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Next Regular Meeting

January 2, 2017
Sky Ranch

We meet the first Monday of the month at Sky Ranch Airport, 3535 Alcoa Hwy. 37920 Come early to visit. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Message from your President

By the time you read this I hope you all had a great Christmas holiday with family and friends. We now have 2017 to look forward to and at our January 2nd meeting we have plenty of business and brainstorming to discuss for the New Year. We need to set some goals and plan for what we want to do as a chapter going forward. Last month's message I mentioned that we need some help with the website, Newsletter, and the need to appoint a new Board member or two. So I am looking for some volunteers to answer my call for help.

For January's meeting I will be giving a presentation on "The Anatomy of an Aircraft Accident" based on my experiences dealing with the FAA, NTSB, EMT's, and Insurance Company following my recent accident out in Kansas with my newly purchased RV6. If you google "small plane crash Eureka Kansas" you can get a heads up on what happened. I made the 11 o'clock news. I want to share my experience for its potential safety value and what us pilots are put through administratively following an accident. Believe me it is hard for me to swallow my pride and I keep second guessing myself. When I told the NTSB and FAA investigators that I planned to hold this safety meeting they offered some info to share. I was hoping to have a local aircraft insurance agent as part of my presentation, but couldn't schedule him until February.

EAA National is holding a Leadership Boot Camp in Carrollton Georgia on Saturday the 28th of January. This is open to all future leaders, as well as our existing Officers. I hope that many of you can attend this one day of intense training. I attended one last February and gained a lot of good info

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THE DECEMBER CHILI DINNER WAS WELL ATTENDED

I counted 37 people at our end of year gathering but may have missed some as there was a lot of movement about. Some of our regular members were not in attendance including Robert Berlin with a sick child and Jules Bernard still recovering from a cold.

Foul weather may have kept a few more at home.

Pictures were running in the background with the help of Robert Berlin, Karen Meyer and Mark Scheuer. We took about 12 renewals including three new members joining. Alex Shore took another two. We had at least three new guest attending. Helen Picou, Judy Wayman and Robin Depew cooked pots of chili. Tom and Pat Roush brought chips, cheese and peripherals to go with the dinner. The girls provided dessert as well.



Everybody arrived early to set the room up with tables and chairs and arrange the offerings for dinner, then remained late to pack, clean, sweep and carry off the trash. A great team effort made easy with many hands. We don't want to leave a mess and leave a bad impression for the East Tennessee Pilots Club. I want to thank everybody for their assistance.

A special Thank You to Sky Ranch and the East Tennessee Pilot's Club for providing a meeting place and all the tables and chairs for our monthly EAA meetings.

EAST TENNESSEE PILOTS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The East Tennessee Pilots Club recently had their Christmas Party at a hangar on Sky Ranch and invited chapter 17 members to attend. Some



of our chapter members are already members of Sky Ranch or the East Tennessee Pilots Club, and it is suggested that our EAA chapter become more active with the flying club and the 99's as well. All of our organizations support aviation and we have a common interest that can be enhanced with our mutual support. Watch for our invitation of a Fly Out to the Chilhowee Glider Port (92A) with the 99's to observe glider activity.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AOPA President **Mark Baker** will be our EAA Chapter 17 Luncheon Banquet speaker, Saturday November 11, 2017



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from it. I am hoping some of you may be able to car pool, as it looks like a 3 hour drive or a lot faster flying if the weather cooperates.

The last few meetings we enjoyed some food during our social time before the meeting started and I would like to continue to do so. Please let me know if you plan to bring some cookies or desserts and or real food to share. I have received good feedback (no pun intended) on having food at the meetings. Looking forward to visiting with you at January's meeting and wishing everyone a Happy New Years.

George Douglas

FLYOUT TO CHILHOWEE GLIDERPORT

We have been invited to join the 99's on their fly out to Chilhowee Gliderport (92A) on Sunday, January 15 to view glider operations. Our host is Sarah Kelly Arnold, owner and instructor. Rides and introductory flights will be available. Prices are 20 min ride \$99, 30 min \$129. Plan to arrive at 1:30 PM. Flights into the field are permitted, but please contact Sam Robinson in advance to arrange for an aircraft count that will help them prepare: rvn1188c@att.net

SURPRISE GET OUT OF JAIL PARTY AT MONROE COUNTY AIRPORT

Steve Givens has been a regular member of the Monroe County airport at Madisonville and was always busy at the Second Saturday breakfast serving omelets to customers. Steve was a guest at the county jail and volunteered to work for credit towards an early release. Airport manager Tom McCosh would bring Steve to the airport where he would set up tables and chairs, serve meals and coffee and clean up after. He was always friendly and helpful and made many friends. He was recently given a surprise party orchestrated by airport manager Tom McCosh to celebrate his release before Christmas.



An excellent BBQ was provided compliments of Chef Sammy Jones and his smoker, and the cake was compliments of Tom and Pat Roush with help from Wal-Mart. Instructor Bob Mundle was in charge of recruitment and side dishes were brought individually.



SAFETY MESSAGE

How many of you use Flight Following? Some call it IFR Lite since you will be watched by ATC and sometimes vectored and assigned altitudes very similar to IFR flights, but most of the time they let you go direct at the altitude you desire. I use it even for many short flights here in the valley and most of the time it saves me time. It might even make ATC's job easier since they know what you are doing and where you are so they can keep you separated from other traffic. There was a good example of how it could have saved the life of a pilot who had a midair collision with an F-16 not long ago. Even with ADS-B the Cessna pilot would not have had time to react to a fast jet even if he had his head down looking at the display or looking out the window. If he had flight following, ATC would have warned him. Flight following in my opinion is a must for flying through MOA's. They will let you know if they are hot and vector you away from that traffic. NTSB is trying to make a case to require the Military aircraft to have some sort of traffic displays to help eliminate this type of midair collisions.

George Douglas

NAME TAGS

With so many new members at the meeting it might be time to remind all that you can order EAA Chapter 17 Name Tags for \$10.00 from Alex Shore (treasurer@eaa17.org) or Jerry Depew: jerrydepew@bellsouth.net



Election Results

On December 5, a vote was held at the regular Monthly Chapter 17 meeting. After a final call for nominations (none put forward) Stephen Wickizer motioned for a vote for acceptance of the nominees, Helen Picou seconded, and a unanimous vote was cast to retain the officers for 2017. The online balloting was also unanimously in favor of the nominees.

TENNESSEE MUSEUM OF AVIATION

Professor Marc McClure, Jules Bernard and Jeff Sardella from the **TENNESSEE MUSEUM OF AVIATION** met to discuss adding World War One Tennessee Volunteer Kiffin Rockwell to the **TENNESSEE AVIATION HALL OF FAME**.

Kiffin Yates Rockwell was born in Newport Tennessee and volunteered for the French Foreign Legion at the opening of the First World War. He became a pilot in the Lafayette Escadrille and was the first American pilot to shoot down an enemy aircraft. He had at least two confirmed aerial victories before his death in aerial combat September 23, 1916 and he was buried in France as a national hero.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit www.eaa.org/calendar to access a comprehensive list of events that you can filter to match your location, range, interest and schedule.

January 2	First Monday EAA meeting at Sky Ranch Airport, 3535 Alcoa Hwy. 37920
January 7	First Saturday Breakfast. EAA Chapter 690 at Gwinnett Co. (LZU) (137 miles from DKX)
January 14	Second Saturday Breakfast. Monroe Co (MNV) Madisonville (41 miles from DKX)
January 15	Join 99's in a fly out to Chilhowee Gliderport (92A) at 1:30 PM. Contact Sam Robinson in advance to arrange for an aircraft count.:rvn1188c@att.net
January 21	Third Saturday CAP Breakfast at Cleveland (RZR) (73 miles from DKX)
January 28	Fourth Saturday CAP Breakfast at Dayton (2A0) (68 miles from DKX)
November 11	EAA Chapter 17 Annual Banquet with AOPA President Mark Baker

Come join us for education and fun with other aviators.

Short Notice Aviation Plans (SNAP) Any weekday that the weather is good. Why wait for a weekend?

Ready to schedule:

Trade-A-Plane Publishers in Crossville, TN

Group Fly Out to the Tennessee Museum Of Aviation in Sevierville.

Group Fly Out to Andrews, NC (KRHP) to see Jerry Stadtmiller and look at his Antique Aircraft Restoration and Repair operation. (53 miles from DKX)

Fly Out to EAA Chapter 242 in Columbia, SC.

Trade Airplane Rides

Guest Speakers ready to meet with EAA Chapter 17:

Ready to schedule: Tom and Pat Roush flying balloons in Austria.

Ready to schedule: TEMPEST Spark Plugs with Vince Bechtel.

Ready to schedule: Dr. Russell Gibson AME

Ready to schedule: Nathan Woodall from DR Cox Insurance

Ready to schedule: A continuation of ForeFlight training.

Future plans include a seminar on Mountain Flying.

Maintenance that pilots are allowed to perform themselves on their certified aircraft.

Aerobatics Seminar?

Do You have a meeting suggestion?

JULES BERNARD - TENNESSEE MUSEUM OF AVIATION VOLUNTEER

Jules Bernard stands with Rob Robbins beside the upper wing of the museum's replica FOKKER TRIPLANE that will become a museum display when construction is complete.

Not pictured is a LINK Trainer once used for flight simulation that is in need of repair. If you know how one of these is put together, the museum would like your help.





EAA Chapter 17

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EAA Chapter 17's mission is the promotion of education in aeronautics, flying safety, navigation, amateur or home-built aircraft, antique aircraft restoration and construction, and related aero-sciences. To foster aviation, education, and progress in light aircraft development and other closely related phases of aviation. And to maintain a non-profit cooperative association to obtain instruction and education in aviation.

Your EAA Membership

Chapter 17 maintains our membership records. This is important for two reasons. First, and most important, we use the info to correspond with our members. Second, we are required to provide EAA Headquarters with a current chapter roster each year. To help update our records, we are asking everyone to please provide the following:

Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, and EAA member number.

Finally, we can't emphasize enough the importance of full EAA membership. This is especially critical in the current climate of proposed GA user fee increases and other threats to your freedom to fly! For \$40 a year for a single EAA membership or \$50 a year for family membership, you can add your clout to the battle, as well as get a great magazine in *Sport Aviation* each month and lots of other member benefits. If you are not a current member of the international EAA organization, please join or renew your membership. Go to <http://www.eaa.org/memberbenefits.html>, or call 800-843-3612.

In the words of Vintage Aircraft Association President, Geoff Robison, "Let's all pull in the same direction for the good of aviation. Remember, we are **better** together. Join us and have it all"

CHAPTER 17 MEETINGS ARE NOW ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED!

EAA Chapter 17 Membership Renewal EAA Member # _____



Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project or current aircraft or interest: _____

Annual Dues run from January 1st to December 31 each year.

Type of Registration: Regular: (\$20) Family: (\$20), list names: _____
 Student (Free for [EAA Student](#) members): _____

Address, email, and phone info is used to update CH 17 records, is voluntary, and is not shared outside of CH 17. EAA Member # is required for our annual EAA Chapter renewal.

Please print, fill out, and bring to the next meeting, or mail to CH 17 Treasurer, at the below address. Please include a check for \$20.00 made to EAA Chapter 17.

Online registration (<http://www.eaa17.org/EAA17membership.htm>) available using a credit card or Pay Pal

Thanks for your continued support!

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