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Chapter Meeting

10-16-05 2 p.m.

McPherson Airport

Terminal Bldg.

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Apologies Offered

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this newsletter and the small size since I don't have a "Feature Plane" this month. It has been a very hectic six weeks for me and my family and I haven't even been close to an airplane since "When Pigs Fly". I've spent considerable time on the road between here and Dallas, TX and time in Dallas helping my daughter and son-in-law, including delivering furniture from one of our local furniture stores that they had ordered the first week of August. I've also been down with an incredibly bad head cold, which rarely happens to me. So, I'm very sorry and will do my best to improve for next month.

Since this is a short newsletter, I'm including information from Brenda Anderson at the home office of EAA. I normally don't get her email in time to include it, but due to my being so late this time I have it.

Young Eagle Registration Forms

As the end of the year draws closer, we want to remind all Young Eagle Chapter Coordinators to send in any outstanding Young Eagle registration forms they may still have. Remember, a flight isn't official until the paperwork is received and processed by the EAA Young Eagles office.

Pilots who fly and register 10 or more Young Eagles during the calendar year earn Young Eagle/Jaguar credits

that can be used to help offset the cost of sending a deserving young person to the EAA Air Academy.

Many chapters and members pool their credits to establish significant scholarship funds to help Young Eagles continue their interest in flying. EAA Young Eagles are also encouraged to visit the www.youngeagles.org to continue exploring flight.

So make sure you and your Young Eagles are counted!

If you still have registration forms on your desk, in a file cabinet or in the seat back of the airplane, dig them out and send them in!

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2005 Young Eagle Chapter Goals

Please notify the Young Eagles Office when your Chapter has reached your goal for 2005. If you have not mailed a Chapter Goal Card, let us know where you set your goal for this year. We like to give "special recognition" to the Chapters that reach their goal. You may e-mail Michelle Kunes at mkunes@eaa.org or call 877-806-8902.

Look forward to hearing from you soon!

Host Chapters Sought for 2006 EAA Ford Tri-Motor Tour

EAA is in the process of planning the 2006 Ford Tri-Motor Tour and seeks interested chapters (EAA or Vintage Aircraft Association) within a 700-mile radius of Oshkosh to serve as tour stop hosts.

Hosting generally involves a 4 to 5 day commitment and is typically a standalone event (as opposed to being affiliated with another event). If your EAA or Vintage Chapter is interested, please contact Sean Elliott at: selliott@eaa.org or write to

EAA Weeks Hangar, Attention: Aircraft Operations

1145 20th St.,

Oshkosh, WI 54902.

The deadline for indicating your interest is November 15, 2005.

EAA 2006 Calendars

We have received a few phone calls regarding the annual Chapter Calendar Sale Program. Just wanted to let everyone know that it will be available again this year and the mailing will be going out in the next few days. So Chapter Presidents, watch your mail for the packet of information!

Planning Ahead for Chapter Renewal

The end of the year is quickly approaching and now is the time to start organizing some of your administrative paperwork in preparation for the annual Chapter renewals.

Start working to update your Chapter rosters to include EAA membership numbers and expiration dates. Check to make sure that your non-profit incorporation is current within your respective state. Come up with a transition plan to help prepare your new officers to fulfill their duties for 2006.

Chapter renewal packets will be mailed to all 2005 Chapter Presidents in late November.

Chapter Monthly Programs

As the winter months are moving towards us many chapters are working to plan their monthly Chapter meeting programs. It can be challenging to come up with new ideas for programs and presentations but one of the best ways to get your arms around this job is to start with program committees. Assign small groups of different members to be responsible for each month's program. A different group is responsible for each month and they can plan whatever program or topic that they feel would be of interest to the Chapter. Keep your minds open, it may be a project visit, presentation by a technical counselor, video, hands-on work session, guest speaker, visit to a local museum or manufacturer, or perhaps have a joint meeting with another local Chapter and share your resources.

We often get the question of where can our chapter find local speakers? A little brainstorming session with a programs committee can help develop a list of local resources but to get things started think about some of these ideas:

- * Local Veteran's Associations
- * Flight Instructors & Aviation Schools
- * Local TV meteorologists
- * Local Aviation Historians
- * State DOT or Air Traffic Control
- * Mission Aviation Organizations
- * Aviation manufacturers, engineers or vendors
- * Airport Personnel
- * Air Force, Coast Guard, etc.
- * FSDO
- * Aeromedical Doctors
- * Area Type Clubs

Need topic ideas??? Think about the forums that are presented during AirVenture. What topics were of interest to you? Try to think about local sources of information for these areas and put feelers out for presenters.

Take a few minutes and review the reference paper out on the web called "Programs for Monthly Chapter Get-Togethers" for additional information:

<http://www.eaa.org/chapters/resources/reference/default.asp>

EAA Members Save on 2006 Ford Vehicles

The all new Ford Fusion, Mercury Milan and Lincoln Zephyr breathe fresh air into Ford Motor Company's line up of 2006 model cars and trucks. These three new vehicles shatter the most competitive vehicle segment with their standout exterior design, room interior and engaging driving dynamics. Each brings advanced technologies in safety, fuel economy and clean emissions. Log onto www.ford.com or visit your local Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships this fall to learn more about the Fusion, Milan and Zephyr.

Ford Motor Company proudly offers EAA members special saving opportunities with the Partner Recognition program. Members can take advantage of Partner Recognition savings on the sale or lease of eligible Ford, Mercury, Lincoln, Mazda, Volvo, Jaguar and Land Rover vehicles. Visit the Partner Recognition link at www.eaa.org to receive your PIN and discover the savings you can enjoy on new 2006 cars and trucks. Take advantage of the Ford Partner Recognition Vehicle Purchase Plan - the simple way to save money on your next vehicle purchase.

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- Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.
- Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?
- Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

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Area Events

1st Saturday of every month – Ponca City Airport Pancake Breakfast (PNC)

2nd Saturday of every month -- Beaumont Hotel (SN07) All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

4th Saturday of every month -- EAA Chapter 455 Fly-in Breakfast at Enid Woodring Regional (WDG) from 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

October 21st – 23rd - Hugo, OK (HHW) Balloons Over Hugo, Hugo Airport. Hot air balloons, family fun, skydivers, etc. Fri 4pm, Sat-Sun 7am-dark. Phone: 580-326-3633
Email: anyd@balloonsoverhugo.com Web: www.balloonsoverhugo.com

November 11 - Fairview, OK (6K4) - 54th Annual World's Oldest Free Fly-In and Airshow. Free breakfast to fly-in's 7-10am, airshow 1:30pm. Phone: 580-227-3788

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The price of progress. . . . I had been through the area five days before, and controllers stated that they were having intermittent reception on my transponder. I later left their area and had no further problems on the flight. Just to be sure, I had a mechanic check it out, and he found no problems. Five days later, through the same Evansville, Indiana control area, the same problem reared its head.

Controller: Cessna 12345, I am not receiving your transponder.

Me: I don't understand that. I had the same problem with you last week and I had the unit inspected with no problems.

Controller: Well that's peculiar. In that case, maybe it has something to do with the 1950's technology equipment built in the 1970's held together by 1990's duct tape we're using on this end. Come to think of it, it's probably us.