

Memorial Plaque is Complete!

Those of you who attended the October Dinner Banquet at Clifford's were present for the unveiling of the new Chapter 18 Memorial Plaque. This is a project that has been in the talking and planning stage for a number of years, and has finally come to fruition. Of course, it should not be surprising that a project of ours took longer than we anticipated! This plaque was a true homebuilt project; after pricing out a commercially made plaque (ouch!) we decided that we could do the same thing ourselves, at much less cost. Fred Keip did the honors with the woodwork. Jon Anderson, brother of former Chapter 18 Erik Anderson, runs an engraving shop, and gave us a good deal on the engraving and metal work. A space has been secured in the CAP hangar, and the plaque will be on display year round at our meeting place.

The inscription on the plaque reads:

Dedicated to the memory of those members of EAA Chapter 18 who have "Flown West."

"Not alone into the sunset but into the company of friends who have gone before them."



This Issue:

Chapter Monthly Meeting – Board and Executive Officer Elections

November 24

presidents corner



President's Rant- November 2009-

Welcome to the November Flypaper. Those of you who are long time chapter members know that the November chapter meeting is generally one of the best-attended meetings of the year. Those of you who are new to the group are about to find out the reason for this seasonal swell in attendance- chapter office elections! Because our by-laws don't specifically prohibited nominations in-absentia, everyone makes it a point to show up for the meeting so that they can decline a nomination, lest they find themselves elected as the new chapter parliamentarian or some such thing. So, I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting. The positions of president and treasurer are up this time around, as well as three board positions. Current treasurer Ken Klima and myself are both planning to run again, and with the power of the incumbency behind us, I feel pretty good about our chances. However, at least one board position will be open, and who knows, there may be some dark horse challenger waiting in the wings to take over my job. If so, let's have at it! A vigorous debate

is good for democracy, after all.

For any of you out there who may be thinking of running for president, let me give you a little insight about the position. The two most challenging things about being the president are 1) coming up with ideas for interesting programs month after month and 2) having to write a column every month for the Flypaper. If you can tackle those two things, the rest of it kind of takes care of itself, with a little gentle persuasion. On the subject of chapter programs- it is never too early to start lining up programs for the next year, and the work for 2010 has already begun. If anyone has any ideas for a program, or better yet, knows of someone who would be willing to come and speak at the chapter, please let me know.

The 2009 Chapter Banquet went off in spectacular fashion on Tuesday October 27th at Clifford's in Hales Corners. A big thanks to Steph for making the banquet arrangements this year, and for coming up with Clifford's as our new banquet home. We had a near-record turnout, but Clifford's was ready for us. The facilities were nice and big, the food

was good and the service even better, and we even had our very own bar with not one, but two bartenders just for our group. I have received a number of comments about Clifford's, and all of them were very positive, so it looks like we will be going back there next year. Our speaker was EAA President and Clifford's aficionado Tom Poberezny, and his talk, as well as his presence at our event, was also very well received. Tom also spent a great deal of time talking and reminiscing with long time chapter members at the facility. Another new addition this year, and a very popular one, was the door prizes. Thanks to Joe Ptaszek for coming up with the idea and volunteering to be chairman of the Door Prize Committee.

The history of Chapter 18 is closely intertwined with that of Clifford's. In fact, I even learned from Ron Scott, Chapter Historian and Chairman of the Bravo Sierra Committee, that the idea for the infamous "Fokker D-6 1/2" project was conceived at Clifford's in the early 70s, and in fact the original bar napkin sketch of the concept was done at this very bar on a Clifford's bar napkin. Wow, what a piece of history. I was

so moved by the moment, that I felt compelled to walk straight over to said bar and procure for myself a clean bar napkin (complete with a fresh drink to keep it from blowing away...) to see if it would inspire similar heights of aeronautical genius. Did it? Time will tell, so watch this space for further information.

As many of you know, I have been spending the last month or so whipping my garage back into shape as an aeroplane factory, and just yesterday I picked up a big order of tubing from Wag-Aero, so I am all set to get going on the Breezy fuselage. One of the great things about having a project is that you always have something to

write about, when nothing else comes to mind. So, as writer's block starts to set in, look for more updates of the Breezy project over the coming months.

Until then, keep your airspeed up, and cast your vote. No absentee ballots accepted!

2009 Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
11.24.2009	1930	Chapter Monthly Meeting - Program TBA, board and executive officer elections. (Board meeting starts at 1830)	Timmerman CAP Hangar
12.8.2009	TBA	Board Dinner Meeting	TBA

Chapter 18 Website

Did you know that our chapter website has a members only section with contact information for the chapter membership. The website is www.eaachapter18.org and the password for members only is MWC5275. The password is case sensitive. Check it out.



Chapter 18 Minutes from the October "09" Dinner Meeting

The October meeting was called to order by President Jeff Point at 7:50 PM at Clifford's Restaurant in Hales Corners.

Announcements: Jeff thanked all spouses and significant others for attending the dinner meeting with the Chapter 18 members. A thank you was also extended to the servers at the restaurant. Jeff stated that in effect, it was like a homecoming for the Chapter as they meet here back in the "old days" when EAA was in its beginnings. It's also rumored that the famed Fokker project was conceived here.

At this time, Jeff displayed the new Chapter 18 memorial

plaque. A moment of silence was observed in honor of those who have "gone west".

Jeff next introduced Tom Poberezny, President of EAA and our guest speaker for the evening's program. Tom spoke of both the history and future of EAA. Among the topics presented, Tom talked about how EAA is composed of craftsmen, pilots and enthusiasts. The future of aviation is the Young Eagles program with over 1.5 million kids being flown. For many of them, this is a life changing experience with many of these kids never having been in an airplane. Tom also stated that the future of EAA AirVenture is to expand and improve the grounds and exhibits of this one of a kind world event. Tom ended his program by urging us to keep the dream alive by continuing to build and innovate.

At the conclusion of Tom's program, Joe Ptasek was brought forward to draw tickets and present door prizes. This is a new event and hopefully the beginning of a new tradition.

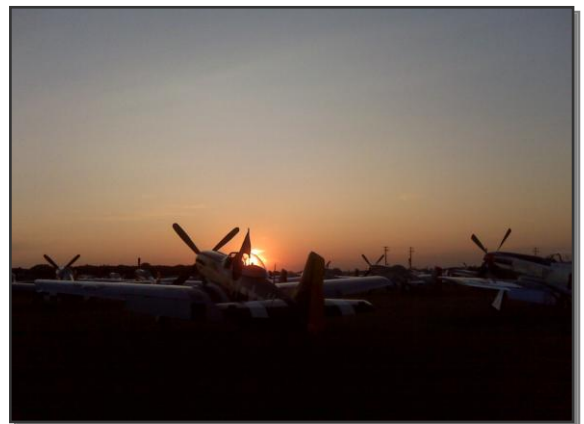
At the conclusion of Joe's program, Tom again stepped forward and made several unexpected door prizes available through EAA. The winners of those are as follows:

1. Two 1 week passes to AirVenture 2010 to Ron Finet.
2. One year membership in EAA to Lynn Botsford.
3. One year membership in EAA to Mike Woods.
4. Grand prize of a ride in EAA's Ford Tri-Motor went to newsletter editor Scott Schuh. (Scott's ticket was still honored even though it was at the bottom of his beer bottle).

Jeff expressed his thanks to Tom, Joe and everyone for attending this annual event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary)*



October 2009 Budget

	CHECKING	SAVINGS
Beginning Bal. 9/1/09	\$660.64	\$2,671.10
Receipts		
Banquet	\$684.00	
Calendars	\$160.00	
Patches	\$4.00	
Dues	\$40.00	
Total Income	\$888.00	\$0.00
Transfers	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Expenses		
Banquet	-\$1,013.35	
Calendars	-\$625.00	
Total Expenses	-\$1,638.35	\$0.00
Ending Bal.10/31/09	\$910.29	\$1,671.10

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