



# Flight 506 News

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## Chapter Events

### Mark Your Calendars!

➤ **Saturday, Mar. 8, 2003**

EAA Chapter 506  
Meeting  
8:30 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Meeting  
at the Chapter 506  
Clubhouse

**Reminder –  
No covered dish  
required!**

Breakfast will be provided  
by the Breakfast  
Committee at a cost of  
\$3.00 per person.

This month's menu will  
include:

Pancakes, sausage, fruit,  
orange juice, and coffee.

## President's Corner

By Ned Nutt

### How I Started Flying (or It's Never Too Late)

It happened on a fishing trip with my brother in February 1995. I booked a commercial flight from Raleigh through Charlotte to Jacksonville, FL, but got diverted to Savannah when a combination of thunderstorms and mechanical trouble cancelled the second leg. It was just as well. My brother lives in Brunswick, GA., and the length of the drive to pick me up was the same. The next day we boarded his Baron along with 2 other guys, including his flight instructor, and flew down to Lake Okeechobee, FL. where we spent an enjoyable 2 days of fishing, food, and alcohol.

On the way back, his flight instructor sat in the left seat and I got the right. Once we reached cruising altitude he let me hold onto the yoke, showed me how to trim the pitch and pick a point on the horizon to fly straight. It was a beautiful cloudless day with a great view as we passed just west of Cape Canaveral. He took over to land at Jacksonville International where I then rode an airliner back to Raleigh.

That was the spark that fired my fascination with flying.

It was a reawakening of a passion that had been lying dormant for some time. In the summer of 1966 before I left home for college, I answered an ad that offered an introduction to flying in a Cessna 152 for \$5. My parents were dismayed. My father had had a frightening experience on a troop plane in the Pacific during WWII. He promised God that he would never get in another airplane, if He would just get him on the ground safely. Dad kept his word. Since I was paying for the lessons myself, they didn't stop me.

The flight school was having personnel turnover and I went through 3 instructors in my first 12 hours before I soloed. Then, following the very next flight, disaster occurred. Just as I landed there was a thunderstorm crossing the distant side of the airport moving toward town. I had not used the seatbelts in the car my father allowed me to drive until I started flying. When I clicked on the seatbelt in the car I must have thought that I was still in the airplane because I was flying on the way back to town when I hit the section of road made wet and slick by that thunderstorm. The car fishtailed into the ditch and I saw the windshield come to within an inch of my nose before the seatbelt stopped me from going through. I had totally wrecked the car that my parents had given me to drive! And I was so ashamed that I exiled myself from flying.

That flight in the Baron kindled the wood that had been aging through college, medical school, marriage and children. In my medical practice I

saw patients who were adamant that I fix them so they could return to flying. This was like pouring starter on the charcoals. When the spark occurred it lit a fire that could not be put out. I had to try it again. So, I answered an ad that offered an introduction to flying in a Cessna 152 for \$5 at Franklin County Airport. My wife was dismayed. But I took the chance that we wouldn't divorce and didn't let her stop me.

The flight school at Franklin County was changing ownership and was a bit disorganized. The kid instructor had 450 hours when we started. Now I don't trust anyone under the age of 30. He did go through a divorce that made him less than fully attentive and I still have to work for a living. Therefore progress was a bit slow and I think I did not get some good basic fundamentals. Finally, after my second check ride in July, 1996, I received my private certificate - thirty years from the time that I took those very first lessons.

## Minutes of the February 8th Meeting

By Ida May Covey

The meeting was called to order by February meeting president, Byron Covey, at 9:05 AM.

A total of 30 members and guests were present.

2002 chapter service awards were handed out, and a letter of appreciation from David Cooper of the Tuscarora Council of the Boy Scouts of America was read. Mr. Cooper thanked all of the EAA members for making the Scout's camporee "the most memorable ever." (Chapter 506 members and other EAA members flew 242 Scouts during the camporee as part of the Young Eagle program.)

Dennis Whitley demonstrated his model airplanes. He flew an airplane, a helicopter, and an Eagle a tether.

Ron Normark offered three front seat takeoffs and landings in his Piper Super Cub to the member who would make the highest donation to the Chapter. Jack Schultz opened the bidding at \$5. Dr. Nutt won with a donation of \$30. They flew just after the meeting, and it appeared that both Ned and Ron enjoyed aviating in beautiful weather.

### Old business:

#### **Membership Dues**

Members were reminded that when they pay their 2003 dues, they should put include their EAA membership number and expiration date on their check.

If you have not paid your 2003 membership dues, you can do so at the March meeting, or mail them to Roxanna Mancusi at 4109 S. Mountain Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603 or Nancy Normark at 3508 Canter Lane, Raleigh, NC 27604.

Members were also reminded to complete their questionnaires, and to forward them to Debbie Fink - email [lfink@nc.rr.com](mailto:lfink@nc.rr.com).

### New business:

Neal Foote made two special presentations. He presented a plaque to the women of Chapter 506 in recognition of their exceptional service to the Chapter. He then presented a plaque to Jack and Helen Schultz for all their years of service to Chapter 506.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38.

## March Between Meeting Event

Bob Woods announced details of the next between meeting activity, which will be on March 22, 2003. It is a fly-in / drive-in to Bob and Annette Woods' facility at the Goldsboro-Wayne Airport. There will be a presentation about the Ford Tri-Motor restoration that is under way in Woods Aviation. Bring a covered dish to share at noon, and a chair if you want a place to sit. (If you haven't been to Woods Aviation - email [woodsacro@aol.com](mailto:woodsacro@aol.com) - you owe it to yourself to go and see the Tri-Motor while it is still accessible. In addition to the Ford, expect to see several other interesting "works-in-progress," and the original Woody's Pusher.) Hope to see you all there!

### **February Program:**

Jim Page gave an excellent presentation about his award winning Piper Tri-Pacer. Thanks Jim!

## Meet Our Members



**Joe Mancusi**

Joe grew up in Darien, CT. and became interested in flying from reading airplane magazines and taking a flight in a Cessna 170.

He began flight lessons at Blue Bird Aviation in 1969 and soloed in 1970 in a Square back C-150 he describes as a great little airplane. He has flown many interesting airplanes including a Piper J-3, all Cherokees (except the 235), a Skybolt, Scout Glider, Staggerwing Beech, Cessna's (120-182) and others too numerous to mention! He has had many memorable flights, and says it doesn't matter what you fly – you will always have fun!

Joe was a flight instructor for many years, and has been a corporate pilot since 1982 flying a Citation Excel based at RDU. Although he has never built a plane, he did help restore his beautiful Cessna 120, which based at Johnson County Airport.

Joe has been an EAA member since 1990, and has been to Oshkosh twice – both times in motor homes!

What airplane would Joe want if he could have any airplane, free of charge, with free maintenance, fuel and hangar? A Staggerwing Beech! According to Joe, "It's a radial engine, tail dragger, bi-plane, go fast airplane!"

## Young Eagles Corner

By Jim & Sandy Dukeman



## March 2003 Schedule:

### MARCH 15: CLOSED RALLY

I have a home school group here in apex that wants YE flights. I will present the ground school to them on the 13<sup>th</sup> and hope to fly them on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO food court at this event.

### MARCH 15: Henderson Oxford

Steve Pearce spoke with the Junior ROTC commander at North Vance High, who confirmed that March 15 with a rain date of the 22 would be OK. She expects about 50 in her group, and each would have

a pre-signed form. Ideally, the ROTC kids will be between 10 AM and 12 and the open to the public between 12 and 3, leaving 3-4 to handle the stragglers.

A food court would be welcomed at this event. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Jim Dukeman or Steve Pearce.

### MARCH 29: AF-Academy day.

We have participated with this the last couple of years. We set up a booth at the RDU National Guard Armory. Kids from all across the state come to learn detailed information about the Air Force Academy. We get a chance to share with them the possibility of getting a FREE flight in their local area.

### 2003 YE Statistics

Chapter 2003 goal:	1,500
State 2003 goal:	1,500
National Goal:	1,000,000
National total to date:	880,169

## March 8<sup>th</sup> Program

Dr. Nutt will chair the March meeting, and will bring a meteorologist to speak on weather. This is a good opportunity to ask any weather related questions you may have!

## Alternate Gear Extension Method.



## From the Web.....

### **EAA Conducting Numerous Sun 'n Fun Forums**

From EAA e-HOT LINE Vol. 3, No. 9

EAA is scheduled to conduct several educational forums scheduled at the Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In April 2-8, in Lakeland, Florida. For specific locations, details and times, visit the [Sun 'n Fun website](#).

Among the **homebuilding forums** are How to Get Started in Homebuilding; First Flight in Your Homebuilt; How to Register and Certificate Your Homebuilt; and Homebuilt Aircraft Buyer's Checklist. The **EAA Aircraft Insurance Plan**, along with the NAFI and IAC plans, will be featured at forums scheduled during the week. The **EAA Legal Advisory Council** plans three sessions Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, including two mock trials and a general discussion. The **EAA AeroMedical Council's** "Your Airman Medical Certificate: How to keep or regain it" is also scheduled for Saturday. **Sport pilot/light-sport aircraft** presentations and Q&A sessions are planned Wednesday through Saturday.

### **Young Eagle Volunteers Needed for Sun 'n Fun**

From EAA Chapter E-Gram Vol. 5 No. 2 February 19, 2003

Hey! Are you planning to attend the 2003 Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In? Are you also an EAA Member that has flown Young Eagles? YES! That's great! Here's a super opportunity for you!

The EAA Young Eagles Office is looking for a few volunteers to lend a hand with the EAA Young Eagles display at the 2003 Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In. It's easy, it's fun, and you'll have a chance to work with Steve Buss and Michelle Kunes from the Young Eagles Office.

Okay, here are the details:

**Where do you volunteer?** EAA Young Eagles Display-Exhibit Booth. **What will you be doing?** Helping out, answering general questions, and encouraging other EAA Members to get involved with the EAA Young Eagles program! **When will you volunteer?** There are openings every day, with two shifts; 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **What do you get for volunteering besides having a great time helping a great program?** Free lunch & beverages, a shirt and a cap! (Oh, did we mention the good time you'll have meeting new people?) **How do you volunteer?** Contact Michelle Kunes in the Young Eagles office. You can reach Michelle at (800) 236-4800, ext. 6865 or you can email her at [mkunes@eaa.org](mailto:mkunes@eaa.org)

**So, there you go!** Going to the 2003 Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In? Why not add to you fun by lending a hand with the EAA Young Eagles Program!

**See you in Lakeland!** 

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**Don't forget to visit our Chapter 506 web site !**

<http://www.blueasp.com/506/>

## 2003 Chapter Programs & Activities:

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Program Responsibility</b></i>
<i><b>January 11</b></i>	Jack Schultz
<i><b>February 8</b></i>	Byron Covey
<i><b>March 8</b></i>	Ned Nutt
<i><b>April 12</b></i>	Ida May Covey
<i><b>May 10</b></i>	Helen Schultz
<i><b>June 7</b></i>	Mort Altman
<i><b>July 12</b></i>	Larry Fink
<i><b>August 9</b></i>	Dan Harden
<i><b>September 13</b></i>	W. T. Bailey
<i><b>October 11</b></i>	Jim Turner
<i><b>November 8</b></i>	Martin Moore
<i><b>December 12</b></i>	Nancy Normark
<i><b>Between Meeting Events</b></i>	
<i><b>March 22</b></i>	Fly out/Drive out Woods Aviation at Wayne County Airport
<i><b>April 26</b></i>	TBD
<i><b>May 24</b></i>	TBD
<i><b>June 28</b></i>	TBD

## Classified Corner

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