



EAA CHAPTER 206 NEWS

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From The President

It's a new year, not only for the calendar, but for Chapter 206 of the EAA as well. We have a new slate of officers to lead us forward with the encouragement of the past leadership who have left some pretty big shoes to fill. Over the last few years, the Chapter has grown and become more active around the hub of the Yakima Airpark created through the vision and hard work of Tom McMahon and Ola Vestad. Lance Sorensen and Stu Copeland set the standard by keeping the meetings meaningful and informative and the activities enjoyable and rewarding. It is up to your new leadership to maintain that interest and activity and build on it.

It's time for that annual plea for ideas, comments and advice on what you would like to do, programs you would like to have, fly-outs that you would like to make, and projects that you would like to work on. So go ahead and dream big. Big ideas lead to exciting and rewarding activities, as long as we are willing to put in the effort to fulfill our dreams. What are your interests—vintage aircraft, war birds, experimental aircraft, light sport, aerobatics, Young Eagles? As you know, EAA covers it all and it's all about just plane having fun. Give us your ideas and thoughts.

Our first program for the year will be a timely presentation by one of our

members. Sanford Reim will be discussing winter survival preparations in the event of an off airport landing. Also, we need to be determining the level of interest in our annual bus trip to Puyallup for the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show on February 20th, 2010. The Ellensburg Chapter has already indicated its interest in participating. Young Eagles' pilots should be thinking about putting together a schedule for this year. We are looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting of the year on January 21st at 7 PM.

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Successful Completion!

One of our members, Lee Bates, recently completed his first flight in his nicely constructed Thatcher, scratch built aircraft. We look forward to seeing Lee make some regular trips from KELN to KYKM and visiting us at the Yakima Airpark. Below is one of the pictures from this successful flight



Christmas Party Well Attended

Our annual EAA Christmas party took place last December in Hangar #1, Yakima Airpark. Approximately 80 people attended and enjoyed the camaraderie, good food and pleasant warmth of the nicely decorated hangar. Below is a picture showing President Stu Copeland addressing the attendees.



Important Reminder!

Deadline approaches for plastic pilot certificate

Paper pilot certificates will no longer be valid after March 31, 2010, so make sure you've upgraded to a plastic certificate. The FAA mandated the change because it says the plastic certificates are more counterfeit resistant. Pilots can request the plastic certificate through the [FAA's Web site](#) or by mail. The cost is \$2, but if you change your pilot certificate number from your Social Security number, the switch is free. Temporary, student, and flight instructor certificates are not impacted by the rule.

Last Words

Yes I will succeed and I'll make some money, unless I break my neck.

— Eugène Lefebvre, just before his fatal crash in a Wright Flyer, quoted in 'Le Petit Parisien,' 9 September 1909.

What's the hurry? Are you afraid I won't come back?

— Manfred von Richthofen, 'The Red Baron,' last recorded words, in reply to a request for an autograph as he was climbing into the cockpit of his plane

Winter Wonderland

For those of you who fly out of or visit Yakima Airpark in the winter, access is maintained by a few faithful people. Ola Vestad, and Tom McMahon both use a combination of snowblower and Harold Johnson's 4 wheel drive diesel tractor to keep everything open. Below is a picture of one of our members diligently working to keep ahead of the snow.



New Years Day

Last New Year's day Sanford and Diane Reim hosted a Chile In The Hangar party in their hangar at 811 Runway Lane, 48WA. There was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves. Judges carefully evaluated the quality of the Chili recipes and the winners were announced. See the picture below to see the happy winners with their bean awards.

(note: There will be a separate page following that includes EAA Chapter 206 membership renewal form. You may print this and bring along with your dues to the Jan. 21 meeting or you may mail with a check to our new treasurer Richard Morken, 814 E. Viola, Yakima, WA 98901)



Scott Heppler took third place with his Jambalaya, and Roy's Hangar Chili got the silver medal for second!