



## EAA Chapter 17-- Knoxville, TN

### President's Comments

*From Don Miller*

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##### Young Eagles

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This could be you!

One hundred years of powered flight! Chapter 17, first chartered on January 1, 1956, has a long and proud history of supporting the Knoxville area aircraft builders and aviation enthusiasts. I am reminded of our duty to be strong advocates for general aviation in the face of an indifferent public. At a recent AOPA safety seminar, we were reminded that the freedom of flight is not assured if we fail to react to the paranoia in Washington. I urge all of our members to rekindle their fire in the belly about aviation. Fly safely, know the current TFR's and invite new folks to the club.

We hope to grow our traditional builder's and Young Eagles programs, and expand the sponsorship of events and programs to bring in new members. We need members to write articles and take photos to share through the newsletter. Write about great destinations, good maintenance service, and equipment upgrades. Share cost saving methods for aircraft upgrade and new sources of avionics. Builders can invite the uninitiated to join them as sidewalk superintendents or to do some sanding. Remember that the new comers may not have heard about your airplane or the article you wrote several years ago. Dig out the old copy and update it for all our members to enjoy. At the rate the country is losing airports we all should help upgrade our favorite airport and bring in the public to enjoy an event.

I invite any member to call or write and phone to help with leadership, co-pilot a project or suggest an activity this year. We need a few good men to step forward. Call a friend and suggest you team up to do Young Eagles.

#### Chapter 17 Classified Ads:

##### Needed for a Cessna 172 (new or used, good looking, all must be legal):

Nav/Com with glideslope capability  
 VOR with glideslope indicator  
 Electric turn-and-bank indicator  
 Vertical speed indicator  
 Intercom system  
 Hobbs meter  
 Strobe light (either belly or tail type).  
 EGT and/or CHT gauge-either single probe or 6 probe.

I need to get this plane in IFR condition ASAP. Gordon Webster 865-717-0917

**Also:** Six 2004 EAA Calendars are still available! Get 'em while they're still hot for \$8 each! Call the new treasurer at 865-670-8473.

### Newsletter Editor's Corner

By Ed Dumas Jr, **New** Treasurer/Newsletter Editor Chapter 17, EAA

Greetings from your new newsletter editor and treasurer! First, I want to thank Gary Picou and Bill Lofgren for a job well done these past 6 years with the newsletter and treasurer's job. It won't be easy trying to fill their shoes! They've done a great job!

On the newsletter front, my goal for this year will be to try and write informative newsletters and get them delivered in time to remind folks to come out to the meetings and participate in the Chapter events. If you have received this newsletter, you are on the list and will continue to receive them unless we hear from you.

If you want to start getting the electronic version of the newsletter and you have an e-mail address, send e-mail to [eddumas@earthlink.net](mailto:eddumas@earthlink.net) and I will add your name to our e-mail distribution list. The e-mail distribution is nice because it saves the chapter money for newsletter reproduction.

Of course, like all newsletter editors before me (and all those that will follow), I can't do it alone. If anyone has any pictures, stories, or ideas for things to include in the newsletter please send them along. With digital cameras, computers, and the Internet, it is easier than ever to create and share pictures and stories of experiences, so don't be bashful! Remember to take a camera with you on your next flying trip, or take pictures of your current airplane project and send the photos in so that everyone can see some of the cool things that folks in Chapter 17 are doing.

As for the treasury items, if you haven't paid dues for this year please send those in. We will be working in the next few weeks to come up with an official list of members, so be sure your name is included! Please note the new address for treasurer correspondence:

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**Meetings:** There will be a planning meeting on February 26 at Sky Ranch at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to come and share ideas. The next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday **MARCH 3, 2004 at DKX at 6:00 p.m.**

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# NOTAM

**EAA Chapter 17**

**Upcoming MEETINGS**

**Planning Meeting**  
Thursday, Feb 26 7:00  
p.m. at Sky Ranch

**Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 3  
6:00 p.m. at DKX

**Meeting Change!**