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EAA Chapter 827

March 2011

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Excellent food and social time was shared by thirty members and family at the Annual Chapter Banquet and Pot Luck on Saturday evening, February 26. We remembered Carleton Willey and John Greaney who have left us, and their nameplates will be placed on the memorial stone under the wind sock at Miller's Field. The following Chapter members were recognized: Jim Corliss led the Chapter as president and Young Eagles coordinator for 3 ½ years; Joel Keller served as secretary and newsletter editor for over 6 years, and John Miller served another year as flight advisor. John and I then gave a presentation about our flight to Oshkosh AirVenture 2010 in my 1947 Aeronca Champ. John's well organized photo documentary slide show triggered memories and stories that we shared with those present. Well, we didn't share all the stories. As I said at the end of the

presentation, that 31 hour roundtrip flight was the longest biennial flight review that I have ever had with a CFI.

Chapter 827 was well represented at the 4th Maine Aviation

many presentations: updates from each EAA Chapter president, status of efforts to bring ethanol free fuel into Maine, powered parachute aircraft, an online aviation reality game show (see www.wingsreality.com), Civil Air Patrol, Maine Warden Service, Katahdin Wing-99s, Seaplane Pilots Association, University of Maine Flying Club, Maine Air Museum, and FAA Safety Team (a caution was raised about amateur built aircraft having the highest accident and fatality rate, although not as high a rate in Maine as U. S. average). FAA will conduct 22 safety classes at the New England General Aviation Expo on May 14, 2011 at Nashua Community College (see www.faasafety.gov). Shuttles will run between the airport and the College.

See "**President**" on page 2.

The following is a sample of the



Forum held at the Owls Head Transportation Museum on February 19, 2011 (Dennis Bradley, Curt Carter, Dan Coffey, John Craig, Tim Letourneau, and John Miller). There were about 75 attendees representing over 25 aviation-related organizations in Maine including five of the six EAA Chapters in this State. Each organization updated the group on current issues, activities, and future planned events.

Event Calendar

Chapter Meeting:	Saturday, March 19, 2011 - CANCELLED (muddy conditions)
Chapter Meeting:	Saturday, April 16, 2011, 9:00 A.M., Location TBD
Tour of Brunswick Executive Airport:	Saturday, April 30, 2011 (Details to follow)

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Steve Levesque, Executive Director of Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, provided an update on legislation to eliminate sales tax on aircraft and parts and the use tax on out of state aircraft coming into Maine. There is a high level of confidence that these taxes will be eliminated in this session of the legislature. Apparently Maine is the only state that has a use tax on out of state aircraft.

Steve, and Marty McMahon who is Aviation Services Manager at Brunswick Landing, reviewed the progress of redeveloping Brunswick Naval Air Station to a general aviation airport and aviation-related business complex. This 990 acre complex includes two 8,000 foot runways, 500,000 square feet of hangar space, advanced de-icing system, pilot controlled lighting, instrument approach procedures (ILS 01R, GPS 01R/19L), and other improvements. Brunswick Executive Airport will be a non-controlled airport. They shared details about the grand opening of Brunswick Executive Airport on April 2, the 1st Annual Brunswick International Fly-in on June 4 from 8 am – 8 pm, and the Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo on August 26 – 28. The theme is “Honoring Those Who Serve” and the U. S. Navy Blue Angels will perform in celebration of 100 years of naval aviation.

The day wrapped up with a lively presentation by Alan Klapmeier, founder of Cirrus Aircraft and now Chairman and CEO of Kestrel Aircraft. He discussed plans to manufacture the Kestrel composite turboprop in a practically new (2005) 180,000 square foot hangar at Brunswick Landing and answered questions about a variety of issues including the certification process and raising capital. And I think I heard his ultimate goal is to build a single engine jet. Alan enjoys cold weather and snow, and appreciates the work ethic of Mainers. Let's hope this venture is successful, creates jobs and generates even more excitement about aviation in Maine.

Dan



Paul Poberezny
Thanks EAA 827

Text of letter from Paul Poberezny to Dan Coffey, President of EAA Chapter 827:

February 24, 2011

Dear Dan,

Thank you so much for your letter of February 14th along with your Chapter's donation to the Burgher Chapter Challenge. We have been receiving an excellent response to this program and, no doubt, the chapters will see an increased benefit from the show of support.

Winter is alive and well in Wisconsin, with record snowfall for this season. We all can't wait for spring to arrive and certainly warmer temps. Our maintenance staff is hard at work with snow removal and continued improvements to EAA's Convention site.

Again, thank you for your Chapter's kind donation to the Burgher Chapter Challenge.

Sincerely,
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See you at EAA AirVenture
Oshkosh: July 25-July 31, 2011

Annual Chapter Banquet and Pot Luck
February 26, 2011
Photos courtesy of Bob Day





Safety First



FAASTeam Safety Standdown Web Site Is Live

Experience Safety Standdown at Sun 'n Fun—even if you can't be there in person. The FAASTeam launched its new Safety Standdown Web site at www.FAASafety.gov/Standdown. FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt introduces this new GA safety tool, which provides news and updates, FAA Safety Briefing features, and video introductions to the four Standdown themes: positive flight attitude, going beyond preflight, en route cruise, and maneuvering flight.

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2011 Safety Standdown Focus Areas

1. Positive Flight Attitude: Keeping Your Standards High

Professionalism should characterize every action you take as a pilot. Approach every flight as if your life depends on it - because it does.

More information at: <http://www.faasafety.gov/Standdown/content/PositiveFlightAttitude.pdf>

2. Going Beyond Preflight: Perfecting Your Preflight Inspection

A proper preflight is always a crucial part of a safe flight. It's more than using a checklist; a good preflight should test how well you know your aircraft and its systems.

More information at: <http://www.faasafety.gov/Standdown/content/GoingBeyondPreflight.pdf>

3. En Route Cruise: Steering Clear of VFR into IMC

Pay attention and do the right thing, even when no one is looking. Precision piloting demands staying on altitude, on heading, and on task.

More information at: <http://www.faasafety.gov/Standdown/content/CruiseControl.pdf>

4. Maneuvering Flight: Slow, Steady, and Sure

Always remember that attention to airspeed is critical. Loss of control in maneuvering flight often results from inattention to airspeed.

More information at: <http://www.faasafety.gov/Standdown/content/SlowSteadySure.pdf>

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