



President's Corner - November 2007

There is a definite feel of the impending winter in the air and the local weather forecast for the week is predicting the first bout of the white stuff. I have filled my hangar with as many summer toys as I could fit around my plane, each carefully positioned so as not to interfere with the movement of the aircraft. I am experiencing my usual feelings something akin to a bear preparing for his winter hibernation. All that is left to complete this mental transition is the erection of the Christmas lights and decorations. Ah... I wonder what they're doing in Florida right now?

I am pleased to announce that we have one more pilot in our chapter ranks. I just received an email from Marilyn Logue stating that Mike Logue has successfully completed his flight test and is now a licensed sport pilot ... nice job Mike! If you have not as yet met Mike this would mean that you have not been attending your monthly chapter meetings as Mike has just recently joined our chapter. Please come out to the next meeting and congratulate him in person! We will post a picture of his big day on our website.

November is a busy month for most of us with the holidays fast approaching and if you're a deer hunter it's the month you've been waiting for. Our chapter meeting has been moved up to November 10th so we don't compete with the opening of the season. This is an important time for our chapter since we again elect new officers to carry the chapter forward. I have enjoyed my time at the helm and am pleased with the progress we have made as a chapter. Our endeavors to hold a yearly Air Academy have been well received by both the local community as well as EAA and exemplify our chapter's mission to promote general aviation. Our chapter has been faced with several challenges in the past with the relocation to Sawyer and loss of two chapter houses but still we survive and have been attracting new members on a regular basis. This year we have been greatly saddened by the death of several of our most involved members but we are encouraged by the volunteer spirit and leadership within our ranks.

I am very encouraged with the ideas that have come from our members as well as our board of directors. We will again work on putting together a yearly plan of activities consisting of more informative monthly meetings with as many guest speakers as we can find. We are also hoping to bring back weekend fly-outs like we used to have at the old airport. Another idea would be to have regularly scheduled Young Eagle events immediately following our normal monthly meetings. We will be looking at alternative days and times for our monthly meetings to allow more members to attend. Look for a survey to come out shortly regarding this.

Lynn Sykes will be including a ballot with this month's newsletter in order for you to cast your votes for new chapter leaders. Please make sure that you vote to show that you do care about your chapter and are not just a name on a roster.

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