

March 2009



# Mountainland Flyer

President Lounsbury



*EAA Chapter 17, Knoxville Tennessee*

**Next Meeting: March 3, 2009 at  
Skyranch  
Snacks at 6:30, business at 7:00**

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## Welcome to the New Year of EAA

*Walter Lounsbury*

**AS** I write this, it is clear that this year presents a lot of challenges to the aviation industry and our sport of aviation. For example, one of my friends I knew from my years at Boeing Military Airplane Company in Wichita, Alan Bailey, got in touch with me about two weeks ago. We traded some personal history. Then last week I heard that his employer, Eclipse Aviation, transitioned from Chapter 11 bankruptcy (reorganization) to Chapter 7 (liquidation). He has joined thousands of others that have been laid off from the aviation industry this year.

Not that aviation is in a unique slump. Here in East Tennessee, several major employers have gone out of business or are laying off their employees. It seems the only growing industry is the "retraining" industry.

Although last year was the year of sky-high avgas prices, this year will bring new challenges to our sport. Some of those challenges will be regulatory. This is one area where our EAA can and does provide a great deal of help and influence. If you care about the future of aviation and your hobby, you should believe that EAA deserves your support at this time.

While the EAA helps us out with the big problems, I'm also glad to support our local Chapter 17. The Chapter is our recreational venue, where we can have fun. If the current economy is affecting your hobby, the Chapter is a good place to find solutions for that pain.

**EAA Chapter 17 March Meeting at Sky Ranch Clubhouse, Tuesday, March 3,**

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**Chapter 17 Library:**

*From Don Miller*

**VHS Training Tapes for Pilots**

Larry Bartlett Aviation Seminars

- *Safe Single Pilot IFR*
- *Part A: Instrument Scan & Interpretation*
- *Part B: Enroute and Holding Patterns*
- *Part C: Approach Procedures and NDB*

King "Action" Videos Take Offs and Landings Made Easy

- *Taming Stalls and Spins*
- *METAR/TAF Made Easy*
- *Special Student Pilot Video*

Jeppeson Flight Time Video Series

- *Departures and Arrivals*
- *Approach Charts*

Duane Cole

- *VFR Tips for ALL Pilots*

AOPA

- *Collision Avoidance*
- *Pinch-Hitter: The Video*

Professional Instrument Courses, Inc.

- *Getting That Instrument Rating*
- *EAA Sport Flying #9 (717-718)*

Alchemy Video Productions

- *Ramp Check, Volume 2 in "How to Protect Your Pilot's License" Series*



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**at 6:30 PM**

We are planning on having a short business meeting. This will be followed by a discussion of events and activities for this year and some hanger flying. The main focus of the business meeting will be review of the Treasurer's reports. Jim Roberts will bring refreshments.

**Chapter Activities for 2009**

We are inviting new ideas and suggestions for meeting programs this year. Please feel free to contact me or any of the officers directly with your suggestions. Here is my contact information:

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We expect to introduce even more youngsters to aviation through our Young Eagles programs this year. We are also looking at opportunities to participate in other youth-oriented aviation programs. I think the Saturday Summer meetings schedule was a success that we should be able to continue this year. Several builders have indicated that we will get to see how their projects are progressing this year. We want to help preserve and improve our flying proficiency by connecting members with the FAA WINGS program, and other opportunities.

This year we have a great group of officers helping to make a great Chapter. As active as they are, I know every one of them appreciates a helping hand in their duties and putting on events. I've enjoyed some great meetings and presentations since joining the Chapter, but I've had the most fun working at events and contributing as an officer. Give it a shot, you'll be pleasantly sur-

**Classic Chapter 17 Nametags Available**

Permanent EAA Chapter 17 Nametags are available to all members. The small one (3" x 1") and larger one (3 1/2" x 1 3/4"), both cost \$7.50

Both feature the logo of the original nametags (of 50 years ago). To order, send mail to address below indicating which size, and give your name as you want it to appear on the nametag.

Payment in cash or check (made payable to EAA Chapter 17) will be accepted. At meetings, or by mail to:

Chapter 17  
PO Box 11744  
Knoxville, TN 37939



# 2009 Banquet

**J**anuary 24th was the annual Chapter 17 Banquet, which was held for the first time at Rothschild's Catering. The venue and the food was wonderful. Guest speaker Maj. Gen Fred Womack was interesting and motivating. I never considered the "battlefield in the sky" where the only lasting artifacts are the fighting machines, transcending time and mortality to keep the story alive.

Awards were presented to chapter officers, Young Eagle Essayists, and the Lifetime Chapter 17 Membership award, presented for years of dedicated service to EAA and Chapter 17 was presented to Mark Scheuer. Mr. Scheuer is a long-time member who has held chapter offices, and among many things as President, brought Paul Poberzny to Knoxville as a guest speaker.

There were 80 souls who attended the banquet, including the five guests. Thanks to the sponsors, Aircraft Spruce and PS Engineering for their donations.

Although the entire gathering enjoyed the evening, we were missing 25 souls who *promised* to attend, but are overdue and presumed lost. The chapter's contract with Rothschild's guaranteed at least 90 diners, so the chapter treasury ends up "eating" those meals.



Guest Speaker, Fred Womack

Ken Carpenter wins PS Engineering sponsored door prize, a headset



### Topic suggestions for MountainLand Flyer Articles:

We have compiled a list of suggestions in case you may want to write an article:

**First solo**– what was it like, what went through your mind as you watched your instructor walk away?

**Most memorable views aloft** – What have you seen that made you realize "this is what flying is all about"?

**Most valuable flight lesson that you didn't understand until now**– We have all had it happen, we learn to fly, pass the tests, build the hours, and get on with life. Then one day, years

or even decades later, we find a situation that makes us understand why they teach this stuff. What was YOURS? Submissions don't have to be long, spelling and grammar are not counted, that's what editors are for.

Send your contributions to: [gpi-cou@charternet.net](mailto:gpi-cou@charternet.net), and receive lots of gratitude for your effort.



Good food good friends



# EAA Chapter 17

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**EAA Chapter 17's** mission is the promotion of education in aeronautics, flying safety, navigation, amateur or home-built aircraft, antique aircraft restoration and construction, and related aero-sciences. To foster aviation, education, and progress in light aircraft development and other closely related phases of aviation. And to maintain a non-profit cooperative association to obtain instruction and education in aviation.

## Your EAA Membership

Chapter 17 maintains our membership records. This is important for two reasons. First, and most important, we use the info to correspond with our members. Second, we are required to provide EAA Headquarters with a current chapter roster each year. To help update our records, we are asking everyone to please provide the following: **Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and EAA member number.**

Finally, **we can't emphasize enough the importance of full EAA membership.** This is especially critical in the current climate of proposed GA user fee increases and other threats to your freedom to fly! For \$40 a year for a single EAA membership or \$50 a year for family membership, you can add your clout to the battle, as well as get a great magazine in *Sport Aviation* each month and lots of other member benefits. **If you are not a current member of the international EAA organization, please join or renew your membership.** Go to <http://www.eaa.org/memberbenefits.html>, or call 800-843-3612.

In the words of Vintage Aircraft Association President, Geoff Robison, "Let's all pull in the same direction for the good of aviation. Remember, we are **better** together. Join us and have it all"

### EAA Chapter 17 Membership Renewal



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EAA Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Project or current aircraft or interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, email, and phone info is used to update CH 17 records, is voluntary, and is not shared outside of CH 17. EAA Member # is required for our annual EAA Chapter renewal.

Please print, fill out, and bring to the next meeting, or mail to CH 17 Treasurer, at the below address. Please include a check for \$20.00 made to EAA Chapter 17.

Thanks for your continued support!

Check Here if you want a nametag (See page 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Small or \_\_\_\_\_ Large \$7.50 each

Name to appear: \_\_\_\_\_

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