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Chapter Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Sport Aviation Center, 3600 Wildwood Ave, Jackson, Michigan 49202-1811 unless otherwise published....

This month's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

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## **CHRISTMAS GATHERING** (Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>)

Well, Merry Christmas... yes it's time to put on the "Old Feed Bag" and head for the Sport Aviation Center at 6:00pm for Hors d'oeuvres and Dinner ....

As you were informed in the November Newsletter, the Chapter will provide the Entrée's, Beverages, and Service Settings. It will be up to you to provide your laughter, bountiful enthusiasm and a smile on your face, along with a passing dish, which will highlight your culinary skills...

But if you're embarrassed because you have no culinary skills and have to purchase something, just put it on another plate or place it in a bowl then tie a ribbon around it and ... no

one will ever know the difference... (*note: a plate of "Oreo Cookies" wrapped in garland might be held in question*).

Of course, Your Spouse, Friend, and Siblings are all invited....

## **CHAPTER NOTES**

### **NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES (11/7/2007)**

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Earl Scott.

The Treasurers Report was given and the Chapter is solvent.

The December Christmas Dinner was discussed (see: Christmas Gathering)

A sign up sheet was handed out to the members present, who wish to purchase a 2008 EAA Calendar. The Chapter Treasurer hoped to get the order processed before the December Meeting.

The President reported the Roofing Company would re-roof the complete Sport Aviation Center for \$10,000.00. The membership considered the proposal and advised the President to go forward with this renovation (See: Thatching The Roof).

Fay Bolander thanked, whom ever donated the flowering bulbs for the garden that fronts the Sport Aviation Center.

The donated Zenith 604 project was offered to the membership. But interest was lacking, therefore it will be put on the Zenith website.

The Pacer Project was discussed.

A presentation was made by Nihl Storey to hold a low tech. "Chili Fly-In" event sponsored by the 100mph Club at the Sport Aviation Center in December ( see: Chili Fly-In).

Ballots were passed out and the election of Officers and the expansion of the Chapter Board with the addition of Chapter Members at large commenced (see: Election).

The Meeting was adjourned.

### **ELECTION**

The results of the Chapter election of Officers, Board Members at large, and Appointments as given to the newsletter editor, are as follows.

#### **Officers:**

President: Earl E. Scott

Vice President: John Eiler

Secretary: Steve Matthews

Treasurer: Charles Furgason

#### **Expansion of the Chapter Board with at large Chapter Members:**

Charles Moore, Daniel Stanton, and Steve Wellman

#### **Presidential Appointment to the Airport Advisory Council:**

Open

#### **Presidential Appointment - Technical Counselors:**

Jay Cavender

Joe Phelan

#### **Presidential Appointment - Website Director:**

James Buist

#### **Presidential Appointment - Museum Curator and Director of Lawn Maintenance:**

Fay Bolender

*(Editors Note: There you are; your new and re-elected officers, at large board members and appointees for the next two years or until their impeached).*

### **THATCHING THE ROOF**

The President didn't waist any time after receiving the go-a-head in having the Sport Aviation Center's roof replaced... He was tired of standing at the lectern, on a rainy meeting night, trying to turn the pages of his notes with one hand, while holding an umbrella in the other !

It is quite remarkable that the roof shingles lasted as long as they did ! As many of you might remember the Sport Aviation Center was build by conscripted labor, which equates to the then chapter membership... we really had to be nuts! I think, not more then ten members had ever picked up a hammer.... We were pilots... what did we know about construction. Yet we foraged ahead with hammer, nail, and at forest of dimensioned lumber...

Of course, we did everything backwards and put the roof on last... By that time we were down to our last couple of "dollars"... When a fellow member found a great bargain on roofing shingles... cash only.

What a deal ! We met the merchant in an alleyway on the East-side of town, just after midnight... He looked kind of shady, dark glasses, trench coat with a prominent bulge under his left armpit... He threw back the tarpaulin covering the bundles of shingles for our inspection... Those shingles had just enough gravel on them to qualify as a shingle, plus they were metric in dimension...

But when we asked the what kind of warranty we could expect, the Merchant and a couple of his Cronies, who had stepped out from the shadowy part of a building adjoining the alleyway..., started laughing and talking in Italian...

Then one guy leaned over and whispered, in broken English... "Hey We make you a offer you can't refuse.... 'Capisce'..."

Well, none of us spoke Italian but that little comment came through loud and clear... Boy, we pealed off the cash, loaded up the pick-up, and left that alleyway in a trail of dust... and headed back to the airport, without ever looking back...

On the way back to the Sport Aviation Center, one of the Guys made the comment that we should have stood-our-ground and haggled of a lower price...

If we hadn't been going about fifty miles and hour and the passenger inside door-handle hadn't been missing,... we would have thrown him out of the truck... But the only thing we could do was to smack him along side the head, too knock some sense into him... Boy sometimes Pilots are just plain dumb!

Back to the Sport Aviation Center we all went to work...

Well we had put down about two squares of shingle when a kid on a bike road up and yelled, "My Dad always put down tar paper before he put down the shingles!" That did it, we traded our hammers for a couple of beers...

Then we made the member, who had made the dumb comment about haggling for a lower shingle price, remove the freshly laid shingles... While, we headed for the lumber yard for tar paper....

Well the shingles were finally laid and have lasted for close to twenty years... which is remarkable... Over the last five or six years we've had to replace a few here and there... When that old westerly wind would kick up those shingles were so brittle, they would come flying down like Frisbees...

On Monday, November 19, 2007 the Roofing Contractor attacked the Sport Aviation Center and his men were all over that roof like the invasion at Omaha Beach...

That old roof came off slick as a whistle and replacement and repairs were completed to the underlayment, then the new shingles were nailed down ... The roofing process, under the guise of professionals, couldn't have been orchestrated any better...

Well Members, the Sport Aviation Center now has a new roof with a reputable warranty....

## CHILE FLY – IN

The "100MPH CLUB" (not to be confused with "The Mile High Club") has scheduled a Chili Fly –In at the Sport Aviation Center for Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> with a rain/snow date of Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 2pm.

The Club will provide Chili, Hot Dogs, Coffee and Tea and some home made pastries. If you don't like their pastry bring your own, but be willing to share... There will be a small charge for the Soft Drinks and Malox ...

If you would like to donate a small penitence toward the cost of the food Nihl Storey will be holding a collection plate...

This Club is unique in that it has no officers, no board of directors, no meetings, no dues, no bylaws, it's just established to bring flying back to the basics of just having fun....

For further information please contact The "Grand PuBa" of the 100MPH Club, Nihl Storey at 517-782-4559....

## CHAPTER DUES

Enclosed is your 2008 Dues Statement. Please return this Statement with your payment. If there are any changes to your address, telephone number or e-mail address, please fill out the appropriate area on the Statement.

For those members that have paid their dues early, please return the Dues Statement, if you have had a change of address, etc. We like to keep the Chapter records up to date...

Hopefully, all dues payments will be remitted on or before January 15, 2008... Enclosed is a return envelope for your convenience...

## WORDS OF WISDOM

To Error is Human.... To Forgive is not Company Policy.... (*Nihl Storey*)