



## President's Corner - November 2008

Well, I guess we can say that our "Indian Summer" is over with the sudden change from shirt sleeve weather to snow on the ground. That would also mean that most if not all of the flying adventures are over until spring unless you want to fly WAY to the south.

Those of you who were at last month's meeting were fortunate to see the tangible results of our chapter's efforts to encourage and mentor the younger generation in the ways of aviation. Fifteen year old Cliff Young addressed us with a very interesting presentation of his experiences at the EAA Air Academy that he attended last summer with financial help from our chapter. Cliff seems to have that certain "spark" of one who is thoroughly enamored with aviation and has the dream of making it a central part of his future. It was especially gratifying for me to observe as Cliff listened attentively to several of our chapter members who have experienced a career in aviation. Where else could a young person gain so much insight into aviation as with a group of EAA'ers?

I have been busy checking on possible locations for our annual winter party. I recently read an announcement in the Mining Journal by the Up Front restaurant in Marquette advertising a free room for parties planned in November. I called to inquire and found that it would be substantially more expensive to hold our gathering there even though the room would be free. So far, it looks as though the best deal would again be at the Little Lake American Legion but all the numbers aren't in yet as Fred Joyal and Phil Spade are also checking around. If you have a suggestion as to location please call or email myself or one of our officers so we can follow up with you. Hopefully we will have a better idea after discussing it at this month's meeting. Speaking of which, I believe I made a big blunder last month by forgetting about deer season in our November meeting schedule. I was reminded of this following the meeting but we had already dispersed so as a result, the meeting will be this Saturday ... sorry deer hunters! Hopefully we will still have a good turnout.

A note to our board members: please begin thinking about events & ideas for next year so we can start putting together a yearly plan as we did in past years. I would like to hold a board meeting sometime in December to discuss these and other topics such as 501(C)3 and a future chapter house.

I enjoyed reading the article that Bill Landry wrote in last month's newsletter and I wish I could read more like that each month! If you are an 850 member then you know that we are interested in hearing from you ... why else would we all gather each month? To tell stories, what else! Please consider writing about your interests with EAA, your project or WHATEVER and sharing them with the rest of us! I promise, we would love to read about it right below here. IF YOU WON'T MAYBE YOUR SPOUSE WILL! I'M SURE HE/SHE WOULD LOVE TO TALK ABOUT YOUR EXPLOITS! I'm not above asking them you know.

As always ... safe flying and clear skies!

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