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Paraplegic pilot promises inspirational performance *Carlana Stone will offer her optimistic view of life at our July Chapter Meeting*



You are a gorgeous 17-year-old female whose life is wrapped up in gymnastics and cheerleading. They're what you live for; they're who you are. Suddenly, in a moment's time, what you live for and who you are is taken away from you in an accident. You are a paraplegic...confined to a wheelchair for life. What do you do?

"If you would have asked me the day before the accident...I'd have said, 'Shoot me!'" Carlana Stone admits. "There's no way I would have wanted to live. My entire identity was wrapped up in those physical activities."

But looking back on her 24 years of confinement to a wheelchair, "I would not erase the last 24 years of my life for anything," she says. "Simply because of the people who have come into my life because of what happened to me, the people I've met, including my husband."



Our July Chapter Meeting speaker is one exceptional woman. A student pilot who soloed in a Piper Cherokee 180, she has a love for aviation and a zest for life which is rare in people who have no such "handicaps." Without the use of her lower limbs, she has flown, skydived, scuba dived, worked as a TV reporter, and loves to ride her beautiful Harley trike around the country, or cruise in her convertible Mustang.

**July 10th at
1:00 p.m.**

Carlana was chosen among tens of thousands to participate as a contestant on Oprah Winfrey's *The Big Give* on ABC. She has been featured on numerous talk shows including *Oprah*, *Larry King Live*, *Montel* and NBC's *Life Moments*. Carlana's first solo flight was featured exclusively on CBS' *The Early Show*. She appears frequently on various network and cable television news shows, in addition to web-based programs. Carlana regularly grants interviews for nationally-syndicated and local radio.

"I've been blessed to speak all over the world," she says. "I've spoken in Berlin and in Red Square in Russia. I want to tell those who haven't been blessed with the

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Carlana and Oprah

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Plane of the Month:

John Stone's
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Calendar



July 2010

- 2nd -- First Friday Flicks**
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 4th -- Fourth of July at Flabob**
Chapter One Hangar - dusk
- 10h -- Young Eagles**
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 10th -- Chapter Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 10th -- Board Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
- 17th-- Design Group Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.
- 17th-18th -- EAA RV Workshop**
Chapter One Hangar

August 2010

- 6th -- First Friday Flicks**
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 14th -- Young Eagles**
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 14th -- Chapter Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 14th -- Board Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
- 21st -- Design Group Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.

September 2010

- 3rd -- First Friday Flicks**
Chapter One Hangar - 5 p.m.
- 11th -- Young Eagles**
Chapter One Hangar - 8 a.m.
- 11th -- Chapter Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 1 p.m.
- 11th -- Board Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 3 p.m.
- 18th -- Design Group Meeting**
Chapter One Hangar - 10 a.m.
- 25th -- Chapter One Open House**



The Prez Sez...

We have made it to the middle of the year and it's time to get busy with the Chapter's Open House in September and our upcoming Chapter elections. Leon Grumling is still looking for Open House committee members and volunteers. Leon needs help with setting up Friday, Sept. 24, also with the dinner setup on Saturday and cleanup Sunday. Thanks to Dick Staley who has volunteered to run our silent auction. If you have something you would like to donate (including a service), please contact Dick and let him know what you have to offer and thanks for your support. Leon and group is working on forum speakers for our Open House, Jay Carter of CarterCopter www.cartercopters.com is our banquet speaker. More info on the Open House to come.

There are two officer positions coming up for election (President and Secretary), plus a few board positions. If you are interested in a position on our chapter board, please contact any of our board members, contact info is in our *WingNut*. We are also looking for election committee volunteers to canvas for anyone who might be interested serving on our board. Anyone who may be interested in the President position will be happy to know Jim Pyle, our Vice President, has another year to be around and help the new President to get settled. This is true with all new officer and board members that come on January 2011.

Thanks!

Jerry W. Cortez

Consider donating items for Silent Auction

Carlana Stone, noted motivational speaker, to be at Chapter Meeting

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opportunities I've had that they, too, can do anything they put their mind to.

"Circumstances don't define a person. Rather, they provide an opportunity for us to find out just what we're made of and that's when we begin to realize our true potential. That's when our true courage is revealed."

Carlana was only 17, when a momentary lapse of judgment changed the course of her life forever. She got into a car with a friend who was driving drunk. She lost the use of her legs, but never lost her adventurous spirit. She became the first wheelchair-wielding reporter for ABC in Miami, Florida. She is an Emmy-nominated television producer; and the acclaimed author of *Never Give In, Never Give Up*.

Carlana provides audiences with powerful visuals and emotional demonstrations—lasting impressions, how each and every one of us can climb even the highest mountain with dignity and grace. But perhaps most important of all, Carlana demonstrates how we can find the strength within ourselves to constantly grow. Carlana shows you how to pick yourself up, dust yourself off and begin living a fulfilling and enriching life.

Folks, this is a *must-attend* Chapter Meeting. If you don't attend, you lose! We're going to have Young Eagles in the morning of July 10, then pizza for lunch. By the way, Carlana and her husband, John, are excited about our YE program and are going to arrive early to watch the activities. The program will begin around 1 p.m., and you'll want to be there. Come early and watch Young Eagles get their wings. Or come at noon and enjoy the pizza. But, for sure, be there at 1:00 for our featured speaker—one you'll never forget—Carlana Stone! BTW, if you can, bring a salad or dessert to help feed the hungry hoardes. Pizza and drinks will be provided by the Chapter.

Flabob Express stars at FedEx Open House



By Wes Blasjo

It all began when representatives from FedEx asked the Flabob Aviation Associates if they would bring the DC-3 for display at the annual FedEx open house for families of their employees on June 12th. They have a large number of McDonald Douglas aircraft in their fleet (MD-10s, formerly DC-10s, and MD11s). It was a natural choice to have a Douglas aircraft on display, and what better choice could have been made than one of the most famous of all Douglas airplanes, the DC-3. We in the Flabob Aviation Associates group were glad to be able to showcase our grand old lady.

On the prior Wednesday, Jon Goldenbaum, Dick Hammerslag and Blake LaMar flew the DC-3 for two hours to check out/break in the newly installed right engine. The cabin was filled, to the insurance limits of ten people total, with those who for a donation wished to go along.

When it was shut down at the pumps after the flight, there were some oil leaks under the engine, but this is a round engine and they, like dogs like to mark their spot.

On Friday when we were scheduled to leave for LAX, a leaking pushrod tube almost cancelled the flight. During the run-up at the end of the runway, Justin Taylor stood guard and noticed an excessive amount of oil leaking from the right engine. The engines were shut down and Justin got his bag of tools and a ladder and removed part of the cowling and reached arm's length into the hot engine and tightened up the leaking pushrod tube seal. The subsequent run-up showed that the oil leak was stopped. The repair took less than an hour so we were still within our window of arriving during light afternoon airline traffic. The plane was captained by Dick Hammerslag with Blake LaMar as co-pilot and Don Neuman as mechanic/flight engineer. Passengers were Cara Durell and yours truly. All except myself were taken back to Flabob by van. I stayed onto showcase the plane to the FedEx employees and their families.

After landing at LAX, we taxied the additional mile plus to the FedEx maintenance hangar which is at the very west end of the runway, just some berms and a stretch of sand away from the ocean. Work at FedEx sort of stopped when we arrived as many employees came out to watch and take pictures. They gladly helped push the DC-3 back into a parking place so they could make room for an Airbus 320 to be put on display. Many of the FedEx employees came up and sat in the cockpit. Some of them are qualified to taxi the FedEx airplanes, but for them this was like being a kid in a candy store.

On Saturday morning the FedEx people wanted to move the DC-3 up closer to the hangar where it was directly in front of the Airbus 320. This made access to the cockpits of both airplanes easier for the family members. The open house ran from 9:30 until 3:00 and during that time there was a constant stream of moms and dads bringing their families up to sit in the cockpits. Parents loved sitting in the cockpit, too!! While they were waiting for their turn they had the luxury of sitting in the VERY comfortable seats in the DC-3. There were literally hundreds of photos taken of smiling faces of both kids and adults sitting in the pilot and co-pilot seats. Adults were taken back when they looked into the lavatory. They often exclaimed that this was larger and nicer than the lavatories in current airliners.

Besides the DC-3 and the Airbus 320, there were two other airplanes on display. One was a T-34 A and the other was an AT-11/C-45, both from San Diego. These were on static display only, so the kids did not get to sit in the cockpits. Once again, our grand old lady was the star of the show.

Some of the older employees would comment, almost with a tear in their eye, about either flying or working on a DC-3. Others told about how this was the airplane in which they had their first flight. There certainly is a strong connection with and fond remembrance of this grand old airplane.

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New Chapter One leader needed

Chapter One President Jerry Cortez will step down at the end of his year, leaving a huge gaping hole in the leadership of the chapter. Jerry is stepping aside after an admirable two-year stint at the helm. We are currently searching for his replacement.

Jerry's position will be up for grabs, as will the position of secretary (currently Gabe Amthor) and three Board of Director positions—those of Ray Stits, Leon Grumling, and Dave Cudney. As of this date, all are running for reelection with the exception of Jerry Cortez.

An Election Committee appointed by the Board of Directors will soon be canvassing our local members to persuade them into tossing their hats into the ring. We need each of you to consider running for office; and we need you to consider who you wish to guide the Chapter into the coming years.

The President's position carries the prestige and the responsibilities of leadership, which are extensive. If you have a vision for Chapter One, and wish to see the great tradition of the chapter continue, you may consider running for the office of President. You will join a board that is dedicated to the chapter and its traditions.

Statements for those running for election will be published in the September edition of *The WingNut*, and ballots will be mailed in September, to be received by the end of October. Those elected will be announced in November, and be seated the following January.

So consider the hat toss now. We need your expertise and look forward to working with you. When contacted by the Election Committee, give it some serious thought. Chapter One is a tradition, but it is also evolving. Help us guide it in its mission.



Mark Lightsey, of Aerocraftsmen, closes the canopy of the Caudron on Chapter One President Jerry Cortez at the close of the June Chapter Meeting. Mark gave an excellent presentation on his journey with the Caudron to France and the Paris Airshow, where the Caudron was one of the featured airplanes. Mark's audio-visual presentation included two videos and numerous pictures of the classic racer in flight over Europe. With a great a-v show and the one-of-a-kind bird in the hangar, it was a very interesting and entertaining Chapter Meeting. Sorry if you missed it! It was Chapter Meeting extraordinaire!

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Items needed for Silent Auction at our Open House

Do you have any aviation-related items of value? If so, please consider donating them to our Silent Auction at the Chapter One Open House to be held Sept. 25. All proceeds from the Silent Auction go into the chapter coffers, which are in desperate need of replenishing. If you have an old aviation item taking up space in your home, you might want to donate it to the Silent Auction. All of us in Chapter One will appreciate it. Thanks!



From the Editor's Desk

On Chapter One finances

About two years ago, our treasurer at the time, Karen Schicora, warned the Board of Directors, "We're going to have to spend some money! We can't legally have more than \$25,000 in our bank account!" We were over that amount. So we bought a nice hand-held radio for our Young Eagles program that month. And we gave \$10,000 to The Wathen Foundation. Then the recession hit.

Now, the bank account of Chapter One is nearing the \$7,000 mark, and falling every month. It was \$9,485.99 in February. \$8,973.20 in March. \$8,271.10 in April. \$7,677.86 in May. You see the trend? If you follow the profit/loss line, Chapter One will be broke in a year or two. Out of money. Kaput.

Thanks to the generosity of our founder, Ray Stits, we enjoy some of the most beautiful and lavish settings of any EAA Chapter in the world, with our clubhouse and the fabulous Chapter One hangar. Accompanying that privilege, however, are an array of fixed costs.

For example, there's lawn care. Several years ago, we had a wonderful dedicated chapter member, Doug Maxwell, who took care of the Chapter One grounds. He mowed, he edged, he raked and swept. And our grounds always looked great. Unfortunately, Doug has gone west, and no member stepped in to fill his shoes. Your Board of Directors was forced to hire a lawn service to care for our grounds, at a cost to the Chapter of \$200 per month...\$2,400 per year.

Donations for Young Eagles have traditionally more than balanced out the payments to YE pilots for fuel reimbursement. Herein lies a dilemma: Our legal counsel has determined that it is against federal rules and regulations for our chapter to reimburse YE pilots for the fuel they burn flying Young Eagles. And, it is illegal for us to ask for money (donations) for Young Eagle flights.

We have always had a "donations" jar available for YE flights. And we have always reimbursed YE pilots for their fuel costs. No more, according to our legal counsel. No donations for flights. No reimbursement for fuel. All this to keep us in line with FAA regulations.

How will this affect the financial outcome of the Young Eagles program? It remains to be seen, but chances are it will not add to the bottom line.

And membership chairman Walt Wasowski reports that a number of Chapter One members have not paid their dues for the year. People are holding on to that \$12. And chapter coffers are suffering.

So, if you haven't paid your dues, please send them in. Chip in and buy those raffle tickets at the Chapter Meetings. And...pray for good weather and a big turn-out at the Chapter One Open House on Sept. 25, our biggest money-making day of the year.

We could also use your help with the Open House. There are hundreds of tasks to do, and we can put you to work doing something. If you have time, come on out Wednesday evening, June 14th, at 6:00 for the Open House Committee meeting. We'll be having a meeting every other Wednesday until the Open House. **LG**



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57 Young Eagles flown in June

This Young Eagle report will necessarily be short because I was missing in action (MIA). I was with the Flabob Express DC-3 which was on display for the Fed Ex open house family day at LAX. (See the report elsewhere in this issue)

The flight rally almost didn't happen due to threatening weather, but the pilots agreed that it was safe to fly and the weather improved throughout the morning. Fifty seven youth showed up from the 75 who made reservations. Twelve pilots had made the commitment to fly, but for several reasons only 8 showed up. With only 8 pilots, flying was finished by 1:00 PM. This was cutting it a little close in order to have lunch and attend the Chapter One meeting. This was one of those things that was a "once in a blue moon" anomaly.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in and did their part in helping things run smoothly.

- Wes Blasjo, Young Eagle Coordinator

Pilots Who Flew:

Allyn Auck	Cessna 172
Larry Conley	Ercoupe
Irvin Craig	Cessna 1182
Dave Cudney	Cherokee 180
Jim Hayes	Grumman American AA5-A
Norm Manary	Cessna 150
James Meeker	Taylorcraft BC 12D
Walt Wasowski	Cessna 172

Flabob Express stars at FedEx Open House

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Getting the grand old lady back to Flabob was another story. The crew got there for a VFR departure on Sunday but low clouds kept them on the ground. They gave it until 4:00 PM to clear but that didn't happen so I used my friend Pan's car to drive them back to their cars at Flabob. (Pan lives close to LAX, so I had to return the car to her). Just a few miles inland from LAX it was clear and at Flabob it was "severe clear."

The next attempt to bring her home on Tuesday was successful. The three crew members were driven from Flabob by Austin Jones. After the usual preflight and then the two mile taxi to the east end of the runway, an uneventful takeoff was made. After a turn to the north out over the ocean, we headed east to Flabob. After landing and being gassed, she was towed to her usual tie down spot. As she sat there, you could just see the smile on her face as she rested contentedly, knowing that she had given such great excitement and delight to so many youth and adults. She has been soldiering on like this for 65 years. Some things just never change!!!!

This historic airplane is available for scenic and memorable flights. Regulations require no more than 10 souls on board, so with a pilot and co-pilot there can be eight passengers. In order to cover operating costs, a donation of \$100 from each of the eight passengers is requested. If a group flight of less than eight is taken, \$800 per hour is still the asked for donation. This can truly be a "once in a lifetime" experience.

Don't stop payment...

If you write a check to Chapter One for your dues (or any reason), please allow 60 or more days for your check to clear. Since we are an all-volunteer organization, it may be several weeks until your check is picked up and recorded, and several more until it clears the bank. Please allow time for our somewhat slow volunteers to process your payment.. For that, we thank you.

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