

The Presidents Squawk for April 2011

This 'squawk' is being sent to members in lieu of a monthly newsletter due to the resignation of Cormac Thompson as Director of Communications, and the newsletter editor. His departure from these positions was for personal reasons not associated with the function of this chapter. His contribution to the establishment and growth of this chapter was very significant and under appreciated. I hope he will be able to contribute to our chapter as we move forward.

Of course, we do need to move forward, and continue with our newsletter. I would appreciate hearing from anyone interested in taking over the newsletter.

It is time to get geared up for our 1st event of the year, a Young Eagles Rally on May 21. At the next membership meeting I'll be passing around a sign up sheet to get volunteers into the support slots needed for the event. As always, we'll need airplanes and qualified pilots. If you are wondering what a 'qualified pilot' is, it's an EAA member with a minimum of a Sport Pilot license and 100-hrs total time. Of course, all pilots must meet recency of experience and flight review requirements. Also, it's not too early to sign up children in the 8-17 age group. If anyone knows of a child or group of children that would like to have a Young Eagles flight experience, have them contact me to get on the mission list.

At the last membership meeting we approved the purchase of an insulated garage door for our 'clubhouse.' Jerry Dixon purchased the door and we should have that installed very soon, possibly after the Saturday meeting. That will mean that we should be able to have our monthly meetings there on a permanent basis by next month. I think that's a great milestone in our existence as an EAA chapter, having a functioning clubhouse.

Anyone with an item for the agenda should drop me a line at Robert.blahut@embarqmail.com. See you at the meeting!