



Twin State Flyers

Newsletter

February 2010

EAA Chapter 740

PO Box 5530, West Lebanon, NH 03784

Next Meeting:

**February 9, 2010 - 6PM
Lebanon Municipal Airport**

Our February meeting will be our annual POTLUCK supper!

**Reminder:
EAA Chapter 740 Dues**

The annual chapter dues for calendar year 2010 are now due. The dues remain at \$24, they can be mailed to:

Twin State Flyers
PO Box 5530
West Lebanon, NH 03784

or

Bring your dues to the February meeting

Items of Interest:

AOPA
Free Safety Seminar

Doubletree Hotel Boston/Bedford Glen – Bedford, MA
44 Middlesex Turnpike
Bedford, MA 01730

March 15, 2010
6:00 – 9:00 pm

EAA Chapter 106

Highly Innovative Aerial Vehicle Concepts from Aurora Flight Sciences

February 5, 2010
Bedford, MA

The chapter meeting will begin at 6:00
The program – with Q&A will begin at 7:15

Presented by: Joe Parrish – VP, Research & Development, Aurora Flight Sciences and a member of EAA Chapter 106 and owner/ pilot of a Berkut 540.

The topics include the NASA N+3 Transport Aircraft for 2030, Global Hawk UAV, Golden Eye VTOL UAV, Orion High-Altitude Long Endurance UAV, NASA Mars Airplane, and the Excalibur VTOL UCAV.

For complete information, directions and the official event flyer visit with photos of these amazing vehicles please go to:

<http://www.eaa106.org/2010-0205AuroaFlightSciences.pdf>

A Welcome to our New Members

Joe Frazier - Joe owns a C150 that was heavily damaged during a microburst at LEB during summer of 2009. He has graciously offered to take over the duties as Newsletter Editor.

Braxton Freeman – Brax also owns a C150 based at LEB. He is the manager of the air traffic control tower at Lebanon. Brax has offered to fill the slot of Young Eagles coordinator.

Don Wright - Don is a retired commercial pilot. I met him 55 years ago at Wentworth Institute where we were A&P students. He owned a C-150 several years ago. Recently he published a book and like any good author he speaks before aviation groups.

From Dino Vlahakis

Newsletter News

December 6 was the date of our annual chapter "dining out" Xmas dinner gathering. 24 members and guests attended the event held at Murphy's On the Green in Hanover. Judging from the hand movements it appeared that we logged a bit of hangar flying.

This was our first time at this restaurant and the reaction among members was quite positive. After stuffing ourselves with great munchies and entrees Dan Truesdell addressed the group and handed out EAA Service awards and pins to VP Russ Kelsea, Flight Advisor Dino Vlahakis and YE coordinator Joel Godston. Thanks to all for your service.

January '10 Meeting Minutes

Twenty members and guests attended the monthly meeting at Signal Aviation. Among the attendees was Rick Dymment, KLEB airport manager.

I'm happy to say that 14 members have paid their dues, thank you, only 39 to go.

We were without a secretary and Newsletter Editor. Joe Frazier has offered to do the newsletter but the secretary job is still open. Tom Williamson has taken over as webmaster. Feel free to contact him with website items.

There was no scheduled speaker so the meeting was centered on planning for 2010 programs and events. One of the events will be a YE Rally in conjunction with a planned LEB airport awareness day. A July 10 date is planned but needs to be confirmed with city.

As in the past we will need lots of volunteer help, ground helpers as well as pilots and their airplanes. Please consider signing up for this event. There's no pay but a free lunch from D'Angelo's will be provided. What a deal!!

February is traditionally our pot luck supper/meeting. Start time is 6 PM at Signal Aviation. See you there.

How to WIN: A Great Aviation Story

This came from a gent who runs a 2000 acre corn farm up around Barron, WI, not far from Oshkosh. He used to fly F-4Es and F-16s for the Guard and participated in the first Gulf War. It is submitted for your enjoyment, and as a reminder that there are other great, magnificent flyers around besides us.

I went out to plant corn for a bit to finish a field before tomorrow morning and witnessed The Great Battle. A golden eagle - big bastard, with about a six foot wingspan - flew right in front of the tractor. It was being chased by three crows that were continually dive bombing it and pecking at it. The crows do this because the eagles rob their nests when they find them.

At any rate, the eagle banked hard right in one evasive maneuver, then landed in the field about 100 feet from the tractor. This eagle stood about 3 feet tall. The crows all landed too, and took up positions around the eagle at 120 degrees apart, but kept their distance at about 20 feet from the big bird. The eagle would take a couple steps towards one of the crows and they'd hop backwards and forward to keep their distance. Then the reinforcement showed up.

I happened to spot the eagle's mate hurtling down out of the sky at what appeared to be approximately Mach 1.5. Just before impact the eagle on the ground took flight, (obviously a coordinated tactic; probably pre-briefed) and the three crows which were watching the grounded eagle, also took flight thinking they were going to get in some more pecking on the big bird.

The first crow being targeted by the diving eagle never stood a snowball's chance in hell. There was a mid-air explosion of black feathers and that crow was done. The diving eagle then banked hard left in what had to be a 9G climbing turn, using the energy it had accumulated in the dive, and hit crow #2 less than two seconds later. Another crow dead.

The grounded eagle, which was now airborne and had an altitude advantage on the remaining crow, which was streaking eastward in full burner, made a short dive then banked hard right when the escaping crow tried to evade the hit. It didn't work - crow #3 bit the dust at about 20 feet AGL.

This aerial battle was better than any air show I've been to, including the warbirds show at Oshkosh. The two eagles ripped the crows apart and ate them on the ground, and as I got closer and closer working my way across the field, I passed within 20 feet of one of them as it ate its catch.

It stopped and looked at me as I went by and you could see in the look of that bird that it knew who's Boss Of The Sky. What a beautiful bird! I loved it. Not only did they kill their enemy, they ate them. One of the best Fighter Pilot stories I've seen in a long time...

Thank you to Joel Godston for this submission!

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