



President's Corner November 2006

The great fall colors are now just a memory and many of our inland lakes have frozen over with that first clear mirror of ice. Our pre-flight planning now must include a careful look at icing forecasts and Pireps as well as allowing that extra time to pre-heat our aircraft engines before launch. Such is the life of a Great Lakes pilot.

First off, I would like to congratulate our Secretary and Webmaster, Lynn Sykes, on the addition of an instrument rating to her license. Way to go Lynn!

I just recently flew into Whitman Field in Oshkosh on some Young Eagle business and was lucky enough to witness the arrival at Pioneer Airport of the 2007 EAA sweepstakes aircraft straight from Orlando, Fl. The Aviat Husky A1-B was a beautiful plane to behold, adorned with its tundra tires and well equipped panel. The EAA pilot who shuttled it there happens to be a friend of mine and I was able to get a good first hand look. If you haven't filled out your sweepstakes tickets yet, I would encourage you to send them in as the aircraft is quite a prize!

The following are highlights of the items discussed at our last meeting for those of you who were unable to attend:

- Fred J. is gathering information as to gaining a 501C3 (tax exempt) status for the chapter.
- Lynn S. has acquired web hosting for our EAA850 web site. We will soon have much more space which we need to increase the content (and pics).
- Our Christmas party will be held in January - Don G. is looking into locations and prices (date to be announced)
- The chapter board will meet soon to put together an events plan for 2007 (the goal is to have something special for each monthly meeting)
- Chapter 439 will be contacted to try to arrange another joint meeting of the two chapters
- Boreal Aviations' Scott Shulz would like to get a list of names of those who would be interested in renting a LSA (light sport aircraft) if acquired.
- 2007 special events will include a spring Bald Eagles Rally, Air Academy Day, June Airshow (Sawyer Experience). Let your officers know if you would like to add to this list!

Tony & Leslie Williams have visited the Phoenix Navigation facility in Munising and reported that this would make a good spring field trip for the chapter. Attractions are a Phoenix Jet simulator and a Pulse Detonation Disk Turbine engine that they are developing.

Finally, I have recently received a letter from Sawyer Airport informing me that they are delighted to provide us a \$1000.00 sponsorship towards our next Air Academy Day or similar event. We need only include the airport and three airlines in all of our press releases and marketing materials. Events must be held by mid-September.

Again this year, the November meeting will be held on the Second Saturday which is next **Saturday, November 11th** in the **Boreal Aviation Conference Room**. This will allow the deer hunters to get to camp in time:>)