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President's Corner



Alan Walker

Well, another year begins. I hope, with your help, we can make it a memorable one. Bob has done a wonderful job of getting the new chapter off to a great start and I will have a tough time living up to the standard he set.

The new year brings new goals, resolutions and dreams. This past year was a landmark year in aviation for me. A year ago I didn't have a pilot's license, just a dream. I remember sitting at my first EAA meeting feeling out of place among the aviators. I was in awe of the personal accomplishments, projects and goals the strangers in the room shared. I felt awkward sharing my dreams but it ended up being the people in the room who helped me realize many of them.

Although many of the EAA members played a part, I'd like to publicly thank a few that truly made a difference in my life last year.

Cormac—Wow! Where do I begin? He was my flight instruc-

tor, mentor, partner, guide, prodder, building collaborator, advisor and friend.

Bob —Thanks for your technical support and leadership in getting the chapter off to a great start and making the fly-in a success.

Ken—Your wisdom, expertise and eagle eye have given me the basis for my plane building confidence.

RJ—You added a much appreciated different perspective to my flight instruction. (Hopefully our flight time didn't age you prematurely.)

VP Tim—I'm looking forward to teaming with you this year. Your willingness to roll up your sleeves and do what's needed has not gone unnoticed.

Kevin—Your commitment and dedication have inspired me. The Highlander is beautiful.

Mike—Thanks for the pictures! It's nice to see the view from outside.

Larry—Your visits to the hangar to check out the project have been appreciated. It's always fun to show off the RV.

I'm excited, yet a bit nervous about being the president this year. I'm anxious to share some of the ideas Tim and I have for making this another fun and successful year for the chapter. With member support, I'm sure it will be ANOTHER landmark year. **AW—Presidential Wing-Nut**



The South Central Washington Chapter of the EAA meets the third Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. in the main airport hangar/office building, 111 Nunn Rd. Anyone interested in aviation is welcome to attend and new members are always welcome. Our goal is to foster flying, building, education and social activities for all our members. We're Wing-Nuts!

LSA Maintenance Course

According to RJ at Jackson Flight Center, an LSA Maintenance Course is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of March 21 in Moses Lake. The cost is estimated to be \$350 although that is not for sure as yet. Contact RJ for more information.

DUES ARE DUE!

It's a new year and dues are due for 2009. No increase, just the same low rate for all this fun! Ben will be standing by to collect them.

Be sure to check out the Wall of Fame in the hangar. Here's your chance to prepare a little bio about yourself and your aviation related activities and/or interests. You'll see some already posted. Let's all do one up and get to know each other better. For those with limited computer skills, there are those of us who will take your info and produce a nice looking document for you.

December 2008 Meeting Notes

The December chapter meeting was held in conjunction with the 1st Annual Christmas party and potluck dinner on Saturday evening, December 13, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Bob Potter who recognized chapter officers and members with Chapter Service Award certificates and pins for 2008.

Bob reviewed the list of officer and activity chairmen for the coming year and introduced Larry Montague as the new chapter Meeting Host.

Bob requested all charter members of the chapter make sure they had signed the Charter. Members and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Cormac thank Bob on behalf of the membership for all the hard work he had done in getting the new chapter started, and Lois for allowing Bob to do it! He also explained the "White Elephant" gift exchange rules for the evening.

Ben Rasch announced he had EAA calendars for 2009 available for \$10 each.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. for the Christmas Party which followed. The food and friendship was outstanding.

Give the Gift of Aviation—EAA AeroScholars Courses

EAA is offering a 25% discount on their AeroScholars courses through January 31st, a savings of over \$100. It's a great gift for any budding aviation enthusiast.

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Member Projects—Send Us Yours for Publication!



The cold weather and the holidays have slowed down work but Alan and Cormac continue to plug away on the RV-9A. Construction of the roll bar shown above. On left, checking for fit and on the right beginning installation to the fuselage. It will be a tip up canopy.