

## October Chapter Meeting

By Dale Fowler

Buz Rich opened the meeting of 12 members and one visitor, Rod Schack's young daughter.

Buz reminded us that we must elect new officers at the November meeting. The election committee presented a slate of the following:

Dale Fowler, President  
Tim Riddick & Dave Watson, Vice-President  
Parker Darden, Secretary  
Evertt Williams, Treasurer

The presentation was about easy VFR navigation by Buz Rich. He showed us how you can use a sectional, any straight edge, and a pen to lay out a navigation route. In his method, you get magnetic headings off the VOR compass rose and distance off the latitude markings on the sectional. Then, all you add is an airplane, good weather and a watch to go navigate accurately.

The November meeting will provide a great opportunity to practice VFR navigation by flying to Currituck County Airport and attend the chapter meeting at Dicky Todd's house on

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## Great People at Airports

By Dale Fowler

Janie and I flew to Lynchburg (LYH) on October 26 to help judge and intercollegiate flying competition. On October 29, we flew back home stopping at Wakefield (AKQ) for fuel. Taxiing back along the runway I noticed a vibration coming from one of the wheels. After getting off the runway, I saw that the tail wheel tire had gone flat.

We went into the terminal to find that chapter member Dan Kirk had just arrived in his van. (Dan was checking AKQ for a possible launch site for his balloon.) Dan agreed to stand by to take us home to Smithfield if we could not get the tire fixed.

A man named Chris went home to get a floor jack and an air compressor. The tire would not hold air so we used the wheels of the floor jack to move our Glastar to a parking spot.

Larry and Maxey had just finished changing a tire on Maxey's airplane. They brought over tools to remove my tire, found a hole in the tube, patched the tube, and replaced the tire on the airplane. Dan provided transportation back and forth across the runway.

Soon we were on our way to Beaver Dam and home. Airport people are some of the nicest people you will find, most will truly go out of their way to help aviators in need. ^

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 19

CHAPTER MEETING @ DICKIE TODD'S HOUSE, CURRITUCK COUNTY AIRPORT, VOTE FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

DECEMBER 10

CHAPTER MEETING, GIFT EXCHANGE AND ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION. BRING FOOD FOR POTLUCK.

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the airport. If you fly, please park on the airport side of the runway and walk across the runway to Dicky's house which is the first or second house on the left. If you drive take the Great Bridge exit off I 64 and follow Highway 168 to where it intersects Highway 158 out of Elizabeth City. Turn right back toward Elizabeth City and go approximately 2.7 miles and turn right on Maple Drive, go 1 mile and turn left on Happy Landing Drive. We plan to meet about 11:30 AM. Lunch will be served. ^

Want to Buy: BC-12D Taylorcraft. Flying condition preferred. 703.533.3460, mhorowit@cox.net

Thanks, Mike Horowitz, EAA Chapter 186

## Fly Young Eagles – Nov 12

By Dale Fowler

Several months ago, the principal at Southampton Middle School asked us to fly a group of youngsters. Because of other commitments, November 12 is the first available date. Dale Fowler provided a presentation to the young people and their supervisors. He gave them a history of Young Eagles, the EAA, and Chapter 1377. Then he covered activities for the day, safety, how airplanes fly and how they are controlled. Finally, he took them out to the flight line and showed several different airplanes.

We were expecting 20 young people from SMS, and only seven came. Tim Riddick had brought two young people, and Christie Trumble called one from town. So, we had a problem that we rarely have.....almost as many pilots as YE's. Since the day was beautiful for flying, we gave each YE two rides and also flew their accompanying adults.

Thanks for everyone that came to help. Flying YE's were: Dale Fowler, Charlie Keith, Linda Mathias, Bill Rickard, Tim Riddick, Tom Slavonik, Dick Tokarz, and Bryson Trumble. Dickie Todd flew two of the teachers and Janie Fowler took care of the paperwork. Christie Trumble, Ed Pinney, Evertt Williams, Jimmy Howell, and Kumars Bahri were there if we needed any more help. ^



## Meet Our Members – Dick Tokarz

By Tim Riddick

Dick Tokarz was born in East Port, Maine, and caught the flying bug at an early age. Dick lived near a small airfield that had a flying school with two Piper Cubs.

Dick enlisted in the Air Force Aviation Cadet Flight Training Program in 1957 and upon graduation was assigned to the Strategic Air Command. Dick flew KC97 and KC135 tankers for 10 years. He volunteered for duty in Southeast Asia in 1968 and transitioned into the RF4C Phantom Reconnaissance Aircraft. Dick flew 176 combat missions during the Vietnam War. He also held several headquarters staff jobs in the Continental US and Germany.

Dick retired from the Air Force in 1977 as a Lt. Colonel and has been fully retired since 2002. He currently resides in York County, Virginia, and flies a very nice example of the Emeraude aircraft.^

## Another Honor for Joe Mathias

By Dale Fowler

Joe Mathias has gained another well-deserved honor. Saturday evening, November 12, Joe was inducted into the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame located at the Virginia Aviation Museum at Richmond International Airport. Now we have a good excuse to visit the museum, if we needed one. We can also get our Virginia Aviation Passport stamped there, the space is on the next to last page of the passport.^



Joe and Linda Mathias about to leave FKN Saturday.



Dick Tokarz, his Emeraude, and a Young Eagle he had just flown on Saturday, Nov 12.