



President's Corner - May 2008

I must start off with an apology to those of you who did not get a newsletter last month. In my haste to send my draft to our Web Editor & Secretary for posting, I inadvertently sent it to the wrong email address so they did not get it in time to mail out.

I recently had the opportunity to attend a three day leadership academy hosted by EAA at Whitman field. The weekend was very enlightening and it was very interesting to learn what your organization has planned for the future. One of the projects that we were able to test during our seminar will be rolled out to the membership in June. EAA has taken EVERY issue of Sport Aviation magazine since it's inception in 1953 and scanned them into a database which will be accessible from the EAA website. I was very impressed with the capability to search for virtually any article instantly and by varied criteria. If you've saved all of your past issues of the magazine like I have you can now think of parting with them.

One of the main topics of discussion during the academy was 501C3 tax-exempt status and what it can do for your chapter. Some of the most financially successful chapters represented during the weekend attributed their success to being able to solicit both monetary and material donations. This has allowed them to acquire and maintain a chapter residence, be it a room, building or hangar. Among the chapter presidents attending was the president of the Daytona Beach, Florida chapter. Their fundraising has been so successful that they are sending 8 young people to this year's EAA Air Academy at the cost to the chapter of approximately \$14000.00 for tuition and airfare for all 8 of the kids!

This Saturday's meeting will be held at 10:00am at my T-hangar (#27) at Sawyer International. Immediately following the meeting we will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs which will be provided. The rest of the meal will be potluck so if you are able, please bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to share. You may call Lynn Kirkpatrick at 906-346-3036 if you are not sure what to bring or wish to coordinate with her. Please bring your own beverage of choice. We were hoping to have an LSA presentation however our guest speaker has canceled. I understand however, that we have a good chance of having an aircraft present since Mike Logue is the proud owner of one!

Looking forward to having good weather this Saturday and seeing you at our outing!

Ted Kirkpatrick