



Franklin Aero Club

EAA Chapter 1377

June 2004

Fellow Members,

On behalf of The City of Franklin and Franklin Municipal Airport I would like to THANK YOU for the participation of the Franklin EAA Aero Club at the 2nd Annual Community Day.

I would like to name the ones that contributed so much but I would probably miss someone. The comments that I heard from the public in attendance made me feel great. I heard nothing but good things about the event.

To the ones that took part in the "Young Eagle" portion, you made a lot of kids and parents very happy.

It makes my job a lot easier when I have a group such as the EAA Chapter 1377 involved with events at the airport.

Thanks again for everyone's help!

Jimmy Gray

***Tri-Chapter
Fly-In at the
Franklin
Airport this
fall.***

***Dates to be
determined
soon!!!***

**Glenn Edwards won
\$23 in the 50/50 June
drawing!**

**Bobby Cutchins won
the auction for the
print! Thanks Bobby
for bidding!!!**

**We are taking
orders for
shirts and
hats.**

**Contact
Christie if
you want
one!!!!**

July 17th—NEXT MEETING!!!!

**Tom Shelby of Shelby Aviation will give a presentation.
He will talk about a various of subjects like owner
assisted annuals!**

**Following the presentation, many of us plan to fly to
Ocracoke for lunch!**

Items for sale

Jordi Catusus has an RV kit to sell. He welcomes anyone to Williamsburg to look at the kit. Contact him at (757)564-9080 home, (757)369-2037 work, or (757)784-3336 cell.

From Paul Barron (480) 473-1681—I am trying to help a friend sell a Long-EZ built in 1986 that is based in Cumberland, MD. It currently has the wings removed to fit in the hangar and it will need a prop. It has not been flown in 2 years. The hydraulic lines for the brakes are leaking also. If you or someone you know would be interested in a plane that needs just a couple of weekends to get it flying please let

Update on Folis Jones' homebuilt....

I have installed a new "bullet" video camera on the vertical fin, the in-flight scenes have been really great, especially landings. We installed a sound feature that allows all radio traffic to be recorded on the tape along with engine noises. I have a remote so I can put the camera in stand-by during boring transits.

The whole set up is hard wired and not dependent on battery packs. Only the receiving camera (in the luggage compartment) relies on the 2.5 hour battery, the bullet cam and the microphone are hard wired to their power source. Everything except the bullet cam are hidden out of sight.

Here is a picture of Barney's "new to him" Steen Skybolt. IT is kind of like a big 2 place Pitts with a 24 foot wingspan instead of 20 foot on the 2 place Pitts and 17 foot on the single place Pitts.



July 10th

1pm

Fly-In Picnic

**Beaver Dam
Airpark**

Surry, VA

**Free BBQ,
hotdogs and
hamburgers.**

**(Bringing a
covered dish
would be ap-
preciated.)**

****WANTED***

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**Bunches of your
best "Aviation-
related Stuff"
for consign-
ment at the Vir-
ginia State EAA
Fly-In
FLY-MART 18-19
September
2004.**

**For more infor-
mation contact
Chuck Shedd,
EAA Chapter
186, at (703)
313-0718.**

“State of the Chapter”

19 June 2004

Buz Rich, President

EAA Chapter 1377

EAA Chapter 1377 Accomplishments during our first year of operations:

During the early months of 2003, several local pilots (including Karen Bradshaw, Tommy Ellis, Jimmy Gray, Jimmy Howell, Ed Penny, Dickey Todd, Bryson and Christie Trumble, and Buz Rich) started the initial talks about forming an EAA chapter at the Franklin Airport. Those first ideas and thoughts of organizing local aviation enthusiasts into an EAA chapter came to fruition in June of 2003 when we held the first organizational meeting to see if there would be sufficient interest in the local area to support an EAA chapter. Letters to EAA members and Newspaper articles resulted in a surprising turnout at that first meeting in June 2003. By the second meeting in July, our new membership chairman, Karen Bradshaw, had signed up 44 members. Since that date, the chapter has continued to grow and now has 60 members. Overall, we have experienced a tremendous first year success story for a chapter in a rural area. I attribute our overall success to the dedication and hard work of our board of directors and to the enthusiastic love of flying and aviation of our general membership. Keep up the outstanding work!

Some “Numbers and Accomplishments” that help to define EAA Chapter 1377-

-Our 60 members own a total of 51 flying machines or projects. There are 46 airplanes, 2 gliders, 2 powered parachutes and 1 helicopter. Included in the total of 46 airplanes are 13 homebuilt aircraft (5 are flying and 3 are ultra-lights), and 11 that qualify as vintage aircraft.

-We completed our chapter paperwork with the EAA and now have received our official chapter charter. All Chapter members that joined 1377 during the first two months of our existence are officially Charter Members of Chapter 1377 and have signed the charter. That charter will be hung in the Franklin Airport Terminal today. Included in our initial groundwork to form the chapter was our chapter state incorporation in The Commonwealth of Virginia, our federal tax ID number and writing our Bylaws. These Bylaws, after being voted on and approved by the general membership, were then approved by EAA “national”.

-Our Membership Chairman developed a proactive Membership Plan that has resulted in our membership roster continuing to grow. Who would have thought that a new chapter in a rural area would grow to 60 members within the very first year. We owe our “Thanks” to Karen for her hard work and dedication.

-Our Chapter Newsletter and Web Page are two more successes that we should all be very proud of. Christie Trumble is our outstanding Newsletter Editor and as such keeps us informed of our ongoing activities and upcoming programs. She also does double duty as the Web Page Editor and keeps it current and informative. One of the requirements of a really successful EAA Chapter is a good newsletter and, in this modern day, a web page. Christie work has been commendable and we all owe her a big “Thanks.”

-We flew 136 Young Eagles at the FKN Open House. Approximately 150 total were flown during our first year of operation. Our success in the Young Eagle Program is directly attributed to our Young Eagle Chairman, Jimmy Howell. Jimmy and his volunteers, both pilots and ground crew, have worked hard to insure that many “Future Pilots” in this area have had the opportunity to sample aviation from those of us that love to fly and love to share our love of aviation.

-Out of the 12 meetings during our first year, chapter members presented 10 of the programs. This highlights the high experience level and expertise that we are fortunate to have in our chapter. The other two programs were excellent – a visit to the Fighter Factory at Suffolk and an update briefing on NASA programs. To those of you that presented programs this past year, we owe you our “Thanks.” To those of you that have not presented a program yet, your time is coming. We need your involvement.

-We hosted numerous cookouts throughout the year to help raise operating capital for the chapter. Who can forget our first annual Hawaiian Shirt Day and the grass skirts that Karen and Christie wore. If you missed that program, you missed one that will go down in history. Be there next year for a re-play of a great day. For all of our past cookouts, there are always those behind the scene workers that do the hard work to make it happen. So to Woody, Christie and Karen, and all of their workers, thanks for keeping us fed, and entertained. We own you BIG TIME.

-Our "pay-as-we-go" financial philosophy has resulted in our being solvent throughout our entire first year. All bills are paid and we have "a little" in the bank. We have Karen to thank for our financial success. In the distant past she worked in a bank and it shows.

-Helped to host the second annual Franklin Airport Open House and Community Day, an outstanding success that helped to showcase the Franklin Airport, the local EAA chapter and general aviation to the surrounding community. The chapter presented three quality trophies during the Fly-In – Peoples Choice, Chapters Choice and Judges Choice.

-We developed a comprehensive Membership Survey and are now in the process of interviewing all our members. This will insure we structure our chapter to meet the needs of our members and provide educational programs and activities that are informative and fun for all.

-Ed Pinney made his first flight in the CSG Hawk he built.

-Christie Trumble, Bobby Cutchins, and Charlie Keith all completed their private pilots license check rides.

-Our Chapter is now a member of the Virginia Council of EAA Chapters. As such, we will be involved in putting on the Virginia State EAA Fly-In each year. Our Chapter has been chosen to operate the "Youth Tent" at the state fly-in this year which is directly in line with one of our chapter goals of providing continued aviation education, especially for kids.

-I am sure I am forgetting some major accomplishment of this past year, but just let me say that whatever it was, it happened because of volunteers. And that is exactly what our chapter represents, volunteer chapter members helping other chapter members. And that is the true Spirit of EAA. I salute all of you!

Picture of Ronnie Little



DATES:

July 10, 2004 Fly-In Picnic at 1pm /Beaver Dam Airpark, Surry, VA

July 17, 2004 Tom Shelby presentation (Ocracoke Island for lunch)

July 27 - August 2, 2004 [Oshkosh Air Adventure](#)

August 21, 2004 Oshkosh Report/Regular Meeting and cookout

September 18 - 19, 2004 [Virginia State EAA Fly-in](#)

September 25, 2004 (4th Saturday) Projects Update & fly out to W41 (Crisfield)

October 16, 2004 Poker Run and Landing Contest/Cookout

October 22-23, 2004 NIFA Region X SAFECON, Lynchburg, VA



Bobby Cutchins and Bill Rickard



Dave Morgan in Bubba Bunday's Stearman!

