



EAA Chapter 827
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Presidents Column

This month's meeting will be an important one as there will be a board of directors meeting beginning at 9:00am with the task of filling the various officer and other chapter posts that will become vacant at the end of the year. The mission will be to come up with a list of candidates willing to step up and fill these positions for the coming term. Once these candidates have been established, a vote can take place during our October meeting and the newly elected members can have a month or two to get up to speed.

In addition to selecting future officer candidates, we would also like to discuss future educational/program activities for the chapter including fly-outs, speakers, local trips, Wagabond visit, etc. It is hoped that a committee can be formed with the mission of pulling these things together, organizing them, and getting other members as needed to help put them on.

Although this is considered a board meeting, everyone is highly encouraged to attend. We need any and all ideas about what we need to be focused on in the future and what types of activities the members would find worthwhile.

Please plan on attending this meeting if your schedule allows. I will provide a list of current board members whose terms are expiring, current chapter members and a meeting agenda to all present at the meeting.

Joel Keller
Secretary

Monthly Chapter Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

Chapter Meeting - This month's meeting will be at the chapter clubhouse on Saturday the 18th starting at 9:00am.

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

Annual Flea Market / Fly-In:

Despite some outstanding weather and field conditions, the turnout for this year's fly-in was less than hoped. Approximately 14 planes came in for some food and to see if any bargains were waiting to be had. The new clubhouse kitchen and counter arrangement worked well for breakfast, and the hangar next door served as the lunch grilling area. A special thanks to John's wife Elizabeth who was an enormous help getting the food prep operation running smoothly.



In the News ...

New EAA President on the Job

(From EAA newsletter)

New EAA President Rod Hightower described his first two days on the job this week succinctly. “It’s been rather manic,” he said late Wednesday just before departing for the annual Stearman fly-in in Galesburg, Ill. “But it’s been a great manic and really positive.”

The third president in EAA history, Hightower spent Tuesday, his first day on the job, meeting with staff members throughout EAA’s facilities in Oshkosh and working on transition items with EAA Chairman Tom Poberezny, who has served as president since 1989. Poberezny will remain active as chairman, building relationships to grow EAA’s business partnerships, philanthropy, and the organization’s endowment. He will also remain as chairman of the annual EAA AirVenture fly-in.

Fallout Continues Over Kings' Gunpoint Drama

(From Flying Magazine newsletter)

The image of John and Martha King in handcuffs is still the prime topic of hangar conversations around the country. With the Santa Barbara Police defending their actions (and apologizing to the Kings), the blame for the snafu now falls most heavily on the El Paso Intelligence Center, which contacted the Santa Barbara PD with only minutes to prepare for intercepting the allegedly stolen aircraft. By now, most know that the registration number on the Kings' 2009 Skyhawk was the same number formerly assigned to a 1968 Cessna 150 that had been stolen in 2002, canceled in 2005, and re-issued to the new Skyhawk on the production line. According to a SBPD spokesman, a call from EPIC carries the same weight as a call from the FBI, and the officers conducted the operation appropriately. He said the Kings' innocent appearance was irrelevant and the guns-drawn "felony takedown" approach is used since the police could not know whether or not the Kings were being hijacked by an unseen passenger in the airplane. The Kings have joined GA advocacy groups in calling for improved coordination between entities such as EPIC and the FAA in striking data on stolen aircraft once the tail number has been taken off the register. And in a true entrepreneurial spirit, Kings Schools' next project is — you guessed it — a training video for police departments on how best to conduct a felony stop on light aircraft.

Below: Ellery Batchelder comes in for a landing.

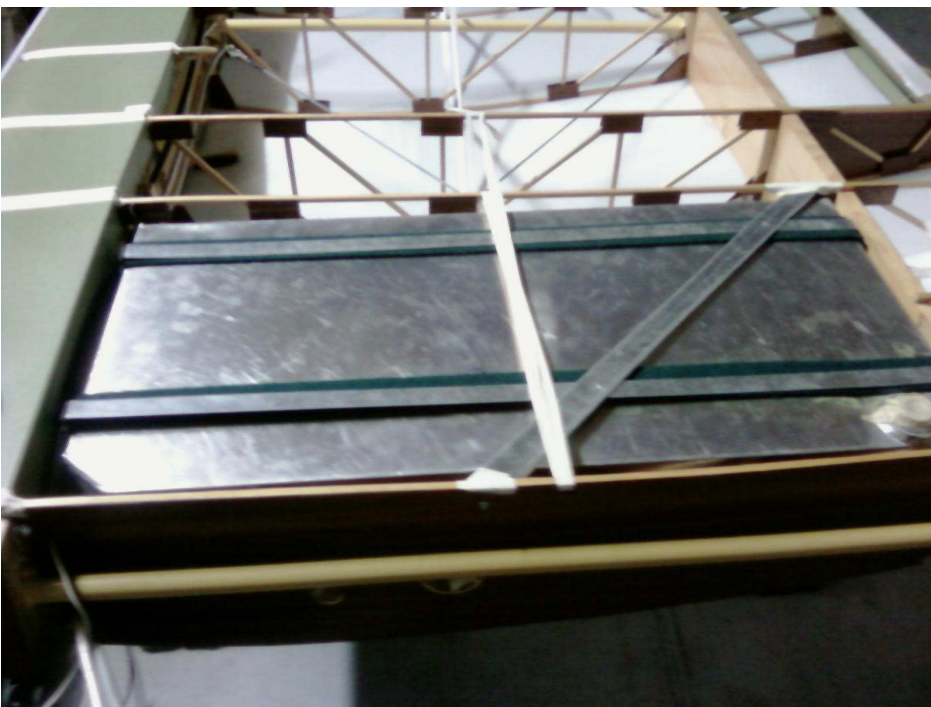


Wagabond Builder's Group

Work continues on the left wing. The fuel tank has been mounted into its bay and the covering process has begun. Once the rib stitching has been completed then the fabric coatings can be applied.



Above: The last time the inside of the left wing will be totally exposed for a long time.



Below: The left wing fuel bay and tank. It takes a lot of time to get everything to fit properly.