



President's Corner

My corner this month comes with a wish from the Kirkpatrick household for each of you to have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It looks like we will have plenty of snow for the holidays and we here are very anxious for Christmas to come since our son will be joining us from Florida.

My sincere thanks to all of you for your kind letters and calls of condolence on my Mother's recent passing. This has indeed been a sad year for many of us in the chapter with the passing of so many of our family members and friends.

Our biennial chapter elections are history with the elections held at the November meeting. I will be continuing on as President for two more years and Lynn Sykes will be our Vice President. Lynn passes on her current duties as Secretary to Bill Landry and Fred Joyal has been re-elected as our Treasurer. The new officers will assume their roles at the December meeting. I have appointed Greg Durand to replace the late Don Garlick on our Board of Directors. In addition to Greg our current board members are Fred Joyal, Lynn Sykes, Phil Spade, Ted Weldum, Bill Landry and I. Please congratulate our new officers when you see them!

We will begin putting together our 2008 meeting and events schedule at our December meeting. We will be looking for as many new ideas and suggestions as possible so if you have an idea please share it. We are hoping to incorporate guest speakers and field trips/fly-outs into the yearly schedule.



Our Christmas party plans have been set with the party being held on Saturday, January 12th at the American Legion in Little Lake, MI. Our planning committee met recently and chose the Legion over Tailwinds and the other locations to provide a variety in menu and a reduced cost per person. Tickets will again need to be purchased in advance and if you are a current paid-up member you should receive an invitation in the mail shortly. **Please do not hesitate in remitting your cash or check to cover your reservation(s) as we will use these to inform the Legion as to how many are coming and how much food to prepare.** The price per person will be \$12.00 which will cover the meal. Each person is again asked to bring a wrapped gift of approximately \$10.00 to exchange and please purchase the gift per your gender and mark clearly as to whether it is for a man or woman. If you are coming as a guest or think you may not be a current member, please call Fred Joyal at 226-6749 to make a reservation and arrange payment. There will be a cash bar and the reception/happy hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 7:00 pm. We are in need of items to use for our silent auction. If you have something to donate we would certainly appreciate it since we don't have many items at this time. As you remember last year, the silent auction was a big hit as well as a money maker for the chapter. I am looking forward to seeing you at the party!!!

Wayne and Kathy Moilanen will be in charge of the decorating committee for the Christmas party and I'm sure they would appreciate a few volunteers on the afternoon of the party to help decorate the hall.

I will be in Oshkosh next weekend to attend the Wright Brothers Memorial Dinner at the EAA AirVenture Museum and will not be present at the monthly meeting. Lynn Sykes will be officiating in her new role as well as Bill Landry in the Secretary's seat.

Ted Kirkpatrick