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Breakfast Saturday, December 1st. at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 8:00 AM. **See you Saturday!**

Christmas Holiday Banquet

Our Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon will be Saturday, December 8th at noon at Fairview Farms Restaurant, 5911 Heuermann Rd., Peoria, IL 61607. (Located off Maxwell Road between Peoria Airport and Plank Road.)



Our special guest will be Captain Dennis Armstrong, an American Airlines pilot who was in the air in an MD80 on September 11th and was ordered to land at the nearest airport.

Lunch will be served "Family Style," with chicken, swiss steak and the trimmings. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please make your reservations no later than **DECEMBER 2nd**, by phoning Dave Cook at 309/ 682-6074. Please pay at the door. The next second Thursday of the month Chapter meeting will be in January.

New Chapter Officers were elected at our business meeting on Thursday, November 8th. The following officers will serve in 2002:

President	Jerry Pilon
Vice President	Steve Bonfoey
Treasurer	Jim Hooker
Secretary	Bill Engel
Newsletter Editor	Morrie Caudill
Program Chairman	Joe Fox

November Meeting Approximately 25 members and guests were in attendance on November 8th. Treasurer Morrie Caudill called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Vehicular traffic to the hangar areas of Mt. Hawley Airport through the new electric gate was discussed. Due to heightened security concerns, the gate cannot be left open on meeting nights. After hours there will be no FBO staff to close the gate when our meeting concludes. It can not be left open overnight.



All members who do not have a Mt. Hawley or Greater Peoria Airport magnetic key card must arrive by 7:00 p.m. on meeting nights. A member will hold the gate open until 7:00 p.m. by positioning his/her car just inside the gate. Anyone arriving after the start of the meeting must park in the public lot and walk to the South end of the hangars.

Morrie Caudill gave the following

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



treasurers report: checking \$1,392, savings \$2,613, certificate of deposit \$5,241, total \$9,246.

Morrie noted that the chapter financial position is slightly better than last year, due to increased hangar tenant revenue and member support of our first Saturday of the month breakfasts.

Technical Advisor Al Lurie reported that Pete Yakoff is making good progress on his wood amphibian.

Joe Fox introduced his guest, Peter Ackerman. Ackerman is a multi-engine rated commercial/CFE pilot with Aviation Specialists Inc. in Peoria. He is the Director of Flight Training for the firm and frequently flies out of Peoria and Bloomington airports.

Morrie made a brief report on the results of a survey conducted by the Greater Peoria Airport Authority. It was based on the response of pilots regarding conditions at both Greater Peoria and Mt. Hawley Airports.

Morrie reported that the survey was worthwhile and should be read by all Chapter members. Joe Fox and others added that a Greater Peoria Airport Authority Board meeting had been held the previous evening and that the survey was handled well and presented positively.

Jim Hooker introduced Viktor Maister, our guest speaker for the evening. Vik gave an extremely interesting and informative slide presentation on his mountain flying experiences in Switzerland and Italy last September. Vik flew a friend's Robin, a single engine, French made, four place aircraft, through the Swiss Alps.

In addition to his U.S. ratings, Vik has a Swiss Flying License. Vik answered many questions from members at the conclusion of his presentation.

Homeland Security

Last week the FAA provided its plans to the Office of Homeland Security for the incremental





restoration of general aviation operations in the remaining three TFRs and enhanced Class B airspace (New York City, Washington, DC, and Boston). At the top of the list for relief are the orphan operations such as news gathering, traffic reporting, helicopter and airship operations, and others.

"In the last two months, EAA's leadership has played an important part in restoring many of your flight privileges," Tom wrote. "To accomplish what lies ahead, we must continue to be strong." Chapters can rise to the challenge on three levels: red, for recruiting five to 10 new members; white, for recruiting 11 to 15 new EAAers; and blue, for recruiting 16 or more new members.



There is strength in numbers, and with this added strength EAA can continue to fight to preserve our precious flight privileges. We will provide progress reports for this campaign on the EAA website, e-HOT LINE, and upcoming issues of Sport Aviation. From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 35

Flight Service Stations Toll-Free

The FAA has established toll-free telephone numbers for individual Flight Service Stations, making it more convenient for pilots to contact specific FSS locations across the country. Pilots can continue to use the existing nationwide toll-free number, 1-800-WX-BRIEF, but can connect a specific FSS. Central Illinois pilots can contact Kankakee, IL IKK at 866-450-6593. From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 36

It is likely that relief for these specific operations in enhanced Class B airspace will hinge on the acceptance of new point of departure security proposals by the Office of Homeland Security. Abolition of enhanced Class B airspace and restoration of some operations within the TFRs are also reportedly part of the strategy.

Deliberations by FAA with national security interests are continuing on a daily basis and gradual relaxation of the restrictions is anticipated, barring any significant negative change in the national security threat assessment. From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 35

GA Pilots Can Help EAA members and other aviation enthusiasts can help to ensure the passage of the General Aviation Small Business Relief Act (HR 3007).

Contact your congressional representative and urge their support for HR 3007. If your congressman is a member of the House Aviation Subcommittee, ask for action on this Bill, which has been in committee since October 3 without any consideration. From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 35



Airspace Still Being Reviewed

An announcement had been anticipated sometime last week regarding the FAA's broad-based plans to eliminate most enhanced Class B airspace, and provide limited relief within the three remaining TFRs in New York, Washington, DC, and Boston.

"Changed Products Rule" Delayed

EAA's Washington staff has been working for several years to protect general aviation, particularly older aircraft, from the impact of new changed products regulations. "Type Certification Procedures for Changed Products," also known as the Changed Products Rule (CPR), was scheduled to go into effect in December but was instead delayed for 18 months--June 2003--to allow FAA to create procedures, guidance material, and training programs. From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 35

The FAA has thoroughly briefed the Office of Homeland Security on its plans and FAA officials are actively seeking approvals from top OHS officials. EAA will remain in close contact with senior FAA and DOT officials throughout the holidays and will report any developments as they occur. From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 36

2002 EAA SportAir Workshops

EAA SportAir Workshops have a wide variety of offerings in store for the first quarter of 2002. The weekend workshop offerings provide plenty of opportunities for both experienced and beginning homebuilders to learn more about airplane construction. SportAir Workshops are the perfect gift for that special homebuilder this holiday season. EAA SportAir Workshops provide hands-on, weekend learning sessions that will help propel you on the most satisfying and rewarding adventure of your life: The workshops offer one-, two-, or three-day courses that teach the skills and techniques needed to

Poberezny Issues Challenge

In a recent letter to Chapter presidents, EAA President Tom Poberezny issued a 110% challenge for each Chapter to recruit five new EAA members by February 1, 2002.

Because approximately 50,000 EAAers belong to 1,000 Chapters, if every Chapter meets the challenge, EAA's voice for recreational aviation will increase by 5,000- or more!





complete homebuilding or restoration projects.

Workshops kick off the New Year with a beginning TIG Welding course on Jan. 11-13 in Griffin, Georgia. Attendees will spend time in a classroom learning the basics of TIG welding, and then apply that knowledge in the welding booth learning and practicing the techniques needed to weld 4130 steel plate and tubing as well as aluminum. Professionals from Lincoln Electric teach this course.

Other topics for January, February and March include RV Assembly, Sheet Metal, Composite Construction, Electrical Systems and Avionics, Fabric, Gas Welding and Advanced TIG Welding. Courses also are available on Introduction to Aircraft Building; What's Involved in Kitbuilding; and the new course Test Flying Your Project.

Tuition for EAA members ranges from \$99 to \$359 depending on the class. Join EAA for learning and fun, plus gain the skills and confidence to take you all the way to that first fabulous flight! Class space can fill up in a hurry, so make sure you reserve your spot today! For more information or to enroll in a workshop, call 800-967-5746 or visit <http://www.sportair.com>.

Here's the complete first-quarter schedule of EAA SportAir Workshops:

JAN 11-13, GRIFFIN, GA Topics: TIG Welding

JAN 18-20, CORONA, CA Topics: RV Assembly

JAN 18-20, GRIFFIN, GA Topics: RV Assembly

*Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas*

JAN 19, OSHKOSH, WI Topics: Test Flying Your Project

JAN 19-20, OSHKOSH, WI Topics: Sheet Metal, Composite Construction, Electrical Systems and Avionics, Fabric Covering, and Introduction to Aircraft Building

FEB 8-10, GRIFFIN, GA Topics: TIG Welding

MARCH 1-3, GRIFFIN, GA Topics: Advanced TIG Welding, RV Assembly

MARCH 1-3, OSHKOSH, WI Topic: RV Assembly

MARCH 22-24, CORONA, CA Topic: RV Assembly

MARCH 23, DALLAS, TX Topics: Test Flying Your Project

MARCH 23-24, DALLAS, TX Topic: Sheet Metal, Composite Construction, Electrical Systems and Avionics, Fabric Covering, Gas Welding, and What's Involved in Kitbuilding? From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 36



Approach Aviation Video Approach Aviation's "The Educated Owner Video Series" continued with the recent release of Volume III: Introduction to Aircraft Ownership. This video teaches pilots and prospective aircraft owners all about aircraft ownership from before the sale through the purchase. Volume III follows in the footsteps of the first two videos, Volume I – Preventive



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STREET _____

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AIRPLANE OR PROJECT _____

Please mail check for \$20.00 for 2002 dues to Chapter Treasurer - Morrie Caudill, 5320 N. Sherbrook Ln., Peoria, IL. 61614.



Maintenance, was introduced in April at Sun 'n Fun and Vol. II – The Annual Inspection followed shortly after.

In this latest release, viewers learn how to analyze the costs, selection, pre-purchase and sales transaction for the aircraft. It also includes detailed information on preventative maintenance, annual inspections and other tips concerning aircraft ownership.

Major sponsors of the video include Lear Chemical Research, Trade-A-Plane and Aircraft Tool & Supply. Other video sponsors include: Cessna Owner Organization, Piper Owner Society, Tanis Aircraft Services and Kennon Covers. For more information, visit www.ApproachAviation.com. From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 35

All-In-One Tool Kit Approach Aviation announces its new Educated Owner Deluxe Tool Kit: a comprehensive collection of quality tools and hardware developed specifically for aircraft owners and operators.

The kit includes a complete socket set, combination wrench set, safety wire twisters, aircraft oil filter cutter, aircraft spark plug socket and spark plug gap setting tool, and feeler gauge, inspection mirror, vise grips, 8-in-1 screwdriver, channel lock pliers, pressure wrench, hex wrench set and flashlight.

The kit also contains a collection of stainless steel replacement hardware, safety wire, and spark plug gaskets. It all comes packaged in a tool box with lift-out tray. The kit retails for \$229.95 and can be purchased directly from Approach Aviation through its website, www.approachaviation.com, or by phone at 877-564-4457. From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 1 No. 36

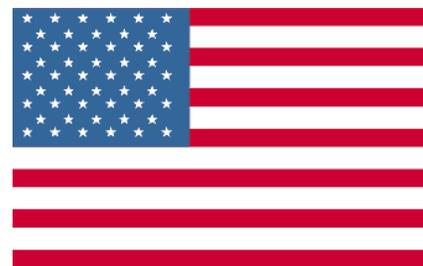
Aviation Security Bill Approved

With the holiday rush upon us, it remains to be seen whether the Aviation and Transportation Security Act of 2001, signed into law by President Bush on Monday, will kick-start the airline biz. After the satisfaction of getting the law passed, it began to dawn on

everyone that many of its provisions will take a long time to enact, and still may not be able to "guarantee" safety in the long term. Meanwhile, security concerns about general aviation don't seem likely to go away anytime soon.

Charter companies are likely to be among the first to feel an impact from the bill. They make the feds nervous by flying willy-nilly around the country with unscreened baggage and unknown pax. The security act mandates that within 90 days, the new Undersecretary for Transportation Security must implement a security program for operators of charter aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of 12,500 pounds or more.

Another provision of the bill allows operators to apply for a waiver for relief from Enhanced Class B (ECB) airspace restrictions. The request is automatically okayed after 30 days, unless the Secretary of Transportation says no and gives a public explanation for the refusal. The provision could offer a break to news operations, banner towers, flight schools, and others. We'll just have to wait and see if such requests are routinely okayed or if the feds will balk. Meanwhile, an earlier announcement from the FAA that it might ease ECB restrictions soon and open some of the Washington DC-area airports has apparently stalled for the time being. The Homeland Security Office and other agencies are still reviewing the FAA plan. From AVflash 7.47b



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