



EAA Chapter 827  
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## Presidents Column

Do you remember that last month I expressed some frustration with EAA for advertising the 2009 calendar at about eight bucks then finding out that the cost for just one would be almost \$20? Well, I got a letter from Paul Poberezny. He states in part, "although I cannot do anything about the pricing of the calendars, I must say your comments hit home with me. I will pass along your remarks to EAA's marketing/retail division for their interest." He also passes along his best regards to our Chapter membership. He sent along two calendars to use as we wish and I propose to raffle them off Saturday morning.

I continue to be amazed that Mr Poberezny apparently reads all of the newsletters which find their way to Oshkosh. How many are there, do you suppose? Hundreds certainly, maybe a thousand or more. Well into his eighties he displays a passion for EAA and its members matched by few others.

During the 90's I went to Airventure almost every year and I usually saw that little red VW convertible tooling around the grounds, stopping here and there as the driver chatted with folks along the way. I knew who it was but never considered approaching because I figured he had much more important fish to fry. I know better now. Paul, the next time I get back there, I'm going to hunt you down and shake your hand.



I don't know of any special Christmas plans for the meeting Saturday. We'll meet as usual for breakfast. A couple of subjects have come up this month that we need to discuss, such as a possible dues increase. The dues have apparently been the same for at least 20 years and maybe all the way back to when the Chapter was formed.

Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year.

Jim

## Monthly Chapter Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

**Chapter Meeting -** This month's meeting will be on Saturday the 20th at 9:00am at Miller's field. Come early if you would like to take part in an egg-sandwich breakfast before hand.

**Wagabond Builder's Group -** Most Wednesdays nights from 6:00 to approximately 9:30. Call Don Hansen for more info.

## Annual Membership Renewal

Chapter membership renewal is due by the end of January 2009. You may renew by going to the Chapter website at [www.eaa827.org](http://www.eaa827.org). At the Home Page, go to “Join EAA or Renew Chapter Membership” listed in the upper left. Click on “Chapter 827 Membership/Renewal Application” and follow the instructions. The form may be printed and submitted with your payment. Dues for 2009 are \$20.

In follow-up to a question raised at the last Chapter meeting about membership eligibility, please visit the “Bylaws” section included on the Chapter website page titled “Contacts.” Bylaws have been added to the website for quick reference by members and the Board of Directors.

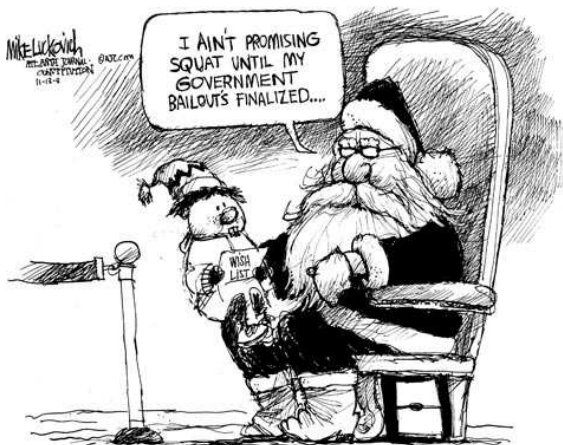
Please note that Bylaws Article 4, Section A(1) requires membership in National EAA to be eligible for membership in EAA Chapter 827. Similarly, Section C(1) states that one of the requirements for maintaining ongoing Chapter membership is that the member must also maintain National EAA membership. These Bylaws are also in compliance with the requirements set forth in EAA’s Chapter Handbook.

## EAA Chapter 827 Website

In late summer of 2008, Dan Coffey launched a new website for EAA Chapter 827 at [www.eaa827.org](http://www.eaa827.org). Dan attributes his success to the great help and advice he receives from EAA Chapter 1210 (Biddeford) webmaster Shawn Blair. Shawn builds websites as part of his consulting business and generously offered to host the Chapter 827 website at no cost. The Chapter only incurs a small annual fee to register the domain name.

The Chapter website is a work in progress and Dan encourages members to visit the site and provide ideas on how to improve the content and utility. Monthly Chapter newsletters since July 2008 can be accessed on the “Newsletter” page. Dan would like to include a section, with pictures, highlighting the Builders Group. What types of events would be helpful for members to see on the “Events” page? What links would members find helpful on the “Favorite Links” page? What photos would you like to contribute to the “Photos” page? What information could be provided to attract new members?

The website is intended to benefit members as well as provide information to the outside world, and to pro-



## **In the News ...**

### **FAA to change charting agent policy**

From AOPA online

In an effort to cut costs and make the National Aeronautical Charting Office's Chart Agent Network more efficient, the FAA has informed chart agents about its plan to raise the minimum sales threshold for chart agents. In order to remain a charting agent after Oct. 1, 2009, the business would need to have annual chart sales of \$5,000, not the current \$500. While NACO would no longer be supplying charts to those who can't meet the threshold, the FAA has said that it will allow large charting agents to sell large quantities of charts to individual FBOs. AOPA is concerned that this could make it more difficult for pilots to buy charts and will work with the FAA to determine the impact. The FAA will be hosting meetings on this proposal.

### **GET SPOT AT AIRCRAFT SPRUCE**

From EAA online

The personal emergency locator transmitter SPOT allows people to check in with friends and provide them with tracking progress whether in the air, mountains, or on the sea. It is equipped for sending messages for simple assistance or for emergency situations. All that's needed is a clear view of the sky. The compact, lightweight unit will alert 911 facilities if needed, sending GPS coordinates along with a distress message to a GEOS International Emergency Response Center. It will continue to send updated coordinates every five minutes for one full week with a fresh set of batteries. The unit works around the world and operates on two AA batteries. Learn more at [www.AircraftSpruce.com](http://www.AircraftSpruce.com) or call 877-477-7823.

### **WAAS-Based Approaches Now Outnumber ILS's**

From the Flying eNewsletter

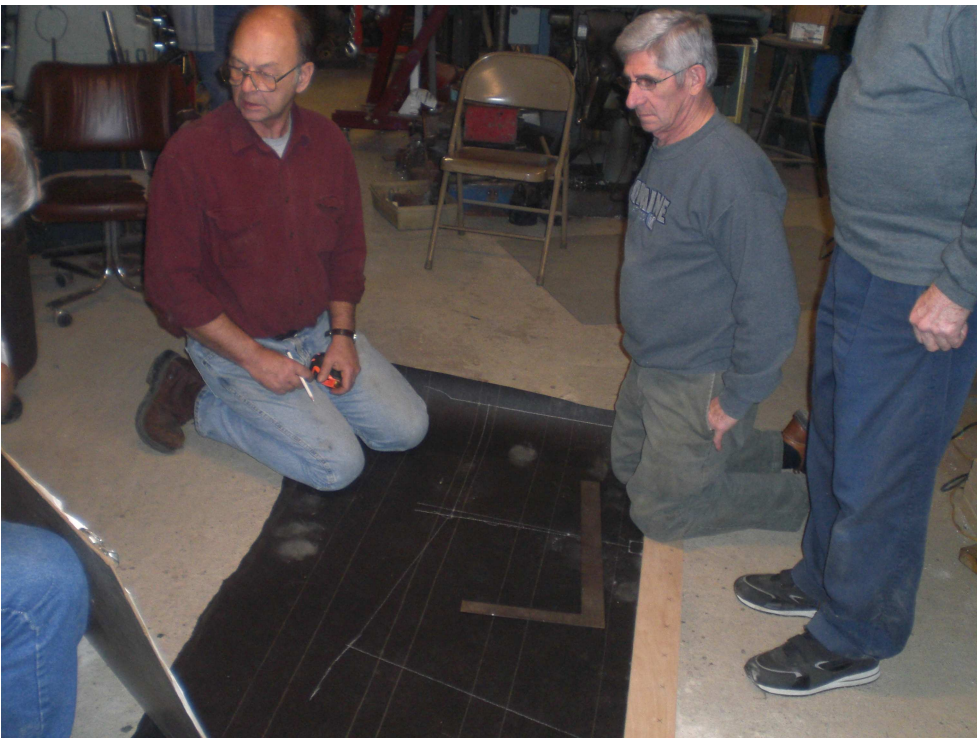
To be correct, we should really be calling them Localizer Performance with Vertical guidance (or LPV) approaches; but most pilots simply refer to them as "WAAS" approaches. That's because they are based on the Wide Area Augmentation System for GPS enhancement. Now that the FAA has commissioned the 1,333rd such approach, they officially outnumber the stalwart ILS—technology so old that its initials stand for 'Instrument Landing System,' as if there ought never to be any other kind. LPV approaches are desirable because, being satellite based, they do not require the clear areas and extensive ground radio equipment of an ILS, consequently costing a fraction of the investment involved in installing ILS capability—usually millions of dollars. The LPV approaches do still have their limitations (see today's Left Seat), but with the FAA planning to add 500 new ones per year, the agency clearly views the technology as the wave of the future.

## Wagabond Builder's Group

The month saw the initial fit-up of the boot cowl Produced as two sections, a left half and a right half, these large pieces of aluminum wrap around the fuselage between the firewall and the wind-screen and doors. To ensure a good fit, one half was first cut out of roofing paper and test fit onto the airframe. After making some minor adjustments to the cutouts for the tubing structure, etc. it was traced onto the 3003 aluminum sheet and cut with a hand snips.



Top: The beautiful finished muffler made in part, out of a stainless steel pool ladder.



Bottom: Lin and Don mark out a pattern for the boot cowl on some roofing tar paper. Phil stands watch to make sure no mistakes are made.