



**Franklin Aero Club**  
**EAA Chapter 1377**  
**December 2004**

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**December 18th**

**Christmas Party/Awards**

**10:30am, Franklin Airport**

Everyone is to bring something to eat that everyone will share.

Bring an aviation related gift (\$10 - \$15)!!!

*Bring a gift, get a gift in the goofy-gift exchange!!!!*

## The B-17 "Flying Fortress" by: Karen Bradshaw

Now there is an airplane that even non-aviation enthusiast will recognize as an important piece of aviation history. Recently the EAA's "Salute to Veterans" B-17 tour came to Hampton Roads. This particular B-17, in the WWII markings of "Fuddy Duddy", flew out of Newport News' Patrick Henry Airport for three days and provided flights and/or ground tours for enthusiast willing to pay for the unique aviation historic experience.

The B-17 tour was hosted by EAA chapter 156, which meets at the Williamsburg Airport, and was assisted by Chapter 1377 from the Franklin Airport. To actually fly aboard a B-17 and experience the sights and sounds of a WWII era bomber from most of the crew positions was truly a once in a lifetime experience.

However, I think the memory I will cherish most, is the opportunity I had to meet and talk to the actual WWII B-17 combat crewmembers and their families. Each veteran and their family had a story to share. Some brought mementos such as dog tags, pieces of shrapnel, and other personal items from their war time years. You could see the sparkle in their eyes along with an occasional tear as they remembered their missions and friends. I could hear the patriotic pride in their voices as they recounted their memories, both good and bad, of their combat missions. We owe them all so very much for their sacrifices and this "Salute to Veterans" B-17 tour is a wonderful way to remind us all that the freedoms we have in our country were not free, but were bought and paid for by these patriotic Americans.

God Bless the USA.



## Kitfox V Sweepstakes EAA Chapter 517

Description: If this aircraft isn't the most beautiful Model IV KitFox in the country, it is the second most beautiful. The airplane is sporting a wonderful red, white and blue patriotic paint scheme. This airplane has a certificated engine and (fixed pitch) propeller.

Drawing will be held Saturday, April 2, 2005 or when the 4000th ticket is issued. More than 1 prize!

Equipment:

1. Engine: Teledyne Continental IO-240, 125hp.
2. Sensenich fixed pitch climb prop
3. N1003Z Serial # 595060136
4. E.W. - 1040 lbs Gross Wt - 1550 lbs
5. VX-56 Kts, VY-61 Kts, VNO-105 Kts, VNE-115 Kts, VSO-42 Kts
6. VISION Micro Systems engine gauge glass cockpit
7. Maule tail wheel
8. Terra transponder & ELT
9. Grove landing gear
10. Tow bar & Engine baffles for cold weather

Excellent Condition: This airplane has 110 hours TTA&E. Logbooks are available. There are many upgrades, including a leather interior & wool panels. Exterior 9.5 out of 10. Interior 9.5 out of 10. We don't give 10s! Aircraft always hangared.

Link for this drawing is on the front page of our website!!!!  
<http://members.aol.com/franklineaa>

**Robert Rhodes won the November 50/50 drawing of \$30!**

**Congratulations Robert!!!**

**Watch for Technical Counselor Workshops coming in 2005!!!**

**HATS & SHIRTS!!!**

**We still have Chapter 1377 ballcaps for sale!!! \$10 each!**

**(See Christie if you'd like to order a shirt!!!)**

### ***Proposed Schedule for 2005:***

***January 15th B-17; Karen Bradshaw, Buz Rich & more***  
***February 19th Hawaiian Day, Cookout, Fly Your Buddy***  
***Dan Kirk—on ballooning***  
***March 19th USAF Aggressor Squadrons; Dale Fowler***  
***April 23rd Sun-n-Fun Report***  
***(meeting one week late)***