



Twin State Flyers

Newsletter

December 2010

EAA Chapter 740

PO Box 5530, West Lebanon, NH 03784

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, January 9th, 2011
Signal Aviation - KLEB

Items of Interest

- **Chapter Logo Shirts**

The chapter logo shirts are in. Most people have picked theirs up. Dan will try to remember to bring the rest to the January meeting.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
01/18/11	<u>Your Medical: Lost and Found</u>	Keene, NH
01/26/11	<u>Anatomy of an Accident: The Missing Lear!</u>	Gilford, NH

Meeting Minutes from December Meeting

Our December meeting (and annual Holiday Dinner) was held on Sunday, December 5th, at 5:30 at Murphy's on the Green in Hanover, NH. About 25 members attended. Joel Godston and Rick Kloepfel were recognized for their efforts flying Young Eagles this year. (Joel flew the most kids, Rick flew the most flights.) Dino was given the 2010 "Spark Plug" award for his tireless efforts supporting the chapter. Good food and conversation was had by all.

Fly (and drive) safe!

A Note From Your Outgoing Chapter President

As the end of the year approaches, so do the final days of my tenure as chapter president. At a time when thoughts turn to what the new year might bring, I'm inclined to look back on the last two years at the "helm". When I think of all of the activities we've had, young eagles we've flown, and all of the discussions that have transpired between our members, I find it encouraging to see how much enthusiasm toward aviation exists in the group, and I wish to sincerely thank all of the members that made all of this possible.

As I pass the gavel to Russ, and take on my new role as newsletter editor, I look forward to being an active member in the chapter. We have a talented and diverse group of members, and it takes all of our talents and ideas to make the chapter thrive. I know it is an often overused cliché, but the contributions and efforts of each one of us really do make the chapter what it is.

So, as my last official act as chapter president, I ask you all to think about the next few years of Chapter 740, where you want the chapter to go, what you want to get out of the chapter, and what part you can play. As the sorting hat in Harry Potter said, "Together, we can do great things."

Thanks.

Dan Truesdell

A Note From Your Incoming Chapter President

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chapter President. Some of you congratulated me just as you congratulated previous presidents. But the unspoken question always seems to be this: why would anyone want the job?

For me, the answer is in two parts.

The first part is relatively simple. I have more fun when I'm involved. Of course, "*being involved*" means different things to different people. For some, it means flying Young Eagles. For others, it means attending Chapter meetings. For me, it means participating in Chapter operations and helping make things happen. In short, I'd rather play the game than watch it.

The second part is a bit more complex, both selfish and altruistic. As I moved around the country chasing a paycheck, I found friends and aviation colleagues at various EAA Chapters. No matter where I moved, I found a home in an EAA Chapter. I owe a debt to Chapters for those benefits.

What did I learn from those travels?

In my experience with various Chapters, it seems that everyone has their own skills and talents. Builders who spend months or years working on an airplane have persistence, skill, and craftsmanship. Professional pilots who dedicated years of their lives flying on the line have experience, insight, and wisdom. No matter how members choose to *be involved*, everyone has something unique to share for benefit of others – the very heart of EAA.

My experience also suggests that the overall character of Chapters is remarkably similar. It seems that every Chapter has its core long-term members who hold the Chapter together, every Chapter has a few dedicated builders, and every Chapter struggles with membership and lack of enthusiasm from time to time. Our Chapter seems little different from other Chapters in those characteristics.

So, I urge you to be involved, whatever that means for you. And I'll be involved by trying to serve the Chapter well. If I wander from that objective, please put me back on-course.

Best wishes for a perfect flight.

Russ Kelsea

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