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## A Note From the Editor

*It's pretty late to be getting the December newsletter out, I know. Most of the December events are already in the past, so I hope you got the word via one of the email lists or by word of mouth. In my defense, I've been putting in 60 hour weeks at my regular job for the past few weeks in advance of our extended end-of-year change "freeze". Now that I have a week "off" I'll probably only work 20 or 30 hours. I used to not think about retirement, but now I find myself wondering if I can sneak it in a couple of years early.*

*I've been editing the newsletter for a bit over a year and a half, and it's been an interesting and rewarding job. It's time to pass the torch, though, and I hope you will enjoy the upcoming editions. I'm sure Bob will want to put his own "stamp" on the newsletter. And so can you! You don't have to be a writer to contribute. If you have something to share, whether it's a story, a project, some pictures of a recent event or some knowledge that might benefit others, take a few minutes to write it up and email it to your newsletter editor. It doesn't have to be perfect. I'm sure Bob will appreciate the extra material, especially during slow news months.*

*I'll see you at the January meeting!*

*Happy holidays,  
Dale Botkin*

## From the President

It's the last newsletter of the year. It's been a good year in Chapter 80. We flew a bunch of kids, helped one young man get to air academy at Oshkosh, had a giant, old, flying airplane in town for ~500 people to take a ride in (and we made some money while doing it!) and flying to various locations as a group, primarily for eating. Because, we all like to eat! Next year looks to be just as active. And if you haven't been involved, but want to, come on out! We don't bite.

Chapter 80 has been pretty busy the last month with social activities. Here's some of the things we've done:

**Dec 4:** Fly out to Hastings, NE for lunch at Napoli's.

**Nov 14:** The meeting after the meeting at the Duck Inn.

**Nov 12:** Fly out to Benton, KS for lunch at Stearman Field Bar and Grill

As has been discussed a couple of times at our general membership meetings, EAA has brought the IMC Club under their umbrella. There is a club forming in town. The inaugural meeting information is as follows:

IMC Club Meeting  
Oracle Aviation - Main Hangar  
12916 Millard Airport Plaza, Omaha, NE 68137  
7:00 PM, December 15, 2017  
Questions? Contact Benji Cunningham  
benjicunningham05@msn.com  
There will be food and beverages provided.

The Christmas party is December 9, 6 PM social hour and 7 PM serving at Oracle Aviation, \$25/person, sliced roast beef and tilapia. Hope to see you there!

*Chris Halfman*

## November Meeting Minutes

The November chapter meeting was held on 11/14 at Oracle Aviation in Millard. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Chris Halfman.

**Meeting minutes:** The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's report:** Bob Cartwright reported a current balance of \$14,198.29, including the final tally of \$2840.51 income from the Trimotor event. Excluding the Trimotor income, we're within \$.18 of last year.

**Membership:** Jerry Ronk reported 122 members. Remember that your \$25.00 2017 dues are due in January.

**Tech Counselor:** Mike Howard showed his new self-built tool for holding screws and nuts in hard to reach locations. Mike also discussed the failure of his Odyssey PC680 battery in his RV-12, which turned out to be a failed internal inter-cell connection.

**Young Eagles:** Chris H. reported that four pilots flew 15 Young Eagles on Oct. 15.

**Tools:** Jerry Ronk reported that the scales are in use, but all tools are accounted for.

**Builder reports:** Tom Mann reported that another member not in attendance has flown his Velocity for the first time and will likely bring it down to a meeting in the spring. Bill Haas reports that the hydraulics on his Berkut are finished, and the fuselage is off the table and has gear attached. Jerry Ronk reported that he cut the back off his Sonerai fuselage. Chris Halfman showed pictures of his (partially) painted RV-7A. Also, there is no builders meeting scheduled for November or December due to the holidays.

**Flyouts:** Mike Howard reported two flyouts. One was to Anita, IA for lunch, with 8 planes and 10 people. There were also 8 planes for a trip to Stearman Field in KS for lunch. There is a planned trip to Lawrence, KS some time in December.

**Social Coordinator:** Chris Beran reported on plans for the holiday party on 12/9 (see following article).

**Old business:** Mike Howard reported that if a scholarship is awarded through IWCC, we would lose any control over the scholarship. Efforts are under way to talk to UNO and IWCC to have candidates send applications directly to EAA 80. The discussion involved a deadline for application (Feb. 1) and a date to award the scholarship (probably August). A motion was passed to award two, \$1,000 scholarships to aviation program students in their sophomore or later year in 2017.

**New business:** As there were no contested candidacies for chapter positions, a motion was passed to elect all club officers as nominated at the October meeting. The results are:

**President:** Chris Halfman

**Vice President:** Eric Stadjuhar

**Treasurer:** Bob Cartwright

**Membership:** Bob Condrey

**Secretary:** Craig Tylski

**Young Eagles:** Jim Beyer and Tim Hewett (co-chairs)

**Newsletter Editor:** Bob Dyer

**Web Editor:** Paige Hoffart

**Announcements:** Jim Beyer has four 10% shares for sale in an LSA Champ. \$2000 buy-in, \$50/mo, \$50/tach hour wet, based in Plattsmouth. Tom Mann shared that Debby Rihn-Harvey, former SWA captain and one of the most successful aerobatic competitors of all time, has been included in the Burke High "Wall of Fame".

## 2016 Holiday Party

The Chapter holiday party was held at Oracle Aviation the evening of December 9th. Attendance was good, as was the food catered by Hy-Vee. A table of hors d'oeuvres was set up for munching during the social hour, then a dinner of tilapia, sliced roast beef, rice pilaf, salad and rolls was served. There were plenty of soft drinks and a good supply of more adult beverages available. If you were not able to attend, you missed a pretty good party — try to make it in 2017!

After dinner there were quite a number of certificates and pins given out to chapter members who had served in various capacities and volunteered at events throughout the year. There was also recognition of the outgoing and incoming chapter officers and board members.

Chapter 80 was also honored to have Dillard Delts and Nebraska's last known Tuskegee Airman, Robert Holts, join us at the Christmas party.

The following link is to an article about Mr. Holts.

[OWH Article](#)

## January Meeting Information

The January meeting is approaching, and we have a presenter who will speak after the business portion of the meeting is completed:

Jon Vanderhoof

Process to import a plane from Canada

January 9, 7 PM

Oracle Aviation

## Barnstormers to Re-Open

It looks like Barnstormers in Norfolk will be opening again in the Spring. After remodeling and with new management it will be a new Barnstormers, but with the old name (and probably the biplane wings) still intact. Look for a fly-out announcement as more information becomes available.

## YE "Gift Certificate" Designer Needed

Seeking chapter member with graphic design capabilities! Recently a parent asked me if I had a Young Eagle Flight 'gift certificate' that she could give to her son for Christmas and of course the answer was, I'm sorry I don't, but that's a great idea! So I'm reaching out to any chapter members that have the skills and time to design a pdf gift certificate that we could hang on our web site for parents of future Young Eagles. There are likely plenty of graphics and such already on the national EAA and chapter 80 sites we can incorporate. Please let me know if you have questions. Fly safe!  
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