. I have discussed the idea with the airport management and received a favorable nod. We need to further discuss the idea and maybe set a date! Munchies will be served at this meeting and it is hoped that we can recoup most of the cost of this thru donations.

Don't forget that all paper type pilots' licenses will expire on March 31, 2010. All pilots must apply for the new credit card type of license before that date.

See you all at the meeting.

Fly Safe,
Mike

Dear Members,

Let's talk "Bolt Basics". We only use "Army-Navy" or "AN" hardware on aircraft because of it's known qualities. There are exacting specifications for AN bolts and hardware. The quality and strength of the materials is uniform and must pass standards and testing. This is why the bolts we use are more expensive than commercial grade hardware. There are head markings on each bolt that tells us exactly what spec the bolt is made to. These can be found in your copy of AC43-13. It is also important to install bolts with the correct orientation and torque. Over torquing a bolt can weaken it. Some bolts have no safety wire holes, some have drilled heads and others have drilled shanks. The bolt part number gives you this information. You should not use drilled shanks with nylon lock nuts, as it tears out the nylon. Consult your advisory circular or Spruce catalog for more info.

Fly Safe, Chip

CHAPTER MEETING

6:30

Monday Feb 15, 2010

Plymouth Airport

January Secretary's Report

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President, Mike Butts called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. Pizza was served at 6:30. Eight pizzas were ordered in lieu of a Christmas party.

Fourteen members were present. Rick Kuhn started the meeting as a guest and purchased a family membership.

The secretary's report was accepted as published in the newsletter.

Bill Shippee presented the treasurer's report for November - approved.

Old Business: Mike presented chapter service awards from EAA National. A pin and certificate. We voted to increase the payment to the town of Plymouth, for use of the meeting room, from \$125 to \$150.

Marty Himmelfarb sent us a photo of his CGS Hawk in Florida with the wings on. He says, despite the cold, he is making good progress. It did get down to 32 for a couple of hours there but I bet it's back up to 80 now. Marty has agreed to serve as fly-in coordinator so we can start planning earlier than last year.

Mike suggested having food at meetings as an incentive to attend since we only had 6 people in October and 20 in November. Mama Mia's price would be \$70 for 6 pizzas and \$100 for 8 pizzas. We thought 6 pizzas would be enough - latecomers don't get any, or we could run over to Plane Jane's for an extra. Rick Kuhn volunteered his wife to cater every other month. She does catering and can do it cheaper than Mama Mia's.

Mike suggested a poster on the bulletin board in the Plymouth Airport Terminal building to attract new attendees.

Steve Donahue volunteered and was nominated to be the Young Eagles coordinator for a Young Eagles event in May.

Fred Paris gave his thoughts about organizing meetings to provide more construction and safety info. He brought a scrapbook with some historical info about the Chapter. UL62 started in 1992. Before that, it was the Middleboro Ultralight Association. Fred also gave an example of a fun

flying activity called GPS art. Where you fly a course between multiple points and the gps "bread crumb trail", or track log, makes a picture. His example was a star made by flying between 10 points to form the star over S.E. Mass. He also suggested short meeting segments of 15 to 30 minutes on construction topics so members could share their knowledge. He also called our attention to EAA Ultralight and Sportplane pilot proficiency events. We could hold one to promote proficiency. The events are landing accuracy, torpedo run (drop ball on paper target), bean bag or flour drop. It's not just for pilots. We would need ground support (especially to stand out there holding the targets <g>). An EAA certificate of insurance is available for these events. The more participation, the more fun.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

To have any events put in the newsletter just send Donna Butts an e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pugh, Secretary

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