

Lite-wing News

Middle Tennessee Ultralight Group

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November 2004 From the President

The cooler weather and shorter days remind me that another year is coming to a close. This month at the meeting (remember it will be at Signature Aviation) we will hold elections of officers (President and Secretary) and other key positions (Newsletter Editor, Webmaster) for the next two years. There is still time to volunteer or nominate others for these positions; you can do so by calling or emailing if you cannot attend the upcoming meeting. When pondering nominees for these positions, keep in mind that officers (President & Secretary) must be members of EAA before taking office. Also, each of these positions requires time in between meetings, more than anyone might think. Nominees should be able to regularly attend the meetings, have time in between to make phone calls, chase down answers to questions, interact with the various committees operating at any given time, plan upcoming meetings and chart the course of the chapter, and any of the myriad other things going on at any given time. In addition to the skills required for each of the positions, the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster each require time to collect information, assemble it into presentable formats, and publish the newsletter and website. It's a good thing for the chapter to choose new persons for each of these positions, as each one learns the ropes there are always better ways to conduct each position that surface. Choose your candidates well and you will be pleased with the results over their terms.

Also at the November meeting we will finalize the plans for the December Christmas Dinner meeting. Donald McDonald has secured the meeting room at the Smyrna airport terminal and the services of a caterer as he did last year. Details about the planning of the dinner will be discussed at the meeting and published on the website following the meeting. We will need volunteers to help set up the facility on Thursday before the meeting; a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meeting. We will also need everyone to help clean up afterward and restore the room settings.

Be sure to attend the meeting if you can to participate and help out with everything we have happening between now and the end of the year.

Scott Weeks

Next Meeting

Remember that with the end of Daylight Saving Time, we will be moving the meetings back to Signature Flight Service the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be:

**November 18th at 7:00 pm
Signature Aviation,
Nashville**

For new attendees, please see the <http://www.mtug.us> website for directions and a map to Signature.

December Christmas Dinner/Meeting Thursday, December 16th

Our traditional Christmas Dinner/ Meeting will be held as it was last year at the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority Terminal and Business Center, 278 Doug Warpoole Road, Smyrna, TN 37167. The dinner will be catered by the same company as last year with a similar menu; pricing for the meal will be discussed at the November meeting. Sign-up for those attending must be done at the meeting or by Monday, November 22nd. We will need volunteers to set up the room on Thursday afternoon before the dinner and everyone will need to stick around after the dinner to help tear down and clean up. Directions to the facility: From I-24 or Murfreesboro Road (US 41) exit Sam Ridley Parkway East (TN 266); approximately ½ mile east of Murfreesboro road turn left on Threet Industrial Road (there is a model of the Space Shuttle Discovery at the intersection) at the traffic light; follow that approximately ½ mile to the end and turn right on Doug Warpoole Road. The facility is at the end of the street.

Please send your December newsletter articles and/or ads to your newsletter editor: Tonya Weeks, 3057 Dell Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076; (615) 453-1111, or e-mail: TonyaWeeks@juno.com

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Your EAA Membership Benefits What They Are and How They've Changed

We're often asked "what are the benefits of belonging to EAA?" The answer can be a long one depending on what that individual's interests are as EAA has a vast offering of benefits and services. And they are evolving and improving all the time. But let's just start with the basics and explore what's new in a \$40 EAA membership.

Every member receives his/her choice of a monthly magazine. EAA SPORT AVIATION is the flagship monthly publication for members interested in the broad scope of recreational aviation with editorial geared to the flying, buying, building, restoring and maintaining of all types of aircraft. We are currently in the process of expanding our coverage of production aircraft news and hands-on topics. EAA SPORT PILOT & LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT magazine is new just this year and its editorial is aimed at those who'll fly the newest special light-sport aircraft, including fixed wings, trikes, powered parachutes, gyrocopters, gliders, and Part 103 ultralights. Your membership includes a choice of either membership or you can add on the additional magazine.

EAA member benefits at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh each year have also increased. Now members not only have greatly reduced admission fees, but you'll receive discounts on specially priced meals from several food vendors, have access to the members-only internet café, and enjoy member events in the new EAA Member Village near AeroShell Square. And the list will be sure to evolve over the next few months as we set plans for the 2005 event happening July 25-31. Watch this space for more details on "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration."

EAA's Insurance Program has expanded with the addition of insurance for students and renters. This non-owner insurance plan is Sport Pilot-ready. In addition EAA, and Falcon Insurance have developed an outstanding insurance plan for all types of aircraft including expanded coverage, service and great pricing for members. Call today for a free quote at 866-647-4322 or visit www.eaa.org. EAA membership also includes preferred rates on other lines of personal insurance.

With the new Sport Pilot movement, EAA's technical team is the leader in helping all aviators understand what the new ruling means and how it helps reduce the traditional time and cost barriers associated with training and aircraft ownership. We have a special brochure series that answers many of the questions members have on this topic. If you'd like to receive this information or have a question on Sport Pilot, please don't hesitate to give us a call or visit the website at www.sportpilot.org.

Another new benefit of EAA membership this year is unlimited admission to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. That's right all members can visit the museum as often as they like-- at no additional charge.

The EAA membership umbrella includes the wonderful ability to join a local chapter and participate in all of its activities. Plus, EAA members also have the opportunity to join one or all of EAA's affiliate organizations: EAA Warbirds of America, EAA's Vintage Aircraft Association, and the International Aerobatic Club division of EAA. Plus, an affiliate of EAA is the National Association of Flight Instructors. The EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council reaffirms EAA's commitment to its homebuilding roots. There's something for everyone!

With the EAA Flight Planner, EAA members can easily plan a VFR

flight, view a route on current maps (including Sectional, WACs and other) check NOTAMs and weather, file with DUATs and many other functions. This \$50 value is free for EAA members, just check out the website at www.eaa.org for more information.

For individual services, EAA provides a wealth of educational and technical benefits. Access to pilot programs such as EAA Technical Counselors, Flight Advisors, Aeromedical Advisors, and Aviation Information Services representatives are ready to answer your aviation questions at 888/322-4636. EAA's education opportunities include SportAir workshops held around the country – the perfect place to learn about aircraft building and restoration. Call 800/967-5746 for all the details.

Working with kids via the EAA Young Eagles program gives the next generation of aviation enthusiasts the chance to take to the sky. EAA members provide an introductory flight experience for kids aged 8-17 – members have flown more than 1,100,000 Young Eagles since the program's inception. Call 877/806-8902 for more information. EAA's Air Academy aviation camps provide a resident camp at Oshkosh headquarters for youth who are aged 12-18 interested in aviation. Reach the Air Academy at 888/322-3229.

Finally, the discounts! Great deals and discounts for EAA members abound: you can save on everything from member discounts on Ford vehicles, John Deere equipment, Hertz car rentals, travel services, and even a preferred rate on the EAA VISA® credit card.

For more information on any of your EAA membership benefits we're at your assistance on-line at www.eaa.org or in person at 800/JOIN EAA (800/564-6322.)

Dear Fellow EAAers:

EAA Chapter 517, in western Montana, is conducting a fund raising sweepstakes. The Grand Prize is a beautiful KitFox Model V that was completed in 1997. This airplane has approximately 110 hours on the engine and airframe. I've attached a press release and copies of the rules and sweep-stakes entry form. It is our hope that your Chapter will be kind enough to alert your members through your Chapter newsletter and if your Chapter has a web site, we would appreciate you adding a link to our website. We do have pictures of the airplane, more detailed information about the airplane, as well as the rule for the sweepstakes and the sweepstakes entry form. We will only be issuing a maximum of 4,000 tickets and as long as we receive a \$25.00 donations for at least 1,800 tickets the Grand Prize KitFox will be awarded. Please see the rules for complete details. I will keep you posted, once or twice more, to let you know about ticket availability. Your help spreading the word about our sweepstakes is greatly appreciated. If we can help your Chapter somewhere down the line, please let me know.

Thank you,
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November Agenda Note:

We will be accepting nominations and holding elections at our upcoming November meeting for the following officers:

President
Secretary
Newsletter Editor
Webmaster

We will also be selecting "appointed positions" for:

Fly-In Coordinator
Membership Coordinator

Nominations may also be made before Thursday night's meeting by phone (615-453-1111) or by e-mail (TonyaWeeks@juno.com).

Classifieds: Members may list any ultralight or aviation related items for sale in the newsletter free of charge. Please contact the Newsletter Editor to renew an ad, or if your item(s) has sold.

FOR SALE: 1997 Weedhopper Deluxe, 447 Rotax, Middle TN, James Cash 931-738-5776 after 7:30 p.m.



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