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The editor thanks Ken Shuman, George Race, & Earl Scott for their contributions of information to this month's newsletter.

Chapter Meetings are normally held the first Wednesday of each month at the Sport Aviation Center, unless otherwise published. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend and we'll do our best to welcome them.

Our next regular, chapter meeting is canceled. Our Christmas Party Pot Luck will take its place on Wednesday, 12/16/09 at 6:00 PM, with dinner starting at around 7:00 PM.

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Got a news item to share? Please call Jim Buist with the information. Or, better yet, send an email to Jim at jimbuist@yahoo.com

Board Meeting Summary

The board of director's meeting was somewhat short this month. They discussed the treasurer's report, Earl's upcoming absence (from November 23 – December 3), the Christmas Party, and the Pacer Project.

Chapter Meeting Summary

The November meeting was held November 4, 2009. Topics included:

- A special guest was introduced: Sid, who built our famous and great pancake grill many years ago, visited and all were pleased to have him in attendance, which was shown by some enthusiastic applause.
- The Christmas Party will be held on December 16, a couple weeks later than in the past (it is normally held on the first Wednesday of the month, the same day as would be our regular meetings). Since the December meeting always is preempted by the Party, there will be no regular meeting in December. Ham and drinks will be provided by the chapter and all are asked to bring a dish to pass for the pot luck. Fellowship, snacks, and drinks will start at 6:00 PM, with dinner at about 7:00 PM.
- Cleaning and set up for the Christmas Party will start the weekend of December 12-13, with more work on the 14th & 15th, and your help is definitely needed. Please come out to lend a hand. To prepare for the Christmas Party, the Pacer project will be moved out of the workshop several days ahead of time.
- Updates were given on the Pacer Project and Earl Scott's project. Please see those topics separately, below.
- The group discussed asking Brian VanWagner to do some sort of program after the first of the year. John Eiler will be contacting Brian to see when he may be available.

President's Remarks – Earl Scott

Plans are made for the Christmas Party. The chapter will furnish the main course (Ham) and beverages. Members will bring their favorite passing dish and we welcome all members and their wives, as usual. It should be an enjoyable evening.

Again I want to thank all the guys who have been working on the Pacer project. We have made a lot of headway and, at the same time, had a lot of fun. We will hold up on the project prior to the party to clean up the work room.

George Race is now our new secretary and is taking over a month early. Thanks George! We sure want to thank Steve Matthews for the fine work he did as Secretary, but he will still be around to heckle us.

We will start getting the rooms ready for the Christmas Party on the 12th of Dec. Any help you can give us will be appreciated. Basically, we will be cleaning, dusting, mopping, etc. The dining area will be set up starting the 14th, which includes moving and setting up tables & chairs.

Pacer Project Progress – George Race

The Pacer is coming along quite well. Cable rigging and tail feathers are in place, for the first fitting. Electrical wiring is being installed in the fuselage. Best guess is that the “sock” will be slipped on the fuselage just after the first of the year.

General Chapter News

For the latest news, please check the chapter website and contribute in any way you can, by adding information to our Latest News page. If you have any questions or have any trouble signing in to use that part of the site, call Jim Buist or email him at jimbuist@yahoo.com.

- As is tradition in the chapter, our Christmas Party will take the place of our regular December meeting. However, this year the party has been moved from the 1st Wednesday (regular meeting night) to the 3rd Wednesday, December 16, 2009. The party will start at 6:00 PM with dinner starting around 7:00 PM. As usual, this will be a Pot Luck event.
- Effective in December, George Race, who was elected at the October chapter meeting, will be fully taking over as Chapter Secretary in conjunction with the stepping down of Steve Matthews from that position. Steve is stepping down just a bit earlier than the end of his term because, as Steve put it, “I am still busier than the fabled one legged man in a fanny kicking contest.” Between Steve's recent promotion at work plus an expected retirement and move to Wisconsin in the next few years, he felt it important to turn over the secretarial duties to someone who could commit more time and focused energy.

Steve and George have already begun the transition and George pretty much started his duties at the November meeting, by taking the board and membership meeting minutes. Should you need to contact George, you may reach him on his cell phone at (517) 812-7590, home phone at (517) 531-4758, or by email at mykitairplane@mrrace.com.

Thank you, Steve, for your service to the chapter. We appreciate your hard work!

Member News

- As of late October, Nihl Storey told the editor that his Waix is nearly complete. At that time, he was preparing to paint the airplane and said, "I am going to paint it myself. It should be interesting."



Nihl's Waix is nearing completion, as shown in this late October photo.

- Earl Scott is continuing to make progress on his own project. Earl announced at the November meeting that his wing tanks are finally sealed, to which he received a big round of applause!
- Congratulations to fellow member Dennis Hall, who recently received the airworthiness certificate on his Zenith CH701. George Race tells us, "Dennis spent just over a year building the very nice looking, polished airplane with a touch of red trim. He reports it flies very nicely."

Airport News

- For those unaware, the Jackson County Airport has its own newsletter, which is available on-line at <http://www.co.jackson.mi.us/airport/newsletter.htm>. The airport's newsletter appears to be published twice annually, plus an annual report. To get automatic notification when these newsletters and other Jackson County publications are published, you may also register at http://www.mygovhelp.org/JACKSONCOUNTYMI/_cs/MCOptInOut.aspx?sSessionID.

Safety Item – Jim Buist

It is now deer season.....well, sort of! Did you know that November is the month each year with the most deer-vehicle accidents? And by “vehicle”, we don't necessarily mean just cars and trucks.

Deer seem to move more during the time from sunset to midnight, and then again around dawn. That, of course, makes them even more difficult to spot. In addition to our roadways, they frequent airports, too, so we need to be extra vigilant this time of year, watching for that out of place movement while taking off or landing.

During either of these critical phases of flight, keep in mind that if you are on the ground and are about to hit, or have already collided with, a deer or another animal, it is probably best to stay on the ground. In other words, it probably isn't a good idea to try to become airborne after a collision. Prior to an imminent collision, if you simply don't have enough airspeed (such as on the take off run), trying to become so prematurely may have worse consequences than just hitting the deer.

If you frequent larger airports, you may have become accustomed to the airport staff doing their best to minimize these hazards. Just remember, at more rural airports, there may be less resources available to reduce the wildlife and there is likely more wildlife nearby. However, wildlife can never be completely removed from even the largest airports, so keep an eye out, especially during this time of year.

Upcoming Events

Do you know of any aviation events that you would recommend to our members? Please pass on any information, including flyers or website addresses (if you have them), to Jim Buist or any officer so we can add these to our on-line calendar and the newsletter.

- Saturday, November 21, 2009, Noon – 3:00 PM: Plymouth, MI Fly-In; Chili, Hot Dogs, Brats; Ken Shuman recommends this one saying, “Great group. Nice chapter hangar /meeting building.”
- Wednesday, December 16, 2009: EAA Chapter 304 Christmas Party Pot Luck. Fellowship, snacks, and drinks start at 6:00 PM with dinner at about 7:00 PM. Also note the date and time change and that there will be NO regular meeting on the 1st Wednesday in December.