



EAA Chapter 17-- Knoxville, TN

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Young Eagles

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This could be you!

As chapter 17 begins to build a renewed Young Eagle team, it is interesting to read about the new national chairman:

"March 8, 2004 - EAA Affirms Commitment to Young Eagles Program Announces Harrison Ford as New Chairman

Harrison Ford, best known as a renowned actor in more than three dozen films but also an extremely active pilot and member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), was introduced today as the new Chairman of the EAA Young Eagles Program. During a welcoming program at Van Nuys, Calif., with EAA President Tom Poberezny, Ford accepted the chairmanship of the program, saying, "It's daunting to step into General Yeager's shoes, but aviation is about learning new skills and the satisfaction that comes with practicing them and doing better."

10/8/1999 – about his aviation connection Christian Science Monitor

The blades of the helicopter stop spinning, and Harrison Ford slips out of the pilot's seat to take a few healthy stretches in a small town in Nebraska. The attendant asks the usual question, "Fuel 'er up?"

Ford nods, and then asks, "Is there a place around here I could get a (\$500) hamburger?"

Ford, who has flown his own jet plane for seven years, got his helicopter license about 2-1/2 years ago. "This summer," the actor explains, "we transferred my airplanes and helicopter back and forth; we were moving the family from Manhattan to vacation at our ranch in Wyoming. So there was a lot of flying."

While Ford and Pollack were making "Random Hearts" in Washington, D.C., and Miami, they flew together. "He's a serious flier," the director says. "I enjoy going up with him. We believe there are no old bold pilots."

During his early days in Hollywood, Ford kept food on the table for three years laboring as a carpenter building houses. "I have a workshop at the ranch," he says, "but I usually go there just to fix something. I haven't built a piece of furniture in five years."

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EAA Chapter 17 Meeting Minute Highlights **March 3, 2004**

The March meeting was well attended with 19 members present.

Goals for 2004 - Our new president, Don Miller, presided over brainstorming goals for the year:

- A. **Traditional Builder Programs** – Ken Carpenter facilitated. The group plans to sponsor an RV program, KR2 program and Tiger Moth restoration program
- B. **Youth Programs** – Xen Portwood, facilitator, reported that DKX needs a better working relationship with the surrounding community. A special Young Eagles with the Tennessee School for the Deaf would help in this networking. The group also wants to get involved with East Tennessee Children's Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, high school flying programs (ground school), and Angel Flight.
- C. **Programs of General Interest** – Thad Phillips stated that we need to sponsor fly-ins and fly-outs since we have not done so in years. Some members planned to fly out to the Falls of the Rough in Kentucky on March 13. The group will sponsor a BBQ and the Red Barons, who will hopefully bring their pizzas!

Don requested that each facilitator put dates and responsible members to these goals and send them to him via e-mail at msbari@bellsouth.net. You may be asked to serve, and volunteering now would be even better! Don will then send the completed list out to all members for review.

Treasurer's Report - Ed Dumas gave the treasurer's report for February 2004. The current checking account balance is \$798.87 and the savings account balance is \$1000.00. Ed is also our newsletter editor and needs correct addresses and e-mails for members. Send your current address to him at eddumas@earthlink.net

B-17 Visit - Ralph Wallin stated that the B-17 would be at the Tennessee Museum of Aviation at the Gatlinburg/Sevierville airport on Tuesday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 8. Since this is only for two days and not on the weekend, Ralph said that this visit would be different from last time and we will have to work harder to make money. He requested volunteers to post ads at airports and posters in local stores. Pat Byrne volunteered to work with Alfred Bell, a social studies teacher, to get the Sevier County and Knox County School Systems involved.

Young Eagles Film – John Ashe, a retired filmmaker, shot film at the October 25 Young Eagles event at Sky Ranch. He's selling the CD for \$15.00 a copy for this 18-minute video. Don Miller said the video was super, and we will be sending a copy to EAA in Oshkosh.

Meeting Location – Frank Beeler asked if EAA planned to meet at DKX all the time or at Sky Ranch? Don stated that many new officers are at DKX, which is convenient to them. However, Don will send out e-mail to members to query them regarding their preference. Everyone agreed that we would like to see ETGAA and EAA combine their efforts for events so that we can do a better job.

Air Academy Scholarship – Ken Carpenter asked if anyone had knowledge of kids ages 10 – 18 years who have an interest in flying. EAA has scholarship money for the Air Academy at Oshkosh, but no applicants. Interested members should contact Don Miller.

Sport Aviation – Bill Lofgren reminded members to read their March magazines that contain articles about Roy Whiskey's plane and "Mama Bird" Evelyn Bryan Johnson.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, at 6:00 PM, at DKX KnoxAir Hangar.

By Wilma Brantley, Secretary, EAA Chapter 17

EAA YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM RECEIVES LAUREL AWARD

EAA members are not the only ones who think the Young Eagles program is pretty special. Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine recently awarded the program one of its prestigious "Laurel" honors for 2003.

The annual "Laurel" awards honor those individuals and teams who made significant contributions to the international field of aerospace during the past year. In its award proclamation to EAA, published in the February 2 issue, Aviation Week & Space Technology stated that "many of these children have grown up and gone on to earn their private pilot's licenses and choose aviation as a career, in large part because an EAA member introduced them to aviation and ignited an interest in flying."

"We are very pleased to receive this prestigious award on behalf of the 85,000 volunteers who have made the Young Eagles program a success," said EAA President Tom Poberezny. "The efforts of these individuals

helped take the Young Eagles program beyond its initial goal of flying 1 million young people and have carried us into 2004.

As EAA launches into a new century of flight, the Young Eagles program will continue to inspire both young and old alike. "The reasons for establishing the program in 1992 are as valid today as ever," said Steve Buss, Executive Director of Young Eagles. "Our intention is to continue introducing interested children to the world of aviation, but also help them better explore all the possibilities available through flight."

The program's new target is to register 100,000 Young Eagles annually. In addition, plans are in the works for an enhanced Young Eagles web site to be launched later this year and additional activities that EAA Chapters and members can host during Young Eagles or Chapter events.

For more information on the Young Eagles program, visit www.youngeagles.org.

WEB SITE CORNER

This is a new feature of the newsletter dedicated to good web links related to sport aviation. If you have a computer and an internet connection, fire it up and check these out! If you don't have a computer, go to your local library and use their public computers.

This month, we have three featured websites. The first is a good explanation of how GPS works, the second is the FatBoyz Aviation website (a very well-done local page from the DKX flying group!), and the third is the Scaled Composites webpage, detailing Burt Rutan's efforts to win the X-Prize, with some fantastic pictures of the White Knight and the SpaceShip One! Truly the next generation of homebuilding!

How GPS Works: www.nasm.si.edu/exhibitions/gps/work.html
FatBoyz Aviation: www.fatboyzaviation.com
Scaled Composites: www.scaled.com

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 hot, \$8 each! Call Ed at 865-670-8473.

Newsletter Editor's Corner

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

This has been a busy month! While going through all the treasurer's data from previous Chapter 17 treasurer's, I found a bunch of old pictures from Chapter 17 meetings of times past. There were lots of black and white pictures made at someone's house with an (as yet unidentified) airplane project possibly made in the late 1950's or early 1960's. Included were another set of color pictures that look like a BD-4 project, probably from the 1960's. There are a few color pictures of a banquet gathering, that also look like they were made in the 1970's.

Please see Bill Lofgren if you want to try and help us identify some of the folks in these pictures!

We also found a copy of the original Chapter 17 charter, as well. There is one remaining charter member that we know about, Donald (Ray) Wood of Maryville. He was just a teenager when the chapter was formed on January 1, 1956! Also notice that in less than 2 years Chapter 17 will be 50 years old!

As for the treasury items, if you haven't paid dues for this year please send those in. We have the checking account up and running and 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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Ken Carpenter photo

Photo of the head table at the annual Chapter 17 banquet. From left to right, Mary Carpenter, Ken Carpenter, Bob Carden (Glacier Girl speaker), and Don Miller.

EAA Chapter 17 Banquet – *Glacier Girl!* Chapter 17 hosted Bob Carden from Middlesboro Kentucky who came and talked about the Glacier Girl project, the P-38 that was recovered by Roy Schoffner and his team from the Greenland ice cap in 1992. The story began in 1942, continued through 1992 and the recovery effort on the icecap, then on to 2002 when the airplane was first flown, and continues to this day! If you aren't familiar with the P-38 story, please visit the webpages listed below.... Then fly up and see the airplane for yourself! Bob related experiences, challenges, and triumphs that ther team experienced that could only be told by someone who was there! From details of how the original flight crew was lost and forced to land on the ice cap in 1942 to the freak snowstorms that would literally bury the crew and equipment during the recovery effort, to the repair and rebuild and eventual flights of the P-38, this was a fascinating presentation! For more information, please visit the Glacier Girl website at: www.thelostsquadron.com/

Right: Bob Carden describes his experiences during the recovery and restoration of the P-38 Glacier Girl from the Greenland icecap.



Ken Carpenter photo



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Left: A good turnout and a good time was had by all at the EAA Chapter 17 Annual Banquet!

Here's Bill Lofgren and Anna Miller giving Dale Grubbs his door prize...



Ken Carpenter photo

What's at the Next Meeting!

Pat Byrne will show a new video of the recent ETGAA fly-out trip to Falls of the Rough, Kentucky, video from First Flight, and video of the Tullahoma Beech Staggerwing Museum.

Thad Phillips will also have a demonstration of pre-flight planning software available on the World Wide Web, time permitting!

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Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 7
6:00 p.m. at DKX

Pat Byrne's Videos!

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