



EAA602 Log Book

Adirondack Chapter Newsletter

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From The Presidents Desk

by Tim Devine

Thanksgiving is over and we are now all flying over gross weight. The Christmas party is a little more than two weeks away and just three short weeks after that it will be 2011! Where did this year go?

It has been a busy and exciting year for me. I got to fly Chris Johnson's Meyers, Mark Murphy took me for my first aerobatic ride in the T-6, I got to try my hand as air boss at the Labor day fly in and Fred let me be his ferry pilot to move the Champ to Mayfield.

As always we were slaves to the weather and some events lost to the weather gods, while other were blessed. Not everything I had hoped to see happen in 2010 came to fruition. We did pull together some nice group fly outs, made it to some new airports and attracted some great new members. We had a very respectable year flying Young Eagles and group safety wise we did well, but always need to be vigilant and looking for ways to enhance safe flying.

Unlike last year we didn't see a big increase in new pilots. Despite the best intentions of last January, some of our student pilots are still working towards their check rides.

Progress on the airplane building front was much better. John Peck should have his RV done by next Spring. Fred is just waiting for the paperwork to get cleared up so he can hopefully get in some ski flying in his new Champ. Chris Brown completed his beautifully restored Chief



and now needs to get that pilot's certificate. The race is on between Chris Johnson and Art and Tim C. and Gary Collins to see who gets their project done and flying first. Next spring should be very interesting if everyone keeps busy through the Winter.

Best of all, we have gotten more people involved in the activities of the chapter. I personally want to extend my gratitude to John Pashley for the time and effort he dedicated to investigating the possibility of a club house at Fulton County airport. I also want to thank all those people who attended last month's meeting and participated in the spirited debate about the pros and cons of that opportunity.

It is participation like this by all the members that helps to build a strong chapter.

I know its not something you want to hear, but we all need to be thinking about next year's event calendar. At January's meeting I want to get the first draft put on paper so that by the end of February we can get posted on upstate list. We need some fresh ideas. I personally can't wait to see all the Champ, Chief, Chubs airborne and headed some where as a group. So start thinking now about what you would like see happen and come up with some ideas.

Thanks to all those people who helped me navigate my way through my freshman year, I most certainly couldn't have done it without you.

Tim

**Club Christmas Party @ C&R
Restaurant Dec. 12 @ 2:00pm
Contact Judy if you are coming at
sterling@frontiernet.net**

**Meeting This Month
Will Be At:
Broadalbin School
Nov. 1st @ 7:30 pm
See You There**



Bennington Brunch

by Tim Devine

One of my goals this year was to put together a fly out to Bennington airport to meet up with some of the members of EAA Chapter 1375 and go out to breakfast. I had hoped to do it sometime in October while the leaves were changing, but family activities, hanger building and airplane assembly filled up the weekends after our PPC fly in and when Halloween weekend came and went I thought that the trip would have to be postponed until next 2011.

On Wednesday November 3rd the weekend weather looked promising so I put out a posting on the web page to see if there were any interested pilot's. I was pleasantly surprised when Darryl, Kevin, Tim C. Mike and Debbie and John Pashley all expressed an interest in going. So on Saturday night with the weather looking really nice I instructed the troops to rally at 5B2 for a 09:30 launch.

By 09:15 myself and rider Dave Kownack, Kevin and Tim C. along with passenger Aeronca Pete were at 5B2 checking the weather at DDH. I had made sure that everyone knew they needed to make sure they set their clocks back on Saturday night for the end of Daylight Savings time. I however did not correctly calculate what affect that would have on Darryl standard time and it wasn't until approximately 10:45 that we heard Darryl and Mike broadcasting on their approach to 5B2.

While Darryl topped off his fuel tanks, it was decided that Tim C. would fly ahead to check out conditions to the East as the weather reports at DDH showed low ceilings for VFR flight. If things didn't look promising we would divert to Glens falls.

Unfortunately Mike C. had starter problems and it didn't look like he was going to be leaving 5B2 without some repairs. So the four remaining aircraft took off and headed East for the 28 mile flight to Bennington. The wind was out of the North West so we all got a nice little push going over and landed without incident with the wind right down runway 31.

As Darryl and Kevin were taxiing to the ramp John Pashley slipped in for a landing and we were now a five plane contingent. Not bad for the first weekend in November. We were met by EAA Chapter 1375 member Dr. Roland Smith as we walked towards the terminal building. I was introduced to Dr. Smith at our PPC fly in by Larry Saupe. Introductions were made all around and then with some people riding with Dr. Smith the rest of us piled into a taxi for the short ride to the "Full Bellies Diner" in downtown Bennington. Service was great and the portions were such that no one left hungry. During our breakfast Dr. Smith described his 5 year project of building a kit Zenith and of his adventures in learning to fly it.

A quick taxi ride got us back to DDH and on our way home. On the way home we had to check out Doc's home field which is a 1300ft strip he built behind his house South east of DDH. Looks like a challenge, and I put it on my list of places to fly to next year.

We all headed our separate ways on the way home. Tim C. took Aeronca Pete back to Fulton County, and John Pashley headed there as well. After a quick stop at 5B2 to drop off Dave Kownack who had been my passenger for the trip, I headed back to my new home at Johnson's. Kevin turned North for Edinburg and Darryl made a fuel stop at 5B2 and then steered for home at Hisert's.

The weather turned out beautiful and it was great that two new faces John and Dave could join us for this fly out. Probably will be the last one for this year, but you never know. Ski season is coming and I'm always thinking about new places to fly.

Fly safe, fly smart



Notes From Your Editor

by Doug Sterling



Here we are looking at the Christmas Season again. Our annual club Christmas Party is scheduled for C&R Restaurant on Sunday December 12th at 2:00pm. This is also our December meeting (to much happening at the end of the month). All those who want to come please give Judy an e-mail ASAP at sterling@frontiernet.net so that we can be sure to have enough places. The great part about C&R's is that you can order whatever you want off the menu. They have always done a great job of serving us and should be able to do the same this year. Hope to see you all there.



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