



President's Corner December 2006

Season's Greetings!

Here at the lodge our Christmas decorating has been completed and our lists have been submitted to Santa (I'm hoping for a Pilatus!). Ice fishermen have begun to venture out onto our lake and it always makes me nervous to watch them strolling out on less than two inches of ice. I only wish that there were more aviation events to fly to at this time of the year but alas, the airplane spends most of its time all snug in the hangar.

Our chapter board of directors met this month to put together an agenda for 2007. This is our first attempt to plan for an entire year and I am very excited with the results. Our goal this year is to increase our membership as well as to entice our current members to come out to the monthly meetings. With that in mind, we are planning to have a special activity each month as well as limiting the time spent on formal business during our monthly meetings. We will be posting the yearly schedule on the chapter website very soon and we should have a copy for you to take with you at this Saturday's meeting.

Beginning this month, our featured speaker will be Michael Veiht who will talk to us about his experiences at Embry-Riddle University and his plans for an upcoming career in aviation. Mike is nearing graduation and is now on the cutting edge of aviation with advanced systems such as the glass cockpit. If you are reading this and have not attended a chapter meeting recently, I certainly hope that you can come out and show your support to Mike and your chapter!

Our January meeting will feature a presentation from Bob Shimanek on the do's and don'ts of owner maintenance. Bob will discuss required logbook entries as well as potential traps that may cause you unwelcome attention from the FAA. We will be inviting members from Chapter 439 to this presentation as well. I will also be contacting their president to discuss future joint events in the very near future.

The Christmas party is just around the corner and our plans are taking shape thanks again to our chairman, Don Garlick. After much research, we have decided to have the party at the Tailwinds restaurant again this year due to the favorable pricing and menu. **Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 13th at the Tailwinds Restaurant with social beginning at 6pm and meal at 7pm. The cost again this year will be \$15 per person which will be payable in advance. This includes desert and gratuity which will be paid by the chapter. If you are still on our mailing list, Don will be sending you a letter shortly with an RSVP. Please return it promptly with your payment. We will be having a gift exchange again this year and each guest is asked to bring a gift to share (\$5 minimum) which should be generic or gender specific.** We will also be having a silent auction throughout the night on items donated by chapter members. If you have an item that you wish to contribute to this auction, please let Don know by calling 225-0425.

Our Vice President, Ralph Bennett will be presiding over this month's meeting since I will be in Denver. If you haven't attended a meeting for awhile, why not come by and say "Hi" to all your aviation friends? The meeting is this Saturday, December 16th, at 10am in the Boreal Aviation Conference Room.

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