

EAA Chapter One

Membership Meeting



January 15, 2006

Noon to 3 pm

**Join us at the Chapter One Hangar for
an afternoon of great camaraderie!**



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Take Note Please

The date for the Membership meeting is not on the Second Sunday of January, as it would be if our regular practice were followed. There is valid reason for making this change, but I hope ample notice is being given so no one is disappointed by missing the meeting. Another "special" meeting date will occur in May. As usual, we will reschedule so our meeting day does not collide with Mother's Day. This lesson was learned, and relearned, long ago. Then too, we will meet a week later than usual.

The dates for our Open House and Christmas Party in 2006 will be announced as the Board determines the best dates, to avoid schedule conflicts and make it most convenient for our members.

Many thanks to the Board Members and Chapter volunteers who made this a memorable year. Please bring suggestions for making 2006 even better.

Jim Pyle, L.D. President

Stop the presses, a scoop for the newsletter:

NEWS RELEASE

December 26, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PAT HALLORAN JOINS WATHEN FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Riverside, CA - Patrick J. "Pat" Halloran, Major General USAF ret, has been elected a Trustee of the Thomas W. Wathen Foundation. The Wathen Foundation's mission is aviation-related education, particularly of young people, centered at its historic Flabob Airport in Riverside, California. Architectural and engineering design is under way for new facilities for Wathen Aviation High School, a public charter high school now operating at Flabob, and for the aeronautical department of San Bernardino Valley College, slated to move to Flabob in September, 2007.

A resident of Colorado Springs, Halloran is an active member and past President of EAA Chapter One at Flabob. He currently flies a Lancair. He has also owned and flown a Mustang II and the famous midget racing plane, Loving's Love, designed by Neal Loving.

While in the Air Force, Halloran flew over 100 missions in Korea in the F-84. He was part of the first group of pilots selected to fly the U-2, in which he logged over 1,600 hours during a nine-year period. From the U-2 he moved on to take over the SR-71 program and logged another 600 hours at Mach 3. During the Vietnam War, Halloran flew missions in both the U-2 and SR-71. He wound up his 34-year career with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in the Pentagon, retiring in 1983 with over 8,000 hours of military flight time.

"Pat brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and a high level of passion for flight to the Board of Trustees," said Tom Wathen, who created the Foundation. "We know the Foundation will benefit from Pat's experience as we prepare to move forward with our next phase of development."

For more information on the Wathen Foundation contact Kathy Rohm at 951.683.2309, extension 104.

Prez Sez

January 2006

It is time to look forward to the opportunities to excel in 2006 and also to express gratitude to the people that helped us in 2005. We had some advances in 2005, and some deferred successes that must be addressed in 2006. I am asking Chapter One Members to bring suggestions to our Chapter Leadership Team for goals to consider in 2006, and for years to come. The January Board meeting will deal with some previously discussed opportunities and we will set goals for Chapter activities in the future. I have learned that my goals are not supported by many members and I do accept that Great Ambitions are not going to move forward, at least not now. In fact, this being my last year in office, I will now assume the traditional "Lame Duck" attitude and assist my successor to prepare to be President-in-Training.

High praise is due the Chapter members that overcame the problems that threatened our Christmas Party. For those who are not aware of the events surrounding the Christmas, I will give a brief description. About three hours before we were scheduled to start eating, on Saturday December 10, a spectacular fire destroyed a building on the airport, and electrical service was cut to most of the remainder of Flabob buildings. This left our Hangar with no electrical power and guests were scheduled to start arriving in a couple of hours. Greg, the food caterer (Flabob Cafe), assured me his gas operated ovens were continuing to operate and the food was safe. Ray Stits and Charlie Webber offered generators. Tom Wathen offered to pay for rental generators and flood lights if we needed that. Leo Dorian set up lights and generator to light the parking area. The only entrance to Flabob not blocked by fire equipment was the side gate on Fort Drive. To direct traffic to that entrance, Robert Jordan made a sign and stood on a corner, in the dark, all alone, to guide our guests to the open gate. As I returned to Flabob about 15 minutes before starting time, 6:01 PM, the palm trees near the Cafe burst into flame, having been silently smoldering since the embers drifted from the original fire. I cringed, expecting our meal to be WELL DONE, if the Cafe was impacted. Not to worry. Flabob problem solvers had taken over.

All was under control. Our candle light banquet was all set up. Nancy Acorn had brought candles for the tables, the generator power was supplying current to our coffee makers, the Christmas tree, and our microphones, plus a couple of lights that allowed the food tables to serve our meal. Our musical program, arranged by Wes Blasjo, was presented by Betty Hamm, who sang some favorite old songs that exactly suited our audience. She was certainly a hit and she had come to us as a special blessing since previously scheduled musicians had to cancel their performances. The decorations, completed just the night before by Karen Schicora's committee, were even more enjoyable when viewed by the soft light of the candles. Most folks are suggesting we use this lighting system for future events. Except, I will recommend we do have regular lighting for the restrooms when electrical power is available.

Jim Pyle, L.D. President

Gotta Fly presents program

The Flabob Flight School, Gotta Fly, will present the program at the meeting to honor our young pilots. It will be based on our Flabob Airport youngsters moving ahead in their flying careers. It should be fun. One more good reason for you to attend the meeting, Jan.15,2006.

Gifts to Chapter One

At the Christmas Party, Marilyn Baumert donated a historical photo that will go into the Flabob History display. It shows Flavio in earlier days where he made a good 'look-a-like' for Clark Gable. Russ Mathews announced a grant from his family's Foundation that Chapter One will draw on for Young Eagle's activities and for moving the Pietenpol Project along. Andy Anderson presented the Chapter a beautiful portrait of Pat Halloran, former Ch.I President, and now a new Trustee of The Wathen Foundation, as noted elsewhere in this issue.

We express our gratitude for these gifts.

First Friday Flix

Plan to be there on Jan. 6 when we start a new year of Friday Night Fun at Flabob. Pizza and drinks start at 5:00PM followed by the final episode of Tail Spin Tommy and the Great Air Mystery, followed by our feature film, "Ceiling Zero". Popcorn served, probably.

Design Group meets Jan.28

The second meeting of those interested in learning and sharing aircraft lore is set for Saturday, Jan. 28,2006 at 10:00AM. The initial meeting was well attended and those of us new to the group were most favorably impressed. Please join us if you can,

Help needed!

As you can see, the newsletter has a new look which needs help and an EDITOR. If you would like to help or be the EDITOR, please contact Jim Pyle.

Website changes.

The EAA Chapter 1 website (www.eaach1.org) has been newly revised. It is an work in progress and many of the problems I am aware of. If you have suggestions for improvement or note any errors, please send your comments to j_buttermore@yahoo.com.

1. Two new features have been added. One is a tech page which may be of interest to builders and rebuilders. \
2. The second is a projects page. If you are currently engaged in a project, we would like to know about it. The rules to be included are simple. Just send the following to j_buttermore@yahoo.com (or just bring them by Hangar 22):
 - What is it? A short description is needed here of about 3-4 paragraphs.
 - Who is helping? A list and perhaps a few pictures
 - What does it look like? A picture of what it will look like and a picture of how it looks now
 - Updates on the progress every few months.

Also, check out the Flabob website at www.flabob.org. There have been major changes.

Flabob Airport

2006

Calendar of Events

www.flabob.org

- January** 6th First Friday Flicks
14th Young Eagles
15th Chapter One Meeting
21st Aircraft Display & Car Show Day
- February** 3rd First Friday Flicks
11th Young Eagles
12th Chapter One Meeting
18th Aircraft Display & Car Show Day
- March** 3rd First Friday Flicks
11th Young Eagles
12th Chapter One Meeting
18th Aircraft Display & Car Show Day
- April** 4-8 Air Academy-High School
7th First Friday Flicks