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## President's Notebook: Lifelong Passion

by Thomas Volz

First of all, I would like to welcome everyone to the New Year. I am excited to have this opportunity to work with the newly elected executive board and board advisors and am honored to be at your service.

Your board has a great calendar planned for this year, but we always need your ideas and input. Let's make this a banner year to get involved. You will be glad you did!

To have some idea of how I became a member of chapter 174, we have to go back a few years- well o.k., a lot of years. As a young child I remember hanging around Lunken Airport with my dad and uncle who always has owned one or sometimes two airplanes. When I heard conversations about going to the airport, I wanted to be the one to tag along.

Around 1967, I asked my uncle if he knew of any jobs at the airport and not long after he called with names and telephone number of those I should contact. It worked! I was hired to clean, take out the trash and eventually to work on the flight line with the aircraft. This was one of the most memorable jobs and, of course, the worst paying. I did get a discount on flying lessons, though.

In 1970, I decided to up the ante so I joined the United States Air Force. It was off to basic training at Lackland AFB, TX, followed by the training command and Air University at Sheppard AFB.

My AFSC, or task in the military, was aircraft mechanic and crew chief. The crew chief was part of a five person team; pilot, co-pilot, navigator, boom operator and crew chief. The crew chief's responsibilities were many including all inspections, pre-flights, post-flights, BPOs, phase and everything in between. The cool part is I traveled all around the world on refueling missions. My first assignment was crewing on a Boeing KC-97 Stratotanker configured from a C-17 airframe, four radial engines and two jets mounted outboard under wing, followed by the KC-135s (all jet engines Boeing 707 airframe). Actually, by the time I retired, we were bolting up fan jets to the 135s. My final tour was in Ohio at Rickenbacker ANG Base. Here I was 22 years later wondering how to fill the aviation void from flying on missions, tweaking, turning, inspecting and just being part of keeping these incredible flying gas stations in the air. That being said, I decided to get back to my life long passion from the 60s – flying civilian style.

With a short drive to Clermont County, I met a young flight instructor who was great at answering all my questions. This encouraged me to look for my original logbook with those earlier hours. The only artifact found from the 60s, with a lot of dust, was my aluminum E6B still in the original case it came in.

Now it's 2001 and once again hanging around the airport, I learned about EAA Chapter 174. So in January of 01, I joined.

Current building Project: Rotorway 162F helicopter

I look forward to seeing everyone on the third Sunday of every month at our Chapter meetings in the Hawk Building. →

## Chapter Dues-Due

If you haven't yet paid your 2009 dues, please send \$20 to:

Phil Cady  
3071 Sarsi Dr.  
Sardinia, OH 45171  
(please make checks payable to EAA 174)

## Meet Vice President Bob Porter

by Bob Porter

I joined the chapter in 1985 and have been a member ever since, even during the years that I lived in Georgia, Maine and Texas. I was president of the chapter in 2001. I have owned a Piper Tri-Pacer, Aeronca Chief, Piper PA-20 Pacer, Citabria and a Piper Comanche 250. I currently fly a Cessna 182 that is owned by the company for which I work.

My full time job is that of a claims manager for Phoenix Aviation Manager/Old Republic Insurance Company-a national aviation insurance company. I basically investigate aviation accidents in the midwestern portion of the country.

My wife, Kim, and I reside in Miami Township and our daughter, Katie, is in her sophomore year at Western Kentucky University. We have two older sons who live in the Cincinnati area and we have one 9-year-old granddaughter. →

## Final Flight-Dana Colvin, Stuart Faber

by Lee Jewell

**Dana Colvin**, long-time chapter member, and my friend, died on December 29, 2008. In addition to EAA, Dana was a member of AOPA, Soaring Society of America, and the Caesar Creek Soaring Club. He had been a member of the Precision Flying Club at Blue Ash Airport. He served in the United States Coast Guard. Dana was 80 years of age. A private family service has been held.

by Gary Collins

**Stuart Faber** died January 7, 2009. Stu was an important member in the development of EAA Chapter 174. Over the years he served as Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and wrote a monthly column, Hangar



Stu (right) with Don Reasoner working on T-Craft elevators, spring 1984

Flying. He was a major contributor to at least two revisions of the chapter by-laws. Stu was an aircraft mechanic in WWII and in the early 1980s, he offered to help me rebuild my Taylorcraft. For several years he came to my place every Tuesday evening. He did much of the rib repair on the wings and cleaned up the spars for new varnish. Later, he helped with the fabric covering and towed the plane to the airport for final assembly. He was a major factor in getting the plane back in the air in 1985. Stu was this year's President's Award recipient. He will be missed. →

## To the Board and Members of EAA 174

I am still overwhelmed and touched by your thoughtfulness in the awards you presented to me at the annual chapter 174 Christmas Party. Thanks you!

I could not have done any of the activities or events without the backing and support of the Board and chapter members, their family members and friends. You make my job easier by your generosity of time, ideas, enthusiasm and efforts. Thank you, to each and every one of you. It is such a pleasure to know the members of this group and a privilege to participate in the chapter activities.

Best regards,  
Kathie Doyle

## Minutes of January Board Meeting

submitted by Kevin Kinney

In attendance: Thomas Volz, Bob Porter, Phil Cady, Kevin Kinney, Gary Collins, Todd Winemiller, Mike Franzago, Eric Laing, Tim O'Connor, David Gallagher, Doug Auxier, Mark Webb

- ▶ Tom is putting together a president's handbook. Norm Beaudette has contributed a timeline of chapter requirements to facilitate this.
- ▶ 501(c)(3) Audit: Doug Auxier has volunteered to be the agent for the 5-year audit. We will need to get the reporting requirements on the 501(c)(3). Doug will contact Norm for further details.
- ▶ Todd will chair with Bob and Mike filling out the committee for the '05 audit. Todd has the audit packet.
- ▶ Doug is working on chapter insurance and status report.
- ▶ Phil and Tom will cross reference membership roster and compile a list of members to receive renewal reminders. Kevin will create the reminder cards.
- ▶ Bob Porter has volunteered to be vice president. Gary moved to make Bob VP, Todd seconded.
- ▶ Tom has appointed Howard Wells as honorary board advisor.
- ▶ Candidates discussed for life membership. Research is needed to determine current members status. Kathie suggested we do another membership longevity recognition.
- ▶ Fly-outs Coordinator, Mark Webb, is currently flying out every Saturday and has compiled a list of fly-out locations.
- ▶ Tom walked through the year's calendar of events.
- ▶ Proposed board meetings are tentative.
- ▶ Gary moved, Bob seconded, to donate \$75 to the American Lung Association in the name of Dana Colvin, who passed away recently.
- ▶ Tom will work with Tim O'Connor to compile a chapter photo directory.
- ▶ Gary notes that Eric Rood is planning to give the January Program, "Timeless Voices." →

# AMJEM is on the Way

by Eric Laing

As you are probably well aware, the pilot population has been on the decline for a number of years. A number of organizations are trying to reverse the trend by drawing more people to aviation. Chapter 174 would like to do its part by offering something to encourage the younger generation to get involved in aviation.

Starting in February, Chapter 174 plans to offer *Aviation Movies for Junior EAA Members* (AMJEM) during chapter meetings. These movies will have an aviation theme and are open to the chapter's junior members, as well as any children or grandchildren of members that would like to attend. The

movie will run concurrently with the chapter meeting in a separate part of the Hawk Building. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own snack.

**What is needed from members:** DVD or VHS aviation-related movies. If you have any movies that you would like to loan, or you know of some titles that should be considered, please contact Eric Laing at [elaing@wilbursmith.com](mailto:elaing@wilbursmith.com), 513-233-3700. Movies should be under 110 minutes in length and include an aviation topic of interest to children and teenagers.

Titles (and the year the movie came out) currently under consideration are in the table below. Items in bold are already in the AMJEM collection. Loans of the non-bold titles would be greatly appreciated. →

## AMJEM Movie List

| Title                          | Date | Title                               | Date        |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 16 Right                       | 2005 | 633 Squadron                        | 1964        |
| A Gathering of Eagles          | 1963 | Airmail                             | 1932        |
| The Airmail Pilot              | 1928 | The Airmail                         | 1925        |
| Apollo 13                      | 1995 | The Aviator                         | 1929        |
| The Battle of Britain          | 1969 | Breaking the Sound Barrier          | 1952        |
| Bush Pilot                     | 1947 | Captain Eddie                       | 1945        |
| Ceiling Zero                   | 1935 | The Court Martail of Billy Mitchell | 1955        |
| The Dawn Patrol                | 1938 | The Dawn Patrol                     | 1930        |
| Devil Dogs of the Air          | 1935 | Dirigible                           | 1931        |
| Flat Top 1952                  |      | Flight                              | 1929        |
| The Flight of the Phoenix      | 1965 | Fly Away Home                       | 1996        |
| Flying Tigers                  | 1942 | A Guy Named Joe                     | 1943        |
| Hell's Angels                  | 1930 | High and the Mighty                 | 1954        |
| The Hindenburg                 | 1975 | Iron Eagle                          | 1986        |
| Island in the Sky              | 1953 | Keep 'Em Flying                     | 1941        |
| The Lion Has Wings             | 1939 | Memphis Belle                       | 1944        |
| Men of the Fighting Lady       |      | Men With Wings                      | 1938        |
| Mosquito Squadron              | 1970 | Navy Born                           | 1936        |
| One of Our Aircraft is Missing |      | The Right Stuff                     | 1986        |
| The Rocketeer                  | 1991 | The Spirit of St. Louis             | 1957        |
| Spitfire                       | 1942 | Tail Spin                           | 1939        |
| Those Fantastic Flying Fools   | 1967 | <b>Tora! Tora! Tora!</b>            | <b>1970</b> |
| Twelve O'Clock High            | 1949 | A Wing and a Prayer                 | 1944        |
| Wings of the Navy              | 1939 | Zeppelin                            | 1971        |

## 2009 Cincinnati Chapter 174 Board of Directors

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### Chairs

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Technical Advisor         | Howard Wells                                  |
| Technical Advisor         | Gary Collins                                  |
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| Asst. Young Eagles Coord. | Phil Cady                                     |
| Asst. Young Eagles Coord. | Todd Winemiller                               |
| <b>Volunteers:</b>        | Lee Jewell, Librarian and Mark Webb, Fly-Outs |

## 2009 Calendar of Events

### January

18 Chapter Meeting (Timeless Voices)

### February

15 Chapter Meeting (AMJEM Debut)

### March

15 Chapter Meeting

### April

19 Chapter Meeting

21-26 Sun & Fun in Lakeland, FL

### May

16 Sporty's Open House

17 Chapter Meeting

### June

13 Young Eagles Rally

20 Chapter Meeting (Pancake Breakfast)

### July

19 Chapter Meeting

27-Aug 2 AirVenture in Osh Kosh, WI

### August

16 Chapter Meeting

### September

12-13 MERFI

20 Chapter Meeting (Hangar Crawl)

### October

4 SWORFI

18 Chapter Meeting (Auction & Nominations)

### November

15 Chapter Meeting (Elections)

### December

6 Chapter Meeting (Christmas Party)

*\*Chapter meetings occur at 2:00 pm in the Hawk Building unless otherwise indicated.*

## Timeless Voices

by Gary Collins

Eric Rood will present a video from interviews with WWII veterans. He recently spent a day with an 86-year-old former B-26 pilot who lives in Hyde Park. That interview resulted in three hours of tape which he will edit down to about 15 minutes. It will be one of the program videos.

The Timeless Voices Project is part of the Library of Congress' Veteran's History Project. For more information on the Timeless Voices Project visit [www.eaa.org/timelessvoices/](http://www.eaa.org/timelessvoices/). →

## 2008 Christmas Party

by Kim Laing

Due to the amount of great information for this issue of the newsletter, we could not include is one FANTASTIC photo from this year's Christmas party. We will have the rest of the photos posted on the website as soon as we have a volunteer to be our webmaster. →



2008 Christmas Party, Hawk Building

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