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JANUARY 2007

*Next Meeting: January 17 at
the Payette Airport*

Chapter Activities 2007

Jan 2007

17 Membership Meeting

Feb 2007

17 - 6:00pm Annual Banquet at the
Ontario Sizzler
Guest Speaker Robby Robinson

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Presidents Message

I hope everyone had a good Christmas last month. It was a pretty good year for our Chapter. It has been interesting playing nomads since we lost our regular meeting place. We've stopped that for the time being with the decision to hold our meetings at the Payette Airport. We hope this will help in the fight to keep the airport open. This battle has heated up significantly because of an offer made to purchase the airport and surrounding property. This battle is not over and the newly forming Friends of the Payette Airport Association will make great strides toward ending the controversy.

On a related subject, we're making progress on a permanent facility for the Chapter. At the last meeting we voted to pursue placing a hangar at the Payette Airport. This will also help in putting an end to the "chicken little", "the airport is closing" talk. We have a potential donor that might purchase a hangar for use by the Chapter as well as a couple of other significant contribution offers. We've also formed a committee to pursue the hangar project. I will chair the committee assisted by Kevin Hoirup and Dale Cruson. We are currently in the process of getting bids.

We held our elections at the December Potluck because of the low turnout at November's meeting. There wasn't much change in the Officer positions. I held on to the President's position even with the fierce competition (that's a joke for those that weren't at the meeting). Since I'm holding on to the President's position my original plan has changed a bit.

My hope was to pass the President's job

to someone else and take over the newsletter. Linda has done a great job, but she has asked for the past couple of years for someone else to take over. I'm still going to try, but it may not be the big production I had planned. One thing I certainly want to ensure is that everyone gets a copy of the newsletter. While completing the Chapter roster last month for our renewal with National, I noticed several members without email addresses. In the worst case scenario, these members were not being kept informed of Chapter happenings.

The easiest and quickest method for disseminating the newsletter is email, but not everyone has email or access to the Internet. This can't be an excuse for not keeping the members informed. We will mail a copy of the newsletter to any member that has no email address on file. We will try our best to get it to you before the next meeting. Please be patient while I get the process streamlined. If anyone that received this newsletter by regular mail would rather have it emailed, please let us know so we can save on the postage. You should also be able to access the newsletter via the Chapter website.

I'm looking forward to another great year for our Chapter. We gained a few members last year and we're well on our way toward a permanent facility. In every example I've seen, a permanent facility makes a big difference in the Chapter and I think it will with our Chapter as well.

Ken Simmons

EAA CHAPTER 837 ANNUAL BANQUET

*February 17, 2007
6:00PM
Ontario, OR Sizzler
Through-the-line style*

Guest speaker: F. Willard (Robbie) Robinson

Following his military service as a Naval Aviator in World War II, **LT. ROBINSON** returned to the University of Southern California to earn his doctoral degree in Education Administration and Philosophy.

For three decades Dr. Robinson worked in public education as a teacher and as a secondary school administrator, culminating in his seventeen year tenure as Principal of Beverly Hills High School in Beverly Hills, California. There he directed and supervised the development of an educational program of excellence that received national recognition. He also contributed extensively to the improvement of education nationally by serving as one of the directors on the College Entrance Examination Board and chairing numerous accreditation teams for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Dr. Robinson is the author of the book *Navy Wings of Gold*, second edition published in 2004. This book contains the personal accounts of several World War II aviators including Dr. Robinson himself. The second edition added a story from Nat "Blackie" Adams who flew cover for President George when he was shot down over Chichi Jima. This is the first ever published account of this event.

Dr. and Mrs. Robinson now reside in Boise, Idaho where they celebrated their 63th wedding anniversary in 2006 and remain active in church and civic affairs.

*Come join us for some food, fun and a great presentation by
Dr. Robinson*

CONGRATULATIONS BURT

The picture to the right is Burt's RV-8 back in July when we went by to have a look after our regular meeting. Burt's RV-8 is now flying as of December, 2006. He reports that it flies great, but as with any new aircraft there are a few kinks to work out.



Meeting Minutes December 17, 2006

Meeting called to order by Ken Simmons at 7:00

No minutes were available and the treasurer reported no change in finances.

Old Business:

Cheryl stated that the calendars are in and all who ordered them can pick them up.

Ken Simmons asked if the Sizzler Restaurant walk through is good for the annual banquet. All agreed and Saturday, February 17th was selected as the primary date with the following Saturday as the backup. Ken said that he would invite Robbie Robinson as the speaker now that we had a date.

Ken also said the he was still getting quotes for the hanger. R & M Steel has submitted one and another company is working on theirs. The size asked for is 48' X 60' and all thought that would be adequate. The location was discussed next as Payette is trying to keep their airport. Everyone is encouraged to write letters to the Payette city mayor and to

be sure to copy their letter as these letters seem to get lost at city hall. Alan Daniels moved that the EAA hanger is built at Payette airport. Kevin Horiup seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ken also said Lloyd Thompson from Nampa EAA is going to do the Sheprock Scholarship. All information is on the EAA 103 website.

Pete Morgan stated that the Ontario Co-Op wants to build a new hanger at the Ontario Airport.

New Business:

Elections were held and these are the results:

Pres: Ken Simmons

Vice Pres: Bert Harger

Secretary: Dale Cruson

Treasurer: Cheryl Cruson

Bert Harger has flown his RV-8 at least twice so far and it is reported to be flying well.

Cheryl Cruson asked if the EAA 837 chapter would like to meet at Payette instead of switching from Weiser to Payette. All agreed that Payette would be fine.

Next meeting will be on January 17th 2007. Respectfully Submitted: Dale Cruson



It's time to renew Chapter dues. You can bring them to the next meeting or mail them in using the form on the last page of the newsletter.

Thanks!

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