



EAA Chapter 153

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Annual Holiday Party is December 9 Bring A Dish To Share

This Year's Holiday Party will take place on December 9 at 6:30 pm in the usual meeting room at Schaumburg Airport (06C). Instead of a formal program, there will be informal conversation among friends. Instead of the raffle, there will be a grab-bag of gifts. Come, and enjoy the fun!

People whose last names begin with A-H are asked to bring a dessert; those whose names begin with I-P are asked to bring a salad; and those whose names begin with Q-Z are asked to bring hors d'oeuvres, finger sandwiches, or the like. Chapter 153 will provide a platter of shrimp and cocktail sauce, soft drinks, coffee, cups, paper plates, napkins, and plastic-ware. **Cissy** (last name begins with "R") has promised to bring her famous deviled eggs.

Joe "Boss Elf" Lienau has been hard at work buying gifts for the grab bag. There will be gifts for both men and women. [I think everyone will like the gift selections! -- Roger] The gift grab bag will take the place of the usual raffle.

The party is always a popular event and a great opportunity to relax with friends. Come and enjoy the party!

Officers for 2006-07 Elected

The slate of officers was elected at the November 11 meeting for a two-year term. The newly elected officers are:

- President: **Brian Norquist**
- Vice President: **Joe Lienau**
- Directors:
 - Al Dubiak**
 - Roger Cole**
 - Cissy Rawlings**
 - Ron Kostus**

Ron is a new member of the Board of Directors. Welcome, Ron!

Treasurer **Scott Taylor**, Secretary **Phil White**, and Director **John Tatro** were not up for election this year and will continue in those offices.

November 11 Program: Glacier Grl

Scott Taylor presented a video of the recovery and restoration of Glacier Grl, a P-38 that crash-landed on the ice field of Greenland during WWII. After more than 50 years, the airplane was found covered by about 250 ft of ice.

A boiler was set up to melt a shaft down to the airplane. Initially, the shaft was only about 3 ft diameter, but as larger parts were recovered, the shaft was enlarged. Near the end of the recovery, disaster struck; a large block of ice fell on the cockpit and crushed it. Nevertheless, that piece was brought to the surface.

The restoration was equally arduous. Many of the metal pieces were bent, corroded, or torn, but they could be used as patterns. After many months the restoration was complete. The result was demonstrated in a fly-by at AirVenture 2005.


December 9: Annual Holiday Party

Bring a dish to share. The party will be in our usual meeting room on the second Friday of December, as usual. Lots of informal conversation and food are promised. **Note that the time will be 6:30 pm** instead of 7:30 pm.

Chapter 153 meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at Schaumburg Airport (06C), Wright Boulevard at Irving Park Road in Schaumburg, IL. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm in the lower-level meeting room of the terminal building.


Young Eagle Report

Scott Taylor flew 15 Young Eagles at Gary, IN, (GYG) on November 12.

There will be a Young Eagle rally at Schaumburg Airport (06C) on Saturday, April 8, 2006. 


Technical Counselor Report

Joe Lineau reported that he inspected **Phil White's** RV-10 in November. He also inspected **Ron Kostus's** RV-7 and reported good workmanship..


Joe reported that EAA is developing a course for owners who are not the builder of their homebuilt aircraft to perform the annual condition inspections. This is not yet a done deal, and it would require approval of the FAA. 

NCEAA Report


The North-Central EAA Fly-In (NCEAA) was discussed at considerable length at the November 28 Chapter 153 Board of Directors meeting. Chapter 153 has taken the responsibility of photographing the airplanes that fly in to the event. The photos are included in a yearbook that also includes paid advertising.

Several ideas for improving the yearbook were discussed. These ideas will be brought up at a future Chapter 153 meeting. Central to these ideas is the question, "Is Chapter 153 willing to take a more active role in running the event?" If the answer is "yes", then we can discuss our proposals with the NCEAA Board of Directors. Bring your opinions to the January 13 meeting. 


Annual Valentine's Day Party

The annual Valentine's Day Party will take place on Friday, February 10, 2006, at the Wellington of Arlington Banquet Hall in Arlington Heights, IL. The menu will include a choice of beef and chicken or fish. The cost is tentatively set at \$20. Look for more information in the January and February Newsletters. 

Welcome, New Member

Welcome to new member **Gerhard Schubert**. Gerhard and his wife Susan live in Chicago. He is building a Falco F.8 and owns a Piper Cherokee 140. When you see Gerhard or Susan at a Chapter meeting, introduce yourself, and make them feel welcome. 

Dues Notice

Annual dues of \$20 are payable at the beginning of each year. The best way to pay is to come to a meeting and pay Treasurer **Scott Taylor**. If you are unable to come to a meeting, you can mail it to him at 318 N. Garfield, Lombard, IL 60148. 

Articles Needed

The Chapter 153 Newsletter needs articles to fill this empty space. I am looking for articles that are of special interest to Chapter 153 members. Here are some types of articles that I am looking for:


- A feature article about a Chapter member. How did he or she become interested in aviation? Is he or she building an airplane? What kind? Occupation? Family members? Other interesting activities (besides aviation), such as a hobby or a charity? You get the idea. It would be great if a Chapter member would agree to write such an article 3 or 4 times per year.
- A description of a favorite tool or technique that you use in building your airplane. Even if it is very simple, other Chapter members are likely to find it useful in building their airplane. Special thanks go to members who have written such descriptions in the past. Keep 'em coming! Photos and written descriptions will be cheerfully accepted.
- Letters to the editor. This is an opportunity for you to rant about your favorite topic.
- Progress on building your airplane. What are you working on now? What is yet to be done?
- An article about a recent airplane trip. Photos are welcome. Don't worry about the writing. Just put something on paper, and I will edit it.

If I get enough articles I will expand the Newsletter to 6 or 8 pages. It's tough to write a Newsletter when I have only enough material for 2 1/2 pages, though. 🦅

-----Roger

Raffle

At the November 11 raffle, **Ron Kostus** won a can of LPS-2, **Seth Blumenthal**, a visitor, won a Suncutter Shade, and **Roger Cole** won the 125-piece Sears tool set.

There will be no raffle at the December 9 Holiday Party, but the raffle will return for the January 13. Don't believe the superstition about Friday the 13th. Someone will be lucky that night. 

153 Calendar

- 2005-----2005-----2005-----2005-----2005-----2005-----2005**
Dec 9 Annual Chapter 153 Holiday Party, 6:30 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
- 2006-----2006-----2006-----2006-----2006-----2006-----2006**
Jan 2 Chapter 153 Board meeting, 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C). Date is tentative.
Jan 13 Chapter 153 Membership meeting, 7:30 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C). Tentative program: "Shearwater."
Jan 30 Chapter 153 Board meeting, 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Feb 10 Chapter 153 Annual Valentine's Day Party at the Wellington of Arlington in Arlington Heights, IL. The party begins at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm.
Feb 27 Chapter 153 Board meeting, 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Mar 10 Chapter 153 Membership meeting, 7:30 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C). Tentative program: "ION Aircraft"
Apr 3 Chapter 153 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Apr 8 Young Eagle rally at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Apr 14 Chapter 153 Membership meeting, 7:30 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C). Tentative program: "Nord: A French WW II Trainer"
May 1 Chapter 153 Board meeting, 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
May 12 Chapter 153 Membership meeting 7:30 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C). Program: to be announced.
May 29 Chapter 153 Board meeting, 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Jun 9 Chapter 153 Membership meeting, 7:30 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Jul 3 Chapter 153 Board meeting 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Jul 14 Chapter 153 membership meeting, 7:30 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Jul 24-30 AirVenture 2006 at Wittman Regional Airport (OSH), Oshkosh, WI. Information at www.airventure.org.
Jul 31 Chapter 153 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).
Aug 12 Annual Chapter 153 Picnic. Date is tentative. Details to be announced.
Aug 28 Chapter 153 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at Schaumburg Airport (06C).

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 153 exists to assist and support growth and innovation in general aviation, promotion of aviation safety, individual participation in amateur aviation, and transference of knowledge and skills of aircraft construction. Annual dues are \$20, payable at the beginning of each calendar year. All Chapter 153 members must be members of EAA.

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Next EAA Chapter 153 Board Meeting will be January 2 (tentative) at Schaumburg Airport (7:00 pm)