



EAA602 Log Book

Adirondack Chapter Newsletter

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HOMEBUILDERS



From The Presidents Desk

by Tim Cowper

As most of you know, the weather forecasters scammed us last weekend, which resulted in us unfortunately canceling the Fall Foliage BBQ, our last event of the season. The weather this year has been less than predictable, but I can't complain too much because I have done a lot of flying. :)

The last 4 years have passed so quickly I can't believe it. We have such a great club, with the greatest members, and it has been my honor to be club president, especially with the team of officers serving with me. My deepest thanks go out to Tony, Walt, and Doug for all their hard



work, support, and dedication. And, as always, thanks to everyone who helped out at all of our meetings and events, and to those who submitted newsletter articles.

But, to quote a recent campaign slogan, "it's time for a change," and as things go, all officer positions are up for grabs. We have a fantastic group of candidates, but any club member in good standing can run for any of the positions. We need Board members! So if you're interested, in any position, please don't hesitate to throw your hat into the ring. There's still time, and 602 needs you.

The temps are getting colder, so this month's meeting will be at the Edinburg Town Hall. This is our Annual Meeting, and in accordance with our bylaws, we will hold the election for our new executive officers and Board members. It is very important that as many members attend as possible. Come and cast your vote for the future of 602!

Tim

Upcoming Events

Annual Christmas Party at C & R Restaurant. Sunday December 6th at 2:00pm. Order off the menu. If your going to come e-mail Judy at sterling@frontiernet.net so that she can get an idea of how many are going to attend. Thanks

Meeting This Month Will Be At the Edinburg Community Center Mon. Oct. 26th at 7:00 pm

Proposed Slate of Officers

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Tim Devine

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Challenge

by *Tim Devine*

This is the first time in the almost two years that I have been submitting newsletter articles that I have been stumped for something to write about. Let's face it October has been a horrible month for flying. Rutland pancakes featured low ceilings, fog and rain. Our scheduled trip to basin Harbor was quashed for most of us by high winds. The weather forecasters clearly had their heads where the sun don't shine for their forecasted weather for the 17th and our end of the year event was canceled. Needless to say I haven't done much flying.

So I have been kicking around this idea for a while and I will throw it out there as a "Challenge" to all readers of this newsletter. Something inspired all of us to become involved in aviation. I want each and every newsletter reader to think about that defining moment in our lives that was the turning point that headed us down the road to a life of flying. This is not just for pilot's, anyone with a love of aviation is invited to contribute.

Jot down a couple of paragraphs describing what turned you on to aviation and we can then use these stories throughout the year to enhance the newsletter. If you don't want to write it down make a recording and I will transcribe it. Just get the info to me somehow and I will make a story of your experience.

Now to get things started I will share my own memories of my introduction to flight.

As a young boy growing up in Amsterdam I became interested in airplanes early. Flying those little balsa wood gliders that you could buy at the corner store for a quarter and model building were my early indoctrination to aircraft. I particularly liked the balsa gliders that came with a propeller and rubber band that you wound up to make them fly. Many summer afternoons were spent imagining the top of my

families picnic table as the deck of an aircraft carrier and I would wind the rubber band up till it was just about ready to snap before I launched my imaginary F4U Corsair off the flight deck in the heat of battle.

It was my Grand Father however that really got me hooked on Flying. In 1957 at the ripe old age of seven I was an avid fan of a Saturday morning TV show called Whirlybirds. The basic premise of the show was two professional helicopter pilots flying around in a Bell 47 helicopter spotting fires, chasing bandits, rescuing kids, etc you get the idea. I couldn't imagine a cooler job in the world.

Well it just so happens that the TV show was sponsored by Stewarts, and that year they ran a promotion to sell ice cream. On the side of their pint containers of ice cream there was a coupon. The more coupons you saved the better prizes you could win. Top prize was a ride in the Whirlybird. My Grand Father must have eaten about 50 gallons of ice cream to save all those coupons. I can still remember the night that he came to our house to announce that he had won me a helicopter ride. My mom went

ballistic, there was no way that her little boy was going up in some contraption in the sky. I was sent to my room (which was right off the kitchen so I could hear everything any way) and crossed my fingers that Grandpa Will could convince my mother to relent.

Two weeks later at the firemen's field days held at the old Cossins park on the East side of the city I got my ride. Back then I thought that I was flying for hours, in all reality it was probably about 10 minutes. No matter, I was hooked and although it wasn't until I was 44 years old that I finally had the time and the money to get my pilot's license it was that day that I began my journey down one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable parts of my life.

I'll be waiting for your stories.

Fly Safe, Fly Smart Tim





Basic Flying Rules:

- 1 Try to stay in the middle of the air.
2. Do not go near the edges of it.
3. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly in the edges.



Notes From Your Editor

by Doug Sterling



Another month closer to the winter hiatus in flying for most of us. Hopefully we will get another month or 2 of flying before we get snowed in for a long winter sleep. I think we all agree that it's been quite an interesting flying season. Lots of spring and early summer rain coupled with unusually cool weather made the early summer less than ideal for flying. Then after about 3 or 4 weeks of what could be called summer, the weather went back to late fall like temperatures and more rain. It seemed that what the weather didn't do to us, the weatherman did. The forecasting had to be the worst I have ever seen. I think I would be generous saying they were correct 50% of the time. The final insult was the forecasts for our Fall Fly-in. All week the forecasts were for bad weather for the weekend. As it turned out, it was the best flying weekend of the month. Who can figure it out.

Well our club Christmas party is coming up on Sunday, December 6th at 2 pm at C & R restaurant. I hope we get a good turnout again this month as we will be passing the torch of our leadership this year. After 4 years of the same leadership, the leadership has decided it's time for a change. We are going to have a complete new slate of officers for the next 2 years. The proposed new officers are the best of our members and will be voted on at our meeting on Monday. Come on out and be a part of this historic meeting at the Edinburg Town Community Center at 7:00 pm on Monday (nice and warm).

Fly Safe, Doug

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