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1246 EAA Chapter 1246 Christmas Party

Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 pm

El Dorado Country Club McKinney, Texas

Holiday Party

by Tom Mitchell

Instead of trucking over to CCCC in McKinney for the December meeting, come on down to the El Dorado Country Club and have some great food and some fun. The EAA Chapter 1246 Holiday Party will begin with a social hour at 6:30. A traditional turkey dinner with all the fixins, including cranberry sauce, will be served at 7. There will be a cash bar, lots of games and prizes, the year in review, member aircraft pictures, and some really interesting games to keep you entertained. This year we're going to give a prize to the person who is dressed in the 'best' Christmas attire—voting will be done by the audience. He or she will win an original watercolor painting done by a professional artist and EAA member John Dormer from Fredericksburg, Texas.

Reservations must be made by December 1st; so either call Patti Morris at 972-378-5699 or email her at treasurer@eaa1246.org to make sure you have a seat at the EAA 1246 event of the year. Tickets are \$15/person and \$30/couple for members, and \$25/person for non-members.

We're going to raffle off another SR-71 print and a watercolor of a Piper Cub on floats at the party (pictured on page 2). This one is a personal favorite, so buy lots of tickets. I know I will. You still have one, last chance to get in on this outstanding deal. Tickets—at \$3/ticket—are enclosed in this newsletter and will also be available at the registration table.

Please bring your cash donation to the Holiday Party in the form of a check made out to the Samaritan Inn.

We've got a great party lined up, good food, fun games, and lots of great prizes. Make your reservations, now, to attend the best EAA 1246 Christmas Party ever!



Cautionary tales from the field

by *Anonymous, obviously*

Selling an airplane is a full-time job. Let me tell you about the last aircraft I sold. One day, to meet a potential buyer, I drove to DFW. Upon arriving, I found out that the buyer's flight was delayed, so the 5:35 pm arrival eventually turned into a 7 pm arrival. After he finally did arrive, I took him to dinner where he dissected my log books. This experience lasted a couple of hours, as I was drilled about tiny little log book entries, dating all the way back to the early 1960's—that I, quite honestly, never paid much attention to. He hadn't even been born in the 60's. He couldn't have been more than 30. My educated response was, "Ummmm, I don't know. I didn't even own the plane, then. Would you like to order some dessert"? After dinner, we made arrangements to meet the following day for a pre-buy inspection. I was glad this buyer was being very thorough, even whipping out the old FAR's to check if certain things on my plane were compliant. At this point, I even started to wonder he was a 'plant' from the FAA. I wanted him to be happy with his purchase, so I endured everything he threw at me. However, when he said that he only brought a check book with him, I insisted that I'd rather have a cashier's check, money order, or the 'little green stuff'—in non-sequential bills, of course. He stated that this would not be possible since his check book was all he brought. To make matters worse, of course, it was an out-of-state bank. This guy planned on flying the plane home, and didn't even want to wait for the check to clear.

The next day, I picked him up, and we went to the airport. While we're looking at the airplane, I got cold feet. There's no way I'm taking this guy's check, I thought. So I was relieved when he backed out of the deal. Of course, he expected me to drive him back to the airport, which I did, grudgingly. Luckily, I had 'Plan B' coming the next day with an offer of \$2,000 less—not ideal, but at that point, I was definitely considering it. I met 'Plan B' at the airport; this guy turned out to be totally different. He was 75, and had been flying since the days of the Wright brothers. When asked about the log books, he replied, "Don't like to read." When asked about a title search, he replied, "Waste of money." Did he want a pre-buy inspection with an A&P, he replied, "She starts, doesn't she." This crusty old-timer put his hand on the plane, did a 'Vulcan mind-meld' on the cowling, and said, "She's good to go!" Luckily, he was right, there was nothing for him to worry about. Trust engenders trust. I felt comfortable with this old guy, so comfortable that I took his check. It bounced! I never saw the plane or the guy again .



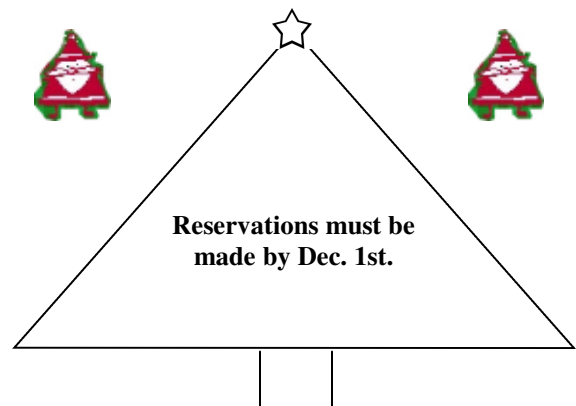
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Calendar of Events

Dec 14 7:00 pm Christmas Party
El Dorado Country Club

Dec 9 Air Salvage Annual Fly-in & Sale
8am-4pm Lancaster , Tx
Holly Fagan 972-227-1111 or 800-336-6399
holly@asod.com

Dec 9 Free Fajita Fly In 10 am-2:00 pm
Lufkin, Tx (KLFK)
Jack Porbeck 936-674-6370

Dec 13 7:30 pm Officer's MeetingTKI

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