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As I sat writing my first "President's Corner" article in January of 2004 I couldn't have imagined that I would be sitting here in November of 2009 still putting together my thoughts of the previous month's events in time to meet the mailing deadline. I looked back at some of my early newsletters from that era and realized that our chapter is still active in many of the same activities that we pursued back then. I found it mildly entertaining to read about some of my comments regarding chapter affairs of the period and it struck me how many times I must have repeated myself in the six year period!

In all honesty, I have enjoyed my time at the helm of this chapter and I appreciate your faith in me and more importantly, your support and help! I couldn't have done it without you! At the time I took over the presidency of our chapter we were still in the throes of despair over the airport's relocation to Sawyer and then president, Ralph Bennett, had done a superb job of helping us through the transition and even managed to secure a meeting room for the chapter in the then active fire station. Today we have an even better location (sans water and toilet) in the front rooms of that same fire station. With the arrival of spring I'm sure that we will have many more entertaining events in this location.

Last month marked our last meeting in the fire station rooms until next spring when the comfort level in the building can be maintained again. Following the meeting we held our final Young Eagle flight rally for the year which was surprisingly well received; many thanks to the pilots and volunteers who braved the falling temperatures to have a successful event.

The planning for our yearly winter party has begun and is progressing well. We will again hold our party at the Little Lake American Legion building and Phil has reserved the room and the cooks for the event. The price he has negotiated is outstanding and will allow for a very delicious, reasonably priced meal. The date for the event has been set for Saturday evening, January 16th so mark it in your calendar now to avoid conflicts. We decided on that date so as not to conflict with chapter 439's party the week before.

Our November monthly meeting will be held in the conference room of Boreal Aviation at the usual 10:00 am time. The close of this month's meeting will conclude my time in office as we elect a new chapter president to take over at the December meeting. Please come out to vote and don't worry that you will be put on the ballot by your presence since the nomination period is closed.

Also as a campaign sideline I would appreciate your vote as I am running for a position on the chapter board of directors.

As Paul Harvey would say: "Good Day!"

Fly Safely!

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