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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Bob J. Rogers

I am honored that you have chosen me as President of your EAA Chapter for the next two years. Susan Wilson and the other officers have done a great job for the last two. It will be a tough act to follow. I will do my best to continue the excellence shown by all of our past Chapter Presidents, but I NEED YOUR HELP!

We are completing eight (8) successful years for EAA Chapter 1246 and we have grown and prospered. There is an astounding wealth of knowledge, talent, experience, and friendship in this group. Each one of you has unique skills and expertise that are valuable to the rest of us. Please share your ideas and your time!

To me, the most important contribution that this Chapter has made is to allow and foster association, friendship, and companionship among like-minded people. We love aviation, flying, airplanes, building, and getting together to talk about it. Some of the best people I know are right here in EAA Chapter 1246. We have an excellent group, but we can grow and make new friends.

Please be involved! You only get from the Chapter what you put into it. Let me know your ideas and suggestions. Make an effort to welcome and include visitors and new members. They also have skills and knowledge to contribute and, who knows, you might find a lifetime friend.

I look forward to working with the new chapter officers: James Redmon, vice president, Russ Henson, secretary, Sue Cowan, treasurer, and with all of you to make EAA Chapter 1246 the best it can be. We can have a lot of good times in the process.



EAA 1246 Christmas Party—2006

Chapter 1246 resigning president gives a big “thank you” to the out-going officers of 2006. The four of them truly did an outstanding job. They are, from left to right, Susan Wilson, president, Tom Moore, secretary, Tom Mitchell, vice-president, and Patti Morris, treasurer.



Anonymous party go-ers



Ann Asberry was the “hands down” winner of the most festively dressed for the Christmas party. Way to go, Ann!

December 2006 Board Meeting

The monthly EAA Chapter 1246 board meeting was held at the TKI terminal on December 20, 2006. Present: Susan Wilson, Bob Rogers, Tom Mitchell, James Redmon, Patti Morris, Sue Cowan, Tom Moore and Russ Henson. Following are the minutes from the meeting.

Duties of the incoming officer positions: Each current officer described the duties they had been accomplishing.

Transfer of Chapter Books: Patti Morris presented the current financial status of the chapter.

Transfer of Chapter Assets: All current chapter assets were discussed and their locations identified. The new officers also discussed who would assume responsibility for specific assets.

Future Calendar of Events: Monthly Chapter Meetings; Current room rental costs and monthly speakers were discussed.

Ideas of Growth: Ideas were discussed on how to increase chapter growth.

Treasure's Report: Patti Morris presented the final 2006 accounting numbers and the chapter currently has \$4784 in the bank. It was decided to open a new six month CD for \$1000.



EAA Chapter 1246 Member Profile

Name: Jeff Stuart

Place of birth: Colorado Springs, CO

Family: Wife: Heather; Daughter: Audrey

Occupation: I am the Controller for a large cardiology physician practice in town.

If I had the perfect job, I'd be: Flying.

I fly/build: I began building an RV-10 in January 2006, but I usually fly a Piper Arrow in the North Texas Flying Club.

How I became interested in aviation: I am a third generation pilot. My grandfather flew in WWII, and owned a C-182 when I was a kid. My dad got his pilot's license in the late-seventies flying that C-182, and that was my first exposure to flying. My dad passed away in 1984, and that was the end of flying for me until I decided to get my license in 2001.

If I had a week off, I'd go on vacation. This summer we went to New Mexico and Colorado.

If money were no problem, I'd buy: Where to start? To begin with, this whole thing about owning just one airplane would be out the window. I recently read an article about the Javelin, a military style trainer. That would be nice for a couple of million.

My fantasy vacation would be, my guests would be:

Once my RV-10 is finished, my wife and I are going to fly to Key West.

The last book I read:: The Da Vinci Code, although it was a book on CD.

My greatest aviation experience: I took my check ride on a Tuesday. I needed the flight time from Temple, TX to Waco, where the examiner was, to have the 40 hour minimum to test. Everything went fine, and I got my license. That Friday, my wife and I flew from Temple to Tulsa International to see some friends. We were flying in the C-172, so it took us about 4 hours. This was by far the furthest I had flown. When we got to Tulsa and were on a long final, I looked over and there was a 737 on a parallel approach. I remember thinking that this was something else. Earlier in the week I was sweating my check ride, and now I was landing at the same time as a 737. I was also amazed that my wife was willing to fly so far with such a low time pilot (although with all my bravado you may have mistaken me for Chuck Yeager). My wife and I have flown on several trips now, but the first was is still the one I remember the fondest.

I'd like to be remembered as: I haven't given it much thought, but I suppose I want to be remembered as a good husband, a good father, and a good friend.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE AVIATION WEBSITE?

By Bob J. Rogers

The Internet has become a major source of information for most of us. There are thousands of websites relating to aviation that are available at the click of a button/mouse on our computer. In the interest of sharing the best of what we have discovered on the Internet, this column will be dedicated to letting you know about the most interesting, useful, helpful, or fascinating websites that relate to aviation.

The first one to mention, of course, is our own EAA Chapter 1246 website, which is: <http://www.eaa1246.org/> You can go there to see what is happening in our chapter, read newsletters (in full color), contact Officers, review aircraft building projects, and find links to other interesting and useful web sites. You should have our web page marked as a favorite on your browser.

Please tell us about any and all of your own favorite aviation web sites, many of which will be featured in this column in future months. We will try to add as many as we can to the Links page of our Chapter website. You can send your suggestions by e-mail to me or any of the officers, or give them to us (in writing) at any meeting. This way, we can all know about the best or most interesting places to look on the Internet for aviation-related information.

The featured website for this month is: <http://www.liveatc.net/> This website links to live audio feeds of control towers at many airports all across the country, as well as ATC facilities, and some international links. You can listen to the actual communications between pilots and ATC as they happen. Another fascinating link on this website is to an interactive aerial map of the world, called "World Coverage Map." <http://www.liveatc.net/feedmap/feedmap.html>

On this page, you can quickly scroll to any part of the world and go from a scale of the entire world on one screen down to a scale of as little as 40 yards of terrain per inch on the screen. Streets, highways, cities, states, and other landmarks are labeled. The featured website also has many other links and features worth exploring.

Now it's your turn. Tell us about one that you like.



Collin County Regional Tower Visit

by Susan Wilson

On behalf of our EAA Chapter, Tom Moore, James Redmon, Dave Wilson, and I presented our local tower with a Christmas Sleigh full of treats. We had a great visit with Air Traffic Controllers Steve and Brian. We let them know that we appreciate their expert and friendly service all year long. They also had a couple of tips for us. If you ever notice the PAPI lights on Rwy 17 approach not on, they would appreciate a call to let them know. (They have no feedback as to whether the lights are operating except for eyewitness reports.) Also, beware the ASOS will occasionally report untrue conditions that can be caused by spiders building a web over the sensor. We are lucky to have such top-notch controllers at McKinney. Thanks TKI Tower and Merry Christmas

Pictured left to right: Steve, Brian, James, and Dave



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**Membership dues are \$20 per year
due Jan 1.**

**New memberships pro-rated to Jan 1 Make
checks payable to
EAA Chapter 1246.**

**Mail applications to:
Sue Cowan
2250 Purdue Dr.
Lucas, TX 75002**

Samaritan Inn

By Susan Wilson

Thanks to all who donated to the Samaritan Inn at our Christmas Party. We collected \$215 this year! I delivered the donations to the Samaritan Inn and they gave me a tour of their facility while I was there. If anyone is interested in a tour of the Samaritan Inn, you are welcome to stop by. The Samaritan Inn is located at 1710 North McDonald Street, McKinney, TX 75069. They are the only homeless shelter in Collin County and have been at maximum capacity for over three months. If you would like to learn more about the Samaritan Inn, please see their website at <http://www.thesamaritaninn.org>.

Thanks again for your generous donations!

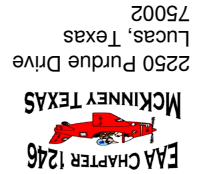


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McKinney EAA Chapter 1246 Membership Application or Renewal

New Member: _____ or Renewal: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Wk () _____ Hm () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

* EAA Number: _____ * Exp. Date: _____

Pilot/A&P Rating: _____

Notes/Comments/Projects:

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