



EAA Chapter 206 News

January, 2008

From the President:

As your new president, I have no grandiose agenda for the club. I see our club as a great social group of like-minded individuals who are, in my wife's words, "plane crazy." I see the club as a means of supporting one-another in our efforts, as a means of increasing safety in our operations of aircraft, and as a means of promoting and safeguarding the freedoms we have in civilian aviation. **Tom McMahon's** and **Ola Vestad's** leadership, along with other early purchasers of hangars in the Yakima Airpark, is an example of what dedicated aviation enthusiasts can do. I hope to continue in Tom's and Lance's footsteps in keeping our meetings meaningful, informative, and fun and supporting activities that increase our enjoyment and usage of aviation. The club meetings and activities will benefit from your comments, ideas, advice, and participation. Please feel free to call me at home (965-1209) or email me suggestions at stucopeland@charter.net. Thanks, and see you January 17th, 7PM, at the Aviation Skills Center building off of Washington Avenue.

Stu Copeland

Upcoming Events:

As most of you know every January we are fortunate to be invited to the Aviation Skills center for our meeting. This year instructor **Mike Sutton** will be hosting us and giving instruction on some aspect of aircraft care and maintenance. The meeting begins at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17.**

For February we are considering chartering a small bus to the Northwest Aviation Trade Show in Puyallup. The date is **February 23.** We will take a poll of members interested in going to this worthwhile event at the January meeting. Going by bus will save \$ and the stress of driving in snowy conditions over the pass.

Dues are Due:

Dues (\$25) for 2008 will be accepted at the skill center meeting in January. Please include your EAA number on your check. If paying with cash bring your EAA card. Also, if you have a new address, phone number or recent e-mail change, let us know. We appreciate your help in keeping track of these things.

Christmas celebration:

In December EAA 206 had an outstanding Christmas celebration in **Tom McMahon's** hangar at Yakima Airpark. There were 77 people in attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The event was catered by M & M catering. Many people commented on the quality and the variety of the excellent menu. The hangar was warm and cozy and the decorations added to the ambiance. What better place to have such an event and what better people to celebrate with!

We thank all of those who helped make this such a memorable event!

Ken McCallister wins Big:

Ken McCallister won over \$100 in the ticket drawing at our Christmas dinner. But instead of pocketing his winnings he directed that the money be put into the chapter's treasury to help with expenses.

He also won the "portable air compressor" but instead of throwing it across the room in a fit of rage he merely smiled good-naturedly.

Ken deserves a tip of the hat from this club!

Rookie newsletter editor:

Lance Sorensen has come out of retirement from being the club president to become the newsletter editor. We hope that he can maintain the same high standards of journalism that Bill Hudson did.

If you have any aviation and EAA newsworthy items that you would like to be considered for publication in our newsletter please let Lance know. You may call him at **697-6893** or contact him by e-mail at lancej@charter.net.

Beautiful RV6 for sale:

Bill Hudson's nicely built RV6 is for sale. This aircraft was carefully crafted by Bill in the 90's and has been flown and well maintained by him for the past 7 years. Many of you have flown with Bill and know how well it flies.

A price is being determined but if you or someone you know is interested you may contact **Tom M.** or **Lance S.** to discuss the possibility. You may also want to consider a joint purchase venture to buy this aircraft.

The aircraft may be examined in Lance and Marv's hangar #9 at Yakima Airpark.

The Passing of a Friend:

Most of you are aware of the fact that our very dear friend and fellow EAA member Bill Hudson passed away on December 26, 2007.

Bill will always be remembered for his kindness, his helpful attitude, his patience and his skills in aviation.

He also helped the club in various ways over the years as a volunteer, secretary of the club, and newsletter editor.

Bill especially enjoyed taking Young Eagles for their first flight. He is credited with 67 kids in his RV6.

Most of you also remember the skill with which he constructed his beautiful RV6 and the 7 years he was able to fly it. Some of us were fortunate enough to be able to fly with Bill in this airplane.

We will never forget you Bill.

