



CHAPTER 613
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Upcoming Chapter Events

- ◆ **Pancake Breakfast**: Sunday, February 19, 9:00—11:00 AM, Chapter 613 Aviation Center, FSO

Fun for All at Cabin Fever Frolic 2012

40 members and guests gathered for Cabin Fever Frolic last Saturday night at the Catamount Golf Club in Williston. It was a wonderful evening. Even the Mother Nature pitched in by providing us with a beautiful evening. After a truly delicious buffet, we were treated to a very interesting talk by fellow member Dan Marcotte of Dan Marcotte Airshows. Dan provided us with a very humorous account on how he went from racing stock cars, to becoming a well known airshow performer. Dan recounted how he attended his first Wings & Wheels event at Franklin County Airport at the age of 12. Dan was bitten by the aviation bug, but the reality seemed so far away for a 12 year old boy from Bakersfield, VT. Dan then recounted how his aviation dream began to take root; thanks to the encouragement, help and mentoring from others. Dan recounted how he constantly read Mike Goulian's books on aerobatics (both what to do, as well as what to expect when things go wrong). One of Dan's biggest thrills was when he got to perform in the same airshow as Mike. If you're at Sun-n-Fun this year, be sure to check out Dan's airshow performances on Tuesday and Wednesday. And by the way, be sure to stop by and say hello when you see Dan.



And speaking of Dan's family, we were also joined by Sarah Jo and young Will, who was attending his first Cabin Fever Frolic. (Thanks or bringing the beautiful floral arrangement Sarah!) Our thanks also go out to Tony Speranza and Marge Butterfield for planning and organizing such a wonderful evening.



News from Steve and Jan Couzelis in Florida

I am dictating this e-mail to my secretary (my Husband).

I wish to express my thanks to each and every one of you for the lovely get well cards and flowers. I miss all of you and am looking forward to my return to Vermont. I looking forward to getting back to our bowling lunches and card games.

As most of you know, have Guillian-Barre Syndrome which has paralyzed my arms and legs. I have been in rehab for a month now and am slowly improving, but I have a long way to go. I have physical therapy every day and am showing improvement in my arms and legs.

Please send any e-mail to Steve's e-mail address since I am not reading me e-mail at this time. His e-mail address is: flybuddy20@yahoo.com.

And this update just in....

I'd like to thank all the members of Chap. 613 for all the cards and letters sent to Jan and I. They are appreciated and uplifting. It's great to have so many great friends at this difficult time. At this time, I am looking at coming back for a few days at the end of the month to find a rehab place for Jan. I will fly the Cirrus back at that time and come back to FL commercial. I plan on getting Jan back in early March some way depending on her condition at the time. Worse case, taking a medical flight back.

We miss you all,

Jan and Steve

Lake Mephremegog Ski Fly-In

The Fourth International Lake Memphremagog SKI FLY MEET will be held Sunday February 19, 2012. Please contact George Weller gweller@abacom.com for details.

Newsletter Editor's Corner—John Butterfield

- First and foremost, my apologies to those of you who did not receive our January Newsletter. Bryan Bourgeois and I were reviewing our membership lists, and I realized that a few of our current members were not on our newsletter mailing list. We want to make sure that all of our members are included, so if you hear of anyone else who is not receiving our Chapter newsletter, please let me know immediately.
- Also, if you are receiving our newsletter and are have not yet paid your 2012 chapter dues, please send your payment (\$20 for individuals, \$25 for family) to Bryan. We appreciate your support!!!
- My personal thanks to everyone who has offered their compliments and suggestions on how we can improve our newsletter. (Suggestions are always welcome!).
- It was suggested that Hobie Tomlinson's "**Flight Advisor Corner**" Articles be published as separate documents, so they can be more easily archived and used for future reference. So we're going to implement that change starting with this newsletter. We will keep Flight Advisor articles on file since they are a wealth of information. (Thanks Hobie!!!)

January Minutes

By Marge Butterfield

It was a cold, sunny day for the pancake breakfast at the EAA Aviation Center on Sunday, January 15th. We had quite a few new members attend. **Donald and Earl Taylor** had everything set up when John and I arrived with the groceries at 8:00. The cooks, **Bill and Carol Morelli** and **Don and Deb Nowakowski** arrived shortly thereafter and proceeded to get into the swing of things – mixing up the pancake batter and frying sausages. And of course, Earl was getting things ready to scramble the eggs. They all did a fantastic job. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by President, **Tony Speranza**. Following are the minutes of the meeting

Thanks were extended to **Donald and Earl Taylor** for setting up for the breakfast, and also to the cooks, **Bill and Carol Morelli, Don and Deb Nowakowski** and **Earl Taylor**.

The cooks for the next pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 19th are **Don and Deb Nowakowski** and **John and Marge Butterfield**. **Lori Kraft** also volunteered to help, if she can make it.

The Secretary's Minutes were accepted as published in last month's newsletter.

Tony Speranza had set up a projector and installed a shade on the window to use as a screen and then gave a very nice presentation recapping last year's events. He also included various pictures of airplanes and chapter members which were fun to see.

Treasurer, **Bryan Bourgeois**, also gave a screen presentation of the Chapter finances and various accounts. There is a balance of \$675.32 in the Aviation Center account, \$13,335.21 in the checking account (which includes \$3,559.32 set aside for endowment for the Aviation Center) and \$470.43 in the Roberti Scholarship.

Tony Speranza, George Coy and **Bob Desmarais** will be putting on another ground school program this Spring. The Ground School was a huge profit maker for the Chapter (\$5,400). **They do need someone to help do some of the administrative work such as advertising, responding to inquiries, organizing a roster and collecting funds.**

Young Eagles Coordinator, **Donald Taylor** announced that there have been no Young Eagle rides given yet in 2012. If anyone gives a Young Eagle ride, please let Donald know.

Dan Marcotte and Sarah Willey came to the meeting and announced that they will be having another charity airshow over Memorial Day weekend. This year they would like the proceeds donated to a local charity and are open for suggestions. Our Chapter helped out with the airshow last year and they were hoping we would again for this year's airshow.

The 50/50 raffle was won by new member, **Lori Kraft**. Lori won \$25.00 and donated it to the Chapter and also received a Snoopy stuffed animal that **Donald Taylor** had up for sale for \$25.00. Thanks Lori and Donald!

Burlington International Airport (BTV) - Ground Control Frequency Change

If you haven't see the FAA's January 24, 2012 notice, please be advised that the BTV Ground Control Frequency will change from 121.9 to 119.15, effective 0500, February 9, 2012.

*****New Members!!!*****

We have some new members to our Chapter. **Lori Kraft** from Swanton. Lori took the ground school program at the Aviation Center a couple of years ago. She is currently working on her Sports certificate. Lori is retired from working at the border for Homeland Security where she worked as an Agricultural Inspector. She had transferred from JFK in 2001 (worked as an agri-canine officer) and moved to Swanton. **Larry and Mary Dupont and their twin sons, Ben and Patrick** from North Hero. Larry is a Captain for American Airlines and is also on the Board of Directors for Vermont Flight Academy, which now provides a four year aviation degree. Ben's first solo cross country was a stop at FSO. He has about 50 hours and hopes to get his private pilot certificate this summer. Patrick is also working towards getting his private pilot certificate and has logged over 30 hours.

Welcome to EAA Chapter 613!

Convair F-102A Restoration Project at BTV

Walt Houghton has asked us to get the word out to our chapter membership to see if there is any interest in assisting in the restoration of a Convair F-102A to static condition for the VTANG Heritage Display. Due to the ops tempo and overseas assignments at the Fighter Wing this project has languished for some time. We need to reinstall the wings, landing gear, paint and restore markings on 70858. The other one, 60462, has corroded past restoration so the AF Museum has given us permission to chop the cockpit off restore the interior, install ejection seat, an instrument panel and use it as an interactive cockpit simulator over at the VT Militia Museum at Camp Johnson. It will be a great bird for kids to crawl in and have their pictures taken!



The project will be moved off base to the Valley, Commutair Hangar. Looking for anyone with an interest to work on the project with or without skills. The aircraft will go on permanent display with the rest of the Heritage Flight at a new location by the new Main Gate at the base.

If you are interested in participating in this great restoration project, please contact Walt at 954 242-8712 or Bob Houghton at 802 238-5983 Pizzagalli Flight Dept. South Hangar. This would be will be a good project for Chapter 613 to be involved in.

Thanks, Walt



EAA Chapter 613 in Pictures



2011 Young Eagles Summary —Donald Taylor

Our Chapter flew a total of 139 Young Eagles in 2011. From these flights we have earned \$650 in chits. As soon as this count is confirmed by EAA Headquarters, we will be able to apply this credits towards sending a young person to Oshkosh this summer.

Aviation Center Update —Donald Taylor

Our next project is to install a kitchen cabinet over the stove so we can install an exhaust hood and fan. The fan will be vented outdoors. Earl has started clearing out the future picnic area behind the building. Brush has been cut and removed, and trees to be removed will be marked. We hope to get some nice days so we can complete the work this winter. (Winter is the best time to cut trees). When we get ready, we will be asking for help with a work party).

Safety Tip—Carbon Monoxide Poisoning —Donald Taylor

Don't count on carbon monoxide to warn you. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas, even though it is commonly associated with exhaust gases and fumes. If you smell fumes, or feel any symptoms of headache, nausea, dizziness or blurred vision, you should assume that carbon monoxide is present. Immediately do the following:

1. Shut off the cabin heater, or any other opening to the engine compartment
2. Open a fresh air source immediately
3. Don't smoke
4. Use 100% oxygen, if available
5. Land as soon as possible
6. Be sure that the source of contamination is corrected before further flight.

Did You Know?...New York Area Aircraft Crashes - Donald Taylor

I was stamping books for our library at the Aviation Center and found this clipping in a book:

- ◆ The first major aircraft crash in the New York City was not an airplane, but the German Dirigible Hindenburg, which exploded and burned on May 1927 as it came in for a mooring at Lakehurst, NJ. 36 lives were lost.
- ◆ July 28, 1945: An army B-25 Mitchell bomber hit the Empire State Building between the 78th and 79th floors in low lying fog, killing 13 persons.
- ◆ December 16, 1951: A non-scheduled airliner crash killed 56 persons at Elizabeth, NJ.
- ◆ January 22, 1952: A second airliner crashed in Elizabeth, killing 56 people., including former Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson. In addition 9 persons on the ground were killed.
- ◆ February 11, 1952: A third major air disaster in Elizabeth, NJ within two months, killing 29 passengers
- ◆ July 13, 1956: An Air Force transport crashed near Fort Dix, NJ, killing 45 of the 66 persons aboard.
- ◆ July 1, 1957: An airliner crashed on Rikers Island killing 20 of the 101 aboard
- ◆ January 6, 1960: A National Airlines plane disintegrated between New York & Miami, killing 34. A bomb was suspected.
- ◆ December 16, 1960: United and Trans World Airways planes collided in fog over Staten Island killing 134; the worst commercial air crash to date.
- ◆ March 1, 1962: An American jetliner crashed into Jamaica Bay near Idlewild (now JFK) airport, killing all 95 on board.

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For Sale

Fellow Cub Nuts: I goofed. I ordered 10 gallons of Cub Yellow #143 for my J-3 based on the logbook entry from its last paint job. Bottom line: Although I love the color, it's the WRONG color. I used about 1/2 gallon to paint my newly covered rudder and lower door (both of which will be repainted in the current color, whatever it is). Consolidated claims that 10 gallons is the amount required to paint an entire airplane. My price for the paint was \$931.50, plus shipping. Any interest in this paint, anyone? Make me an offer!

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