



# Flight 506 News

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## Chapter Events

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### ➤ Saturday, July 9th, 2005

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

Breakfast will be provided  
By the Breakfast  
Committee at a cost of  
\$4.00 per person.

## President's Corner

By Larry Fink

### What I've Learned as a Member of EAA Chapter 506

Chapter 506 includes members that will teach or help with any project you have in mind. Within our membership are people who have flown, tried, built, or thought about just about anything to do with aviation, and they are more than willing to share their experience and knowledge.

Our membership includes engineers, physicians, physicists, and professional pilots (just to name a few) that are available to answer your questions or help with your project. And once your project is moving along, there are many builder and aviation professionals willing to review your project before you fly, and help with the flight test program.

What more could anyone possibly want from a flying organization?

Other things I have learned as a Chapter 506 member are:

- People associated with flying are usually friendlier than the general population
- Aviators will fly anywhere to eat
- If you buzz someone's grass strip and are higher than 20 feet it is considered a fly-by
- If you fly with a group, leave at the same time, and arrive at the same time, you did not necessarily fly in formation
- Some pilots like surprises and don't want you using your new Garmin GPS to warn them about towers.

But, more than anything else, I have learned that you are never too old to make new friends.

## July Program

Bill Betts from Sparkchasers Aircraft Services, Inc. will give a presentation on ELT, Transponder, and Antenna installations, including typical installation mistakes, and some helpful tips.

## June Meeting Minutes

By Byron Covey

Following a breakfast of Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, and cantaloupe, washed down by coffee and OJ, Jack Schultz called the meeting to order at 0900.

### Secretary report:

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

### Old Business:

Johnston County Airport day has been scheduled for October 8, 2005. Chapter members should be prepared to begin signing up for the support roles at the next meeting. Since we anticipate an even larger attendance than last year, we will need close to 100% participation of members. Additionally, we will need support from other pilots for the Young Eagle flights.

### Guests:

Bill Henry, who is retired from the USAF, is interested in building. Bill saw our web site. With Bill, were Robert Twiggs and Gene Powell. Tuck Schneider from Durham also joined us.

## So there I was ...

By Dave Courtney

on the road in Silver Springs, Maryland. It was in July of 1999. My father and I were on the first of our airplane adventures. You would have liked my dad. He died in February 2001 and I still miss him. Charles "Call me Chuck" Courtney was a teacher. He taught airframe and engine mechanics after he got out of high school in Yonkers, New York. The Navy sent him to Chicago during WW2 to teach carburetor repair to sailors headed to the Pacific. He stayed in Chicago and became a vocational teacher at Chicago Vocational High School on the Southside of Chicago. He gave me a love of aviation and the desire to fly.

He and my mother retired to Crawfordsville, Indiana. My wife and I live in Cary, North Carolina. We only got to visit a couple of times a year. It is a very familiar pattern for a lot of families today. I talked my dad into a road trip to visit train and airplane museums in the Mid-Atlantic States. Our very first museum was the Graber Restoration Facility of the Smithsonian Institute in Silver Springs. It was a

scorching hot July day when we showed up for the guided tour.

The docent warned that there was no air conditioning where we were going. As we went through the first door, it was like walking into someone's garage or attic. There was a narrow pathway between engines and planes and pieces and parts of airframes. My dad's eyes lit up and a smile broke out on his face. He could see the past that he had grown up with for the past sixty years. He and the docent began the three hour conversation that they would have as we wended our way through history. The other members of the tour were just as fascinated and joined in this interactive walk.

The airplanes were not on display. They were in storage or scheduled for more restoration before going back out on public display. At one stop we leaned back and rested against the fuselage of a large aircraft while looking at several other planes under discussion. Then the docent remarked, oh, by the way, you are leaning up against the Enola Gay that is scheduled for display in a few more years. Talk about having personal contact with history.

I don't remember all of the planes or where the time went. The heat of the day was ignored and pushed into the background. One of the highlights was the Gulfhawk II that had been flown by Al Williams in the late 1930's. My dad said he remembered that airplane very well since he had helped to repair a wingtip on it after a minor scrape at a Long Island airport. He was thrilled to see the plane and to know that it was going to be on display someday. (It is now out at the new facility at Dulles.) My dad and I had a great visit.

So I learned from my dad to always do a good job because you never know if and when it will turn up again in the public eye. My dad was a teacher. You would have liked him.

### *Editor's Note:*

*Dave intended this article for the June newsletter to honor Father's Day. My apologies for publishing it a month late.*

## 2005 Chapter 506 Programs & Activities:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program Responsibility</i>
January 8	Neal Foote
February 12	Dan Harden
March 12	Joe Mancusi
April 9	Jack Schultz
*April 23, Saturday	Visit to the Schultz's to see their Zenith 601 HD
May 14	
June 11	Mort Altman
July 9	Larry Fink
August 13	
September 10	Dan Harden
October 8	Joe Mancusi
November 12	Jack Schultz
December 10	

\* Between meeting events

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