

## President's Corner

The first signs of spring have begun to appear and the anticipation of doing all those outdoor activities and jobs makes it difficult to wait for the upcoming warmer weather. Once again we had to shovel the snow from in front of our hangar door in order to get the bird out but by the time we returned that afternoon, the remaining ice and snow had melted. I put the snow scoop and shovels in the back of the hangar with the hopeful assumption that they will not be needed again 'til fall.

As you may recall, your chapter leaders recently put together a one year plan to provide a special event at each monthly meeting and I am pleased to state that with the showing of the Oshkosh 2006 DVD at the February meeting, we are still on track. My thanks to Lynn Sykes for representing the other officers who were unavailable for that meeting!

With the arrival of spring we need to begin the detailed planning of our upcoming chapter events which include our P-51 Pedal Plane project, an EAA work party weekend at Oshkosh, Young Eagles Flight Rally and Air Academy Day.

This months meeting will be held at Wayne Moilanens shop in Green Garden Hills just south of Harvey on U.S. 41. Drive 5.8 miles south of the US-41/M-28 intersection and look for the blue barn on your right. Wayne has extended an invitation to use his facility to complete our pedal plane project and we hope to start the assembly process on Saturday. We will hold a brief update of business issues and then continue our build. I hope that each of you can join us so we can have the plane available (airworthy?) by the next Young Eagles Rally.

I have not as yet heard from EAA on the available weekends for the Work Party Weekend but I should have the information by Saturday. We have tentatively scheduled this event for the weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our Air Academy Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping that the funds made available by Sawyer Airport will allow us to make the event free for the young people attending. More on this as plans are solidified.

If you have not as yet paid your 2007 chapter dues please contact Fred Joyal (226-6749) to be considered a current member. We rely on the money generated from our modest yearly dues (\$15) to pay for chapter operating costs and to help fund the many fine events we have planned for 2007. Don't procrastinate, call Fred today!

Our chapter Board of Directors will meet during the week of March 11th to discuss and finalize our spring and summer events.

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Happy Flying!

Ted Kirkpatrick