



Flight 506 News

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Chapter Events

Mark Your Calendars!

**Saturday,
March 11, 2006**

EAA Chapter 506
Meeting

8:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am Meeting

Chapter 506 Clubhouse

Breakfast will be
provided

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

President of the Month's Corner

By Joe Mancusi

"A moment of panic!"

A quick presidential commentary: Most of us are EAA members and we appreciate what the organization does for us. I am also a member of the AOPA, even though it does not exactly represent my personal flying agenda. What I get is the huge political influence of AOPA, a great magazine, and the legal services plan they offer. EAA and AOPA are working together on the many issues that strike close to home. I recommend being a member of both, if you wish to help protect our flying freedoms.

Recently there have been articles on "why we fly". Here is a brief personal description of a most memorable flight.

In the early 80's I was a proud new Captain of an early Citation. The kind that sea gulls hit from behind, it was not very fast! Late one very dark night, I was returning from Houston Hobby airport to Orlando Executive airport. The route goes more or less directly east toward St. Petersburg and then direct to Orlando. Believe me, the Gulf was dark and the stars were out that night.

Somewhere west of St. Petersburg and south of the Florida panhandle, I was STARTLED to see a HUGE WHITE BRIGHT light straight in front of me on the horizon. It could not be the moon as it was way too bright. It could not be the sun as it was way too early. Honestly, I almost panicked at the thought that the cold war had ended badly. I looked north wondering where to set it down and realized there was only one HUGE WHITE BRIGHT light.

The HUGE WHITE BRIGHT light quickly turned into a bright rising pinpoint as a rocket left the ground at Cape Kennedy. What a view that was!

I wonder if the copilot noticed a new Captain's moment of panic!

We have members whose stories can top this. How about sending one in to the editor?

February Meeting Minutes

By Ken Dunaway

An excellent breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and Debbie Fink's pecan rolls was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Helen & Jack Schultz and Larry Shehane for the culinary part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the president, Bob Parker. Six guests were present; Larry, Jamie, Don, Lou, James and Goodman. We hope they return as new members.

Secretary report:

The minutes from the January meeting as printed in the February newsletter were approved.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer was absent from the meeting and the Treasurer's report was deferred to the next Chapter meeting.

Keep it Straight

By Lucky Charlie

I was running toward the Aeronca Champ at the Erwin airport. "MOM! DAD! Look at this airplane. I'm learning to fly".

The excitement hasn't diminished in 46 years.

Larry Norris, my high school buddy, invited me to the Erwin airport for a flying lesson with Keith Finch, a WWII P-51 pilot. One hour with a P-51 pilot in an Aeronca Champ for \$15. What a deal! OK, so that was 37 hours of work at my farmhand wages at 40 cents per hour. But, this is real! Hoss. This sod buster can be somebody.

Larry and I worked all week; sold all our boy toys and borrowed all we could on the promise of a dream that we could fly.

I still see my flying mentor, Keith Finch, at the Harnett County airport occasionally. I tease him about not teaching me very much. I said "You didn't tell me about left turning tendencies and ground loops". On the other hand I did have trouble understanding his speech patterns. I thought he had been injured in the war. He'd start

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Jonathan Hall volunteered to be the webmaster for the Chapter's website. Johnston County Airport agreed to place a link on the airport's website to the Chapter 506 website. Both proposals received approval by a voice vote.

Dan Hardin (facilities manager) asked for a vote to spend money to replace the awning over the front door that was damaged by recent storms and to add light fixtures in the kitchen area. The cost was estimated to be about \$250.00. A voice vote was taken and these repairs and improvements were approved.

The February program followed. Thanks to Dr. Ned Nutt for a very enlightening presentation on the aero-medical aspects of flying.

a sentence, pause and then I'd get the end of the story. My practice at listening experiences came mostly from following the south end of a northbound mule.

During one of my early lessons, on take off, Keith asked if I was going to hit the hanger on the left side of the runway. I only heard "hit hanger" The Aeronca Champ was headed straight for the hanger like a mule running toward the barn.

After more ribbing of Keith, he reminded me of the one lesson needed when flying a taildragger. KEEP IT STRAIGHT.

Guess the Member

So who is Lucky Charlie?

Lessons Learned as an AME

Contributed by Dr. Ned Nutt

If there is a medical condition with or without medications:

- 1) Get your medical condition treated and stable.
- 2) Go to the EAA or AOPA or FAA websites.
Review your condition.
Follow advice/steps given.
- 3) Look up medications on AOPA website.
- 4) If you receive a letter from the FAA, **read** the FAA letter **and** get **all** evaluations/data requested, **but** no more.
- 5) Show your treating physician what is needed and what points need to be addressed.
- 6) Gather all information into a single packet; include a cover letter stating your request. Send all in a single packet.
- 7) Be persistent.
- 8) If you have a medical condition or are taking any medications, it is recommended that you discuss it with the AME before starting to fill out the FAA Form 8500-8.

2006 Chapter 506 Programs & Activities:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program Responsibility</i>
January 14	Dave Courtney – “Flying with Bob”
February 11	Ned Nutt – “Medical Questions and Answers”
March 11	Joe Mancusi – “The Role of the Flight Advisor”
April 8	Larry Fink
May 13	Byron Covey
June 10	Mort Altman
July 8	Jack Schultz
August 12	Ron Normark
September 9	Paul Bellman
October 14	Art Armeni (JNX open house and Young Eagles event)
November 11	Jim Turner
December 9 (PM)	Nancy Normark & Ida May Covey

Other EAA Chapter News

EAA Chapter 1407 at Wilson Industrial Airport (W03) has a pancake & sausage breakfast on March 4 from 7 am to 10 am. AYCE \$5.00. Regular meeting follows. Speaker is Mr. Jerry Davis, a former U-2 pilot.

EAA Chapter 309
Spring Fling Fly in at Lake Norman Airpark
Saturday, March 25
More information available at:
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