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EAA Chapter 827

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I believe it was Harry Truman who said words to the effect that leadership is the ability to get people to do what they don't want to do and like it. Being a successful Chapter leader requires this skill and wisdom. You'll see what I mean in a minute.

Our long serving Chapter officer and out-going President of EAA Chapter 827, Jim Corliss, served this Chapter well for several years and inspired a great amount of enthusiasm that has revived the Chapter in several ways. I remember the meeting that Jim browbeat me into taking on the job of creating a Chapter website, which I did not want to do. My computer skills, and especially web development skills, are not as robust as those of my 10 year old granddaughter. But Jim was relentless, wouldn't accept "no" for an answer, recognized that I was an IT dummy, and hooked me up with a web site developer who was a member of the Biddeford EAA Chapter. And a "beginner" Chapter

website became a reality much quicker than I had ever imagined.

Jim was ahead of the curve. EAA now has entered into a relationship with a national web site partner to roll out a standard web site product soon so all EAA chapters across the country will not have to develop their own. National EAA leadership recognized, as did Jim, how websites could help chapters provide a consolidated place for information and deliver internet communications to its members and others interested in aviation.

Logistics of Chapter meetings during cold weather were unpredictable. Jim believed that we needed a meeting place that could be the Chapter home year round, even during the cold months, which meant an insulated, heated clubhouse, and a larger space to accommodate greater attendance at meetings. His leadership inspired other members to action. Generous

donations came in from Chapter members; the most recent was a \$500 gift from Paul Griffin at the December meeting for kitchen improvements (a gas stove will be purchased and installed). Together with proceeds from the sale of a donated airplane project, and many hours of renovation work performed by Chapter members, the vision of a year round meeting place is now a reality. I don't make a practice of commenting on work performed by well-meaning volunteers, so I'll let Jim explain why he applied the first coat of paint on the new floor with a paint brush rather than using a roller. I believe he described his technique as "throwing some paint around."

Leaders believe in preparing the next generation. Jim is a student of aviation and he made a significant investment of time to expose youngsters to the joy of aviation by coordinating and participating in
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Event Calendar

Chapter Meeting:

Saturday, January 15, 2011, 9:00 AM, Miller's Field

Miller's Field Mess Night:

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 5:30 PM, Miller's Field

4th Annual Maine Aviation Forum:

Saturday, February 19, 2011, 9:30 AM, Owl's Head Transportation Museum, Knox County Regional (KRKD) (See p. 2 for details)
NOTE: This will be in lieu of monthly chapter meeting.

EAA 827 Annual Banquet:

Saturday, February 26, 2011, 6:00 PM, Hampden Snowmobile Club

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many EAA Young Eagles events. He led by example. According to the official Young Eagles logbook maintained in Oshkosh, Jim has personally flown 233 young people between the ages of 8 - 17 since the Young Eagles program began in 1992. This number is surpassed only by Jim Jordan (265 flights) and these two members have flown 27% of the 1,821 Young Eagles piloted by Chapter 827.

Jim, on behalf of officers, directors, and members of Chapter 827, thank you for your years of leadership. You have inspired many to improve this Chapter, and we like it!

Dan

**A Website for all Chapters
Coming Soon!**

At Oshkosh 2010, EAA announced that they were in the final stages of developing a program to provide all chapters with a website – free of charge. Progress on the project continues, albeit at a slower pace than anticipated. However, EAA is working on several test sites that we’ll be able to see shortly. The test sites will demonstrate the range of possibilities available to chapters. EAA anticipates full deployment of the web program in early 2011.

Dues Reminder

It’s time to renew membership and pay Chapter dues for 2011. You should have already received a Membership Renewal form from Dan Coffey. Thank you for continuing to support EAA 827!

**4th Annual Maine Aviation Forum
Saturday, February 19, 2011
Owls Head Transportation Museum
Knox County Regional Airport (KRKD)**

The fourth annual Maine Aviation Forum will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Owls Head Transportation Museum located at the Knox County Regional Airport (KRKD) in Rockland, Maine. The Aviation Forum is a gathering of Maine-based aviation organizations and enthusiasts who come together to share information about themselves and about flying. More than 37 aviation-related organizations, including all six Maine EAA Chapters, have been invited to participate in the Forum.

Forum Schedule:

0930 - 1000 Registration
1000 - 1015 Introduction
1015 - 1230 General Session
1230 - 1330 Lunch
1330 - 1500 (approx) Special Presentations

If you are interested in attending, please send an e-mail to Dan Coffey at coffey18L@roadrunner.com and copy EAA 827 Fly-Out Coordinator Jeff Russell at russell@flyccas.com. In case of bad weather, the event alternate date is March 12, 2011.

Weather permitting, a fly-out will be organized for those who want to fly to Owls Head. We also plan to coordinate car pools for those who wish to attend by automobile.

**WINGs Seminar - Winter Operations
Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM
Donald P. Corbett Building, Room 107
University of Maine, Orono**

Why park that airplane in a lonely hangar all winter? Winter offers some of the best conditions and most scenic flying days, but it also requires a few additional steps and considerations to make the best of it. Come on in and learn how you can make your winter flying safe and enjoyable!

This event will be co-sponsored by the Portland ME FSDO, WINGsReality LLC, and the University Flying Club. There will be lots of great homemade refreshments, door prizes and socializing! So come out and be part of this fun and interesting evening!

Presented by FAAS Team Representative Michael Lessard.

Pre-register on www.faasafety.gov.

