



# *EAA Chapter 21* **NEWSLETTER**

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## **February Meeting Date Changed**

Our Chapter meeting this month will be held on February 7th rather than the 14th. Since our normal meeting time, the second Wednesday, falls on Valentine's Day this month, several of the Chapter Board members felt we should change the meeting to another day. We want all our members to share Valentine's Day with their best friend—hopefully their spouse or significant other friend. I don't foresee changing from the second Wednesday again unless it interferes with another event. Larry Helming

## **EAA Chapter President's Message**

Hello again to everyone reading this. After one month on the job, I still want to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to participate at a high level in our chapter. One of the high levels involves developing a program each month for our members and guests. Last month we had a couple of guests and one new member join the chapter.

We surveyed the 29 members who attended the January meeting. Your board wanted to know just what the members want to accomplish with their membership. It asked each member to privately and anonymously select 3 or more top reasons from a list of activity topics. Space was available to include other ideas not already listed. The top activities selected were as follows:

- 1 – Learn and be educated in latest general aviation developments and topics.
- 2 – Visit plane building and restorations projects
- 3 – Work on a new plane building project.
- 4 – Work on a restoration project, tied with
- 4 – Fly to different places with other planes
- 6 – Work at air shows, tied with
- 6 – Eat Hank Meador's food.

Also written in was a) Young Eagles, b) have talks given by veteran pilots, c) discuss sport aviation, and d) hold seminars on metal riveting, fabric covered planes, painting and finishing techniques. Also mentioned were participation in poker runs, I like food (not just Hank's), more meetings just for fellowship, and wanting to ride along with other pilots. Not selected by anyone were the following: wanting to know about Oshkosh, flying in formations with others, and wanting to learn to fly. Keep in mind this does not mean no one has an interest in these; it just means they are not at the top of their list.

As your board develops the activities for this year, we will try to develop around your wants. Thanks to everyone for participating. Hope to see everyone bring a guest to the next meeting. Wear your EAA name tag.

Larry Helming



# Paul Poberezny Responds to January Newsletter

Here is a letter I received from Paul Poberezny, founder and chairman of the national EAA board. It just goes to show these guys do read stuff we send them as the contents of the letter shows knowledge of our January newsletter. Larry

January 18, 2007

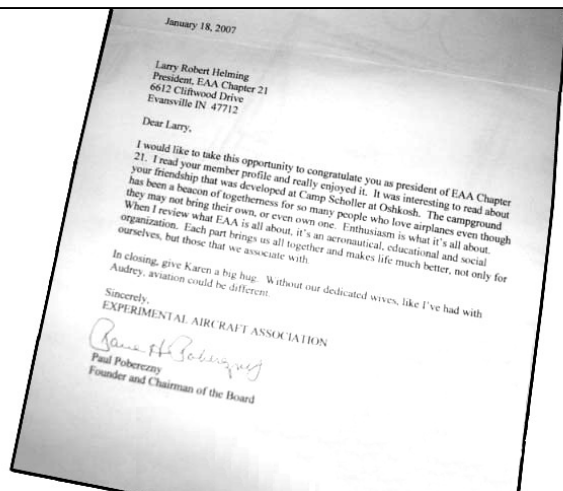
Dear Larry,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you as president of EAA Chapter 21. I read your member profile and really enjoyed it. It was interesting to read about your friendship that was developed at Camp Scholler at Oshkosh. The campground has been a beacon of togetherness for so many people who love airplanes even though they may not bring their own, or even own one. Enthusiasm is what it's all about. When I review what EAA is all about, it's an aeronautical, educational, and social organization. Each part brings us all together and makes life much better, not only for ourselves, but those that we associate with.

In closing, give Karen a big hug. Without our dedicated wives, like I've had with Audrey, aviation could be different.

Sincerely,  
EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

Paul Poberezny, Founder and Chairman of the Board.



## AeroElectric Weekend Seminar a possibility

EAA Chapter 21 has the opportunity to host Bob Nuckolls' *AeroElectric Connection Weekend Seminar* in 2007. Bob Nuckolls has 46 years experience in aircraft systems maintenance, design, troubleshooting and fabrication. He has published *the AeroElectric Connection: The definitive work in owner-built and maintained (OBAM) aircraft electrical systems*.

He is currently scheduling his 2007 seminars, and has been talking to Larry about coming to Evansville. He presents a 1½ day workshop—all day Saturday and half day Sunday—on how to fabricate the electrical system for your homebuilt aircraft. Tuition for this workshop will be \$150.00, and we will need a minimum of 17 participants. Information on just what you will learn can be found on the internet at <http://aeroelectric.com/seminars/seminars.html>.

If you are interested in participating in this seminar, call, write, or email Larry Helming. Or let him know at the next Chapter 21 meeting.



## January 2007 EAA Chapter 21 Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 7:15pm. Approximately 30 members were present. Our President Larry started the meeting with his adventure landing at Skylane. He said he made the longest landing in Skylane history. Larry said if you made a longer landing you would have had to damage something. Then he asked if anyone else had made any bad landings. Of course being good pilots we all said no.

Larry then talked about the high price of gas and how it is affecting flying in general. Larry talked about the board meeting that was held the Wednesday before, and how we could boost membership attendance at the EAA 21 meetings. He commented on how there are 3 types of members: you have your Builders, you have your Flyers, and you have Social types. The board talked about having more fun at meetings, share a ride, and special events. Next Larry talked about how important people like Vince Frazier, Mike Zeller, and John Crabtree are to Chapter 21, and that the meeting should be fun, with food, be educational, and entertaining. Did you know that Chapter 21 was started 51 years ago? Also discussed at the meeting was how sending out the newsletter via E-mail instead of US mail would save considerably in postage and printing. Also at the meeting we had a door greeter. We call him Mr. Handshake; you may know him as Earl Schroeder. Rick Merriwether won the Mr. Handshake award. Also at the meeting we had a half pot drawing—it was won by Keith McCutchan. Door prize was won by Gary Frankenberger.

Steve Hale was introduced as a new member he is still in the process of completing his pilot's license.

Keith McCutchan talked about his birthday present. It was a flight in Crazy Horse—the real P-51 Mustang.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by Gary Zimmerman, Secretary, EAA Chapter 21

# Instructor's Corner

by John Rudolph, Certified Flight Instructor

## “Traffic in the area, please advise”

I've been just as guilty as the next person. You're getting ready to arrive/depart/takeoff/land/taxi out to the active runway at a non-towered field, and you say something like “Henderson Traffic, Cessna 123XZ, taxiing to runway two-seven. Traffic in the area, please advise.” You're doing everyone a favor and not only self-announcing your intentions, but asking who else is out there, right? Wrong! Did you know that that is not correct phraseology? Not only is it incorrect phraseology, but it's so not correct that the FAA has identified that “Traffic in the area, please advise” should not be used under any conditions.

I didn't until I was reading the 2007 AIM the other day (Yes, I was reading the AIM. Don't you judge me!) Believe it or not, it's bugged the FAA so bad that starting in the 2007 edition of the Airmen's Information Manual, Part 4-1-9, paragraph g-1 states in part, ““Traffic in the area, please advise” is not a recognized Self-Announce Position and/or intention phrase and should not be used under any conditions.” Consider your hand slapped.

This position report actually originates from marine use. Commercial ocean going vessels are required by Coast Guard Regulation to sound their horn 1 blast and announce “<SHIP NAME>, <SHIP NAME>, leaving <NAME OF HARBOR>, any

traffic in the area, please advise” on marine channel 16. Under Coast Guard Regulations, the only required self-announcement is . leaving a harbor.

The FAA's stance on the phrase is that it is an unnecessary call that doesn't really have any benefit. If everyone is self-announcing their position at an uncontrolled field, as you're supposed to if you're radio equipped, then you'll know where the other traffic is located, and asking them again is redundant.

We all like hearing ourselves on the radio, but it's time we gave up this little phrase. If we set good examples, then hopefully others will, and the FAA will see that we can be nice and pay attention to instructions. If we can be nice to the FAA, maybe someday we will actually run into that mythical “gentler, kinder, FAA”. The next time you run into someone making that mistake, show him or her your copy of the 2007 Federal Aviation Regulations/AIM (Why it's not called the FAR will be for another column!).

I need topics to discuss! Got a question that you don't know the answer to? Is it aviation related? Email me your question at [johnrudolph@wsi-ismi.com](mailto:johnrudolph@wsi-ismi.com).

John Rudolph, CFI

Chapter 21 Monthly Treasurer's Report January 2007		
January 1, 2007	Beginning Balance	\$2,332.01
Receipts		
	Interest	\$0.53
	Dues— 10 @ \$15 ea.	\$150.00
	Half Pot 1/10	\$26.00
	Donations	<u>\$3.00</u>
	Total	\$179.53 +\$179.53
Disbursements		
	Newsletter Printing	\$51.15
	Postage 12/28 CK 1204	\$39.25
	Office Rent - 3 mo.	\$30.00
	Web Host (final payment 12/28)	\$6.85
	EAA National Insurance	\$177.00
	EAA National Dues	\$50.00
	Meeting Expenses - food/coffee	<u>\$16.76</u>
	Total	\$371.01 - \$371.01
January 31, 2007	Ending Balance	\$2,140.53
	Cks 1204, 1207, 1209 outstanding	<u>+ \$120.40</u>
	Balance ONB Statement 01-21-07	\$2,260.93
Bill Gowin, Treasurer		

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## Upcoming Chapter 21 Events

# February 2007

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

				1	2	3
4	5	6	EAA21 7 meeting Skylane Airport, 7:00 PM	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28			