

**EAA Chapter 17-- Knoxville, TN****President's Comments**

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I feel honored that you have asked me to serve as your Chapter 17 president for 2005. Don Miller did a wonderful job as president for 2004. Under his leadership several things helped improve our chapter. The Young Eagles program really took off during his term as president. I want to thank him for his hard work this past year, and I feel I will have questions for him throughout the coming year. Many thanks go out also to the pilots and ground crews that helped with the Young Eagles program. All the officers for 2004 did an outstanding job as far as I am concerned. Two of the 2004 officers have agreed to remain for 2005. I want to personally thank them for their continued work. Wilma Brantley, EAA 17 secretary for 2004 has taken on more duties with the 99's group. With that said, she had originally asked to be relieved of her duties as chapter 17 secretary. Out of the kindness of her heart she has agreed to remain our chapter secretary for the coming year. I want to personally thank her for remaining in that office capacity. Ed Dumas, our treasurer and web master has also agreed to remain in that capacity. I have looked at several web sites of some of the EAA chapters around the country. We are very lucky to have someone like Ed doing our web site. Some of the sites I have looked at haven't been updated since 2002 or 2003. I know from the East Tennessee WINGS web site I started how much work it takes, and the work Ed does on our web site is even more involved than what I have done. Our chapter 17 web site is one of the best I have looked at. The next time you see Wilma or Ed please let them know how much you appreciate their efforts. Lee Erickson has agreed to take on the job as Young Eagles coordinator, with Jim Golden agreeing to serve as his assistant. I thank them also for what they have agreed to do. The other new officers for 2005 are Max Grogan and Chris Linn. Ralph Wallin is still heading up our plans to get the B-17 back in our area for 2006. Thank you Ralph for all your hard work along with Bill Laughlin. All the officers and I will be meeting very soon to plan out our goals for the coming year. Please let me/us know of any ideas or suggestions you have. Our upcoming annual banquet on Jan. 29 is very exciting, and I hope to see you all there. Again, it is an honor and privilege to serve as your chapter 17 president for the coming year and I look forward to it.

Chapter 17 Classified Ads

1943 Boeing PT-17 Stearman: She's a beauty! See it at DKX or on the web: <http://www.huaa.com/stearman/>. Call David Senn (865) 482-3178.

A Champ & Engine/Prop: One 7BCM-CONV airframe, recovered, with C-85, almost ready to fly and a Continental C-65 with prop, zero time. Located in Murfreesboro. Call Lester Smith (615) 308-4764.

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Instruments needed for an IFR C-172, new or used, good-looking, legal. Call Gordon Webster (865) 717-0917.

Upcoming Pilot Safety Seminars:

January 22 & 23, 2005 at the Tennessee Museum of Aviation (GKT): AOPA Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic. To register go through AOPA-ASF for Sevierville, TN. This course is open to all pilots and the cost is \$99.00 for non CFI's that want to attend. Some I know that are non-CFI's have said they learned a lot from it. You will need to make your own motel reservations. There are usually about \$40.00 worth of materials included in price.

January 22, 2005 at Sevierville/Gatlinburg Airport (GKT): Flying Companion Course. The course is open to anyone and you don't have to be a pilot to attend. This course is aimed at people who are not pilots but who fly frequently and would like to learn how to handle emergencies and learn more about what is going on in the cockpit during the flight. Advance registration for the Flying Companion Course is **REQUIRED!** To register and pay for course, call the Tennessee Museum of Aviation (located at GKT) toll-free at 1-866-286-8738 Ext. 22 or 24 and give them credit card info, etc. Cost is \$30.00, which will include lunch. Seating at the Flying Companion Course is limited to about 50 or 60, so register early! There will also be student workbooks available for about \$6.00.

April 30, 2005 at Knoxville Downtown-Island Airport (DKX): East TN WINGS Saturday Plan to attend the East Tennessee WINGS Saturday at DKX on April 30, 2005! More details coming soon!



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EAA Chapter 17 Annual Banquet
January 29, 2005
Ramsey's Cafeteria, Knoxville, TN



Meet and Hear

Major Fredric Arnold
make the study of World War II come alive

He comes to us from Encino, California for this unique presentation at our annual banquet for members and guests

NASA says Mr. Arnold is a most extraordinary human being. Truly a renaissance man: P-38 WWII fighter pilot, inventor, actor, sculptor, artist, author, businessman, and an interesting, engaging guest speaker.

Where: Ramsey's Cafeteria, 5331 Central Avenue Pike, off Merchants Road
When: January 29, 2005, Registration at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 6:45 p.m.
Who: Anyone interested in American history or military air power
Price: \$25 for adults; \$15 for EAA family members; \$12 for children under 12

Reservations are required!

Contact Don Miller to make reservations for your family by January 24
Phone: 865-482-3167 **E-mail: msbari@bellsouth.net**

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2005 at Bloomington, Illinois**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch at 12:00 noon. Class will be in the Challenger Learning Center at Prairie Aviation Museum. Off Veterans Parkway, Route 9 East (Empire Street) to Carnahan Drive, Bloomington, Illinois. Cost is \$95.00. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your seat in class. Seating is limited. Please send check or money order payable to Prairie Aviation Museum or cash to: Prairie Aviation Museum P.O. Box 814 Walworth, WI 53184

Instructor-Bob Davis, P.A.M. Director of Flight Operations and Museum check pilot, FAA Certified DC-3 Examiner, retired United Airlines Captain, over 50 years of flying experience.

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Lodging-A limited block of rooms has been reserved for Friday evening, Feb. 4 2005 at the Country Inn & Suites, 2403 E. Empire St. Cost is \$35 plus tax per night. Call 309-662-3100 and ask for the Prairie Aviation Museum block room rate. See www.eaa17.org for details!

Until April 2, 2005 Win a KitFox Airplane! EAA Chapter 517 in Missoula, Montana is conducting a fund raising sweepstakes and the Grand Prize is a beautiful 1997 KitFox Model V (appraised value \$48,500). The normal ticket price is \$25.00 or ten tickets for \$200.00 (a maximum of only 4,000 tickets will be sold). Want to save \$5.00 per ticket, join some friends and buy 10 tickets at a time. Full details about the sweepstakes can be found on the chapter web site at www.eaa517.org. You can download the entry form from the web site or request an entry form by mail at, EAA Chapter 517, Inc., PO Box 16446, Missoula, Montana, 59808 or by e-mail at: EAAChapter517@aol.com. Good luck!

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**EAA Chapter 17
BANQUET!**

**Saturday, January 29,
2005 at 6:30 p.m. at
Ramsey's Cafeteria**

