



# EAA602 Log Book

Adirondack Chapter Newsletter

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## From The Presidents Desk

by *Tim Devine*

I hope everyone had fun at the chapter Christmas party in December. Once again we had a great turn out and the restaurant did a fantastic job. Special thanks to Pat Morris in helping pull all the entertainment together. We had some fun with our technical advisors and they all took the roasting well. I don't know where we would be without them.

We haven't even set the 2011 schedule yet and already its been busy. The New Years Day fly in at Johnson's was a hoot and we had a great turn out. Doris Johnson dubbed it "the hang over fly in" but everyone looked pretty good to me.

After a one week delay due to lack of snow the Bartholoma brothers hosted their second annual ice shanty fly in. What a difference a week can make we had plenty of snow and plenty of wind. Despite the weather conditions we had four ski planes show up and lots of spectators. Thanks to Kevin, Kent, and Darryl for taking this event and organizing it and making it happen.

Lanzi's on the Lake fly in is only a few weeks away on February 12, and there will be opportunities to fly down to the Ames fire house for their PCB or up to Lake Algonquin for the automobile ice races.

We have lots to do at this months meeting. Reminder to anyone donating to the Tony Rizzio aviation library please bring 2-3 aviation related



books with you to this months meeting. Books must be hard cover or paper back, no magazines. I am limiting this first round of donations to 2-3 items per member as I don't know how much will be available from Tony's collection or how much Mayfield CSD plans on accepting. Remember this is something that can be added to each year, so you will be able to donate more in subsequent years.

Next, come with ideas for this years calendar of events. I am looking for some new people to step up and take ownership of some of the events this year not just always the same old crew. I have put a tentative schedule together of our usual events, but I am looking for some fresh ideas.

You will be receiving a survey form this month regarding a chapter club house. Please take some time to fill it out so that we can have a frank discussion regarding moving forward with or abandoning the club house idea.

Following the meeting we are fortunate enough to have Al Miller from the Albany FSDO give us a short presentation on the new FAA AC registration program, followed by a Q&A period.

So make sure you can make it Monday night the 31st as your input is what I need so I can implement your ideas into this years schedule. See you then.

*Tim*

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**Meeting This Month  
Will Be At:  
Broadalbin School  
Jan. 31st @ 7:30 pm  
See You There**



## 2011 Starts with a BANG!

It was 12:00 noon on Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 and there I was along with 20-30 other pilots and spectators who were standing in front the main hanger at Johnson's airport (NY50) eating hot dogs and venison chili while enjoying the 45 degree temperature. No that's not a typo, it was 45 degrees and no snow in sight. Despite some single digit temperatures and really cold days in December, the dawn of the new year brought Spring like conditions and some nice flying weather.

On Thursday Chris had called me saying that the long range weather looked good and did I want to see if we could put a little event on for Saturday? Never needing much of an excuse to go flying, I put out the notice and Chris and I firmed up the details.

Saturday morning dawn cloudy but the forecast looked like the rain was going to hold off until late afternoon so I packed up the truck and headed to the airport. When I arrived Chris already had the hanger open and the chili warming and as I climbed out of my truck he informed me that we were going to throw in some skeet shooting to add a little something different to the afternoon.

I wasn't sure of how busy we were going to be, with it being new years day and the end of the holiday week. Tim C, Larry and Fred had all left me messages that they had prior commitments and would not be attending.

So after rolling the Champ out and a quick pre flight, I took off to get a little air time to kick off 2011. Before long 122.750 was busy with radio calls for people arriving at the airport. I hurried back to the hanger and by the time I had landed there were already 10 air craft on the ground. As I greeted some familiar faces we all enjoyed watching Chris and Abby Johnson as they did some loops and rolls in the Meyers OTW. That's right ladies and gents real men and women fly in open cockpit biplanes on New Years Day. Soon the grill was up and running and people were digging into the usual assortment of eats. We had a good turn out

from 1070, as well as some of the guys flew in from island Bob's and Cambridge. Dale even strapped on the full face helmet and braved the chill. It was great to see Brian Hurst get the new year off to a flying start as he was missed at many of last years events.

After everyone got some nourishment it was time to shoot some clay pigeons. An impromptu trap range was set up with two mounted launchers and a handheld thrower. Anyone who wanted to try their hand at hitting a few birds was given a chance. You could just feel the testosterone! Airplanes, venison chili, and shot guns. If some one had shown up with a box of cigars, I would have sworn we were in heaven. The macho atmosphere was quickly neutralized by Abby and Amy Johnson who out shot all but the most experienced hands. I had not shot at moving targets in many years, but Artie graciously lent me his over and under and offered a few shooting tips and I actually was able to hit a few of the moving targets.

Even though it felt like spring, the rapidly sinking sun reminded everyone that day light still ends early so it was time to head for home. Hopefully the abnormally warm weather wasn't a harbinger to a year of strange weather patterns and soon we will have some snow so we can get the skis mounted and enjoy some winter scenery.

As always a sincere thanks to all who helped and especially to the Johnson's for the use of their facility. To all who attended it was a heck of a start to 2011, stay tuned.

*Fly safe, fly smart Tim D.*





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