

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

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The year 2005 appears to be off to an excellent start. Those that attended our annual banquet on Jan. 29, in spite of the weather forecast, walked away as I did, in amazement after listening to Major Fredric Arnold talk about his World War II days as a P-38 pilot and other experiences. His talk kept all of us wanting to hear more and more about his life. His speech at the banquet was something I know those of us that were there will not forget. My daughter, who will soon turn 21 years old, doesn't normally like most of the aviation talks she hears. She says they are boring since she is not a pilot and doesn't understand what is being said. She really enjoyed the Major's talk and wanted his book after it was all over. I think that says something for what all the rest of us knew as we listened to him.

The other night, the officers for 2005 met to brainstorm and talk about what we wanted to try and do for Chapter 17 this year. We discussed Young Eagles, membership, general ideas, and possible programs that we would try and develop. We decided to order two banners from EAA that are 3 ft x 5 ft. One would be for Chapter 17 and the other one for Young Eagles. I brought this idea up since we are involved more and more with Young Eagles and other aspects of aviation that I thought it would be nice to show who and what we are. The cost is \$88.50 each.

Our monthly meetings will start at 6:00 pm until further notice. In the past, starting at 6:30 pm rushes our meeting and it seems to always run in to the time period that ETGAA has since their meeting starts at 7:30 pm, and they were their first. I don't feel it is right to infringe on their time period. We will see how this works out. It may be that we will need to change our meetings to a different day.

It appears that a lot of pilots have the perception that in order to belong to EAA that you have to be a homebuilder. It may have started and been that way years ago, but as we know, most members are not home builders. We just have a passion for flying and we need to spread the word to other pilots that they can join us without being a homebuilder.

One idea I have is to have a safety seminar where homebuilders present a program of what they have learned from their experiences and pass that information along to future homebuilders, maybe keeping them from making the same mistakes. At present, a tentative date is Tuesday night, April 5 at DKX. More information will follow as the details are worked out. If you have suggestions for programs, please let one of the officers or myself know.

I look forward to 2005 as your Chapter 17 president and I am excited about the possibilities we can do this year after the officers meeting last Thursday night. I hope to see you at our March meeting at 6:00 pm. So until then, **Happy and Safe Flying.....**

Chapter 17 Classified Ads

RV-9A: Tail, Wing and Fuselage kits including Van's RV-9 wiring kit and 2 Duckworks leading edge landing/taxi lights. The tail, flaps and ailerons are finished. Both wings have the ribs attached. Located in Verona, Kentucky that is about 30 minutes south of Cincinnati, OH. Will NOT separate these parts. \$13,500. Also available Whelen combo strobe and position lights \$700, PSS AOA Sport \$850 and an Aero Instruments Heated Pitot/static tube \$500. Contact scottspencer@fuse.net

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

1979 Cessna 182RG: '79 Cessna 182RG for sale. 2600 hours TT and 350 SMOH. Contact Ken Carpenter (865) 693-0457.

Aeronca 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. Contact Lester Smith (615) 308-4764.

Instruments Wanted: Instruments needed for an IFR C-172, new or used, all instruments must be good-looking and legal. Contact Gordon Webster (865) 717-0917.

Upcoming Pilot Safety Seminars:

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!

Young Eagles Calendar:

February 26, 2005 at Knoxville Downtown Island Airport (DKX) at 9:00 am: A practice ground-school will be held at 9:00 am. This is primarily for ground-school teachers, but everyone is welcome!

April 21, 2005 at Tennessee School for the Deaf, Knoxville, TN in the afternoon: The ground school portion of the Young Eagles event with youth from the TN School for the Deaf is tentatively scheduled to be in the afternoon of Thursday, April 21, 2005. TSD is located one block prior to entering the Downtown Island Airport

April 28, 2005 at Knoxville Downtown Island Airport (DKX) in the afternoon: The flying portion of the Young Eagles event with youth from the TN School for the Deaf is tentatively scheduled to be in the afternoon of Thursday, April 28, 2005, with the rain date being Thursday, May 5, 2005.



An 18 minute video of the YOUNG EAGLES Day in high quality DVD is now available at \$15.00 per copy.

Call 405-7896 after 8:00 PM weekdays anytime on weekends.

EAA Chapter 17 2005 Banquet a Huge Success!

Chapter 17 Experimental Aircraft Association held its 49th annual banquet on January 29 at Ramsey's Cafeteria. Although the weather prognosticators were assuring us of poor travel conditions, they failed to materialize and attendance was strong. Our guest speaker, Maj. Fredric Arnold and his wife Natalie were delightful. They captivated our members and guests. Mark Sheurer said: "What a terrific night", and "my 15 year old daughter, told me she really really enjoyed Major Arnold's presentation. That coming from a girl who was willing to attend last night, originally would have rather spent the evening with her girl friends ice skating." Darrell Sexton said of his daughter: "Carrie, who will soon be 21, normally doesn't like most of the aviation talks she has heard. But last night she really enjoyed the Maj.'s talk so much she wanted one of his books." "I hope adults and kids alike enjoyed his talk as much as I did." Ed Dumas said, "The show was great, Major Arnold was fantastic, and we ended up in the black financially."

Ramsey's Cafeteria did its usual excellent job with arrangements, service and food. It was a festive group and conversations were warm and many. The program opened with a blessing of the food by Ralph Wallen and introduction of the program sponsors: PS Engineering and Fret'n'Stuff co-sponsored the travel and accommodations for our two guests who came from warm Encino, California to be with us. Fredric asked me to assure warm weather by telephone before arrival. As we who live here know, January in Tennessee has a mind of its own, weather-wise. Out of town guests included chapter 892 and 1025 members, and locally Stan Brock, two TYS air traffic controllers, Jim Rushing, CAP, guests of several members and three former chapter presidents.

The program was certainly the highlight of the aviation year for your past president. Major Arnold displayed his great understanding of powerful airplanes as they are used in war and the impact of their use on young men hardly out of high school! He used his graphic arts skills to add humor and to convey a personal relationship with the topic. For those who were unable to attend, I recommend reading his book "Doorknob52", and seeing his movie "Between Two Worlds".

The program concluded by changing of the guard with chapter leadership, and door prize drawing. Door prizes were donated by: Tennessee Museum of Aviation, Glacier Girl Museum, Chapter 17 EAA, and PS Engineering. Darrell Sexton and his new team deserve our support as we look forward to the 50th year of aviation activities for the chapter.

Don Miller

Young Eagles Corner

This is a new corner of the newsletter that will become a regular column. Lee Erickson is the new Young Eagles coordinator for Chapter 17 for 2005 and he is enthusiastic about promoting the Young Eagles program and sharing the joy that comes with giving a youngster their first airplane ride.

Inspired by the artwork that Major Arnold showed at the EAA Chapter 17 banquet, Lee wants to have a contest to design a Young Eagles logo for Chapter 17. Lee is thinking the design should be based on whimsy, much like the cartoons that Major Arnold presented at the banquet. Please submit your ideas to Lee in either electronic (digital) or paper (analog) format. Contact information is at the bottom of this column.

Also, Lee is actively seeking volunteers to help at the Young Eagles events that are scheduled for this year. The Young Eagles calendar is printed on the previous page of this newsletter, and it also available on the EAA 17 web site (<http://www.eaa17.org/>). If you would like to help, please contact Lee and he can let you know the details.

We are also seeking good stories that share experiences pilots have had flying Young Eagles. Anything that you can remember as a Young Eagles pilot that may be humorous or worth sharing with others to help spread the word about the value of Young Eagles would be greatly appreciated. Who can forget flying their first Young Eagle?

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Ed Dumas

The new EAA 2005 Calendars are here! Get yours for only \$10.00 while supplies last! Reserve your calendar early by contacting Ed Dumas, EAA 17 Treasurer, soon. We also have a limited number of EAA Chapter 17 cloth patches available for \$3.00 each. Get yours now!



Pictures from the
EAA Chapter 17
Annual Banquet

January 29, 2005



Frederick Arnold explaining why "World War II Wasn't Fought by John Wayne!"



Visit www.eaa17.org and give us your feedback about the banquet!



Natalie and Frederick Arnold relaxing in the Smoky Mountains (Left) and signing autographs for appreciative banquet attendees (Right).



From left to right, Amber Case, Mark Eddings, Judy Linn, Chris Linn, Ed Dumas, and Lee Erickson enjoying the banquet!

From left to right, Darrell, Diane, and Carrie Sexton at the head table... Chapter 17's new First Family!



Mark Sheuer accepting a watercolor painting from Major Arnold that has been personally "remarked" by the Major. He drew a cartoon depicting a P-38 pilot using PS Engineering intercoms in the margin of the picture.

Remarquable!

EAA NEEDS HELP UPDATING THE AMATEUR-BUILT DAR (AB DAR) WEB PAGE

The EAA Government Relations department is updating the amateur-built DAR (AB DAR) web page and we need your Chapter members assistance with the update. Within this web site we have listed all of the individuals the FAA has currently authorized to inspect and certify amateur-built aircraft. There is one column called "EAA Member Recommended AB DAR" that directly reflects your member feelings about the AB DAR's who have inspected and certified their aircraft.

What I need is for your Chapter members to tell me if they would recommend the AB DAR who inspected and certified their aircraft to other EAA members. If they would, then what is the name of that inspector - once I get that name, I'll then add a "yes" under the recommended column next to that AB DAR's name.

I would like to thank you and your Chapter members in advance for helping to provide this information to all members of our EAA Family.

The current EAA AB DAR web page is at: http://members.eaa.org/home/govt/help/ab_dar.asp

Please take a look at it...the list of recommended AB DAR's is a living list that can be updated any time.

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