



Hi Crew and Yuletide Greetings this chilly December!!!

Happy Christmas!!! Feliz Navidad!!! Joyeux Noël!!! Buone Feste Natalizie!!! God Jul!!! Поздравляю с Новым годом и Рождеством!!! Wesółych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!!! Happy Hanukkah!!! Peaceful Winter Solstice!!! Joyous Advent!!!

Whatever you Celebrate, the Season tends to be full of goodness and love. I pray you each find peace and joy with your loved ones, and try to share some goodness with those around you who might need it most. You never know what one small gesture can lead to. Look at all the GOOD that comes from sharing our time and passion for Aviation with our Community! SO many Families come together month after month, inspired by the many Young Eagles Volunteers, and as a result, Aviation is staying relevant and growing! Our Chapter has so much to offer. It is truly a Gift to share. It has been awesome to see the many new ideas and accomplishments that 461 has attained over the past several months. I am so proud to be a part of this awesome group, and continue to be Thankful for all of the goodness that has come from it.

As always, no matter where you are -- Time is the best Gift that an individual can give... Yours is always appreciated, especially within our (YOUR) Chapter!

Thanks! -Aymee ☺



The new Chapter Board was voted on and announced at the November meeting, and a lot of chili was consumed... Below are the lucky chosen. What a gas! Thank you each for your time and dedication to the Chapter's growth and development. We couldn't be what we are today without the Teamwork required, making it all work.

Formal Roles/Board:

- **President** – Wayne will remain our Fearless Pilot in Command - TALLY HO!
- **Vice President** – Chad Carlson will assist as WingMan, ready at the yoke
- **Treasurer** – Josh Krecek will be doling out checklists and balances
- **Secretary** – Jerry remains onboard, keeping us on the center line
- **Young Eagles Coordinator** - Arnie Z and Aymee will team up

Roles that are actually much more important:

- **Newsletter Editor/Cookie Lady** - Aymee Zimmerman
- **Youth Club Operations** –Angela Greer, Dan Karesh, Aymee Zimmerman
- **Event Planning** - Angela Greer
- **Young Eagles program Development** – Dan Karesh will lead, with help from others
- **Lyons Township Internship** - Gia Kapp
- **Technical Project Lead** - Rich Tichy. Rich will work with other Chapter members for specific project development. Broad categories will include:
 - 1) Adult aircraft build
 - 2) Youth Aircraft/Engine build and
 - 3) Youth short term projects (tool box, design your own balsa plane, etc.)

PREZ SAYZ - aka: Words from Wayne:

- The Chapter Christmas dinner will be held on December 15th at the Bolingbrook Country Club. Reservations will be accepted through the 9th if you wish to go. Payment is required at time of RSVP. The Menu sounds delicious! See you there!
- Focus groups have been established to work on our youth, hangar, and member programs. The first meeting was held in November, and was quite productive. Updates will be reported as progress develops. This will be a very helpful tool for Chapter growth.
- Planning is underway for Cavalcade, 2019! We are pushing hard for the TriMotor and are in need of ideas around ways to maximize our Hangar space for educational and revenue purposes. <http://www.cavalcadeofplanes.com/> Cavalcade will be hosted here at Clow over June 1st and 2nd, 2019.
- The Presidential Zenith Cruiser is finally getting close to paint, much thanks to the help of Emily Vineyard, Al Bally, John Coleris, and Grumpy.
- The gas heater in the hangar was moved, thanks to John Coleris. We have quotes to put a floor over the workshop area so that we can expand a bit and finish our goal of having a “pilot cave” at the hangar for all to share. John will need a small crew to help with the floor.
- I met with Comcast to see if we can get Internet in the Hangar which would enable us to connect to our various internet services (Netflix/Prime/Weather). It might be too expensive – I’ll let you know.
- Pietenpol “finish up” project should start soon – funds are slowly coming in for the engine and other stuff that needs to be purchased.
- Jim Oeffinger Scholarship Fund: Donations are always accepted and appreciated. So far, 16 young ladies have been sent to Air Academy. We are proud to provide these girls with this opportunity.

SECRETARY STUFF from Jerry O. –

Nothing new at this time.



**The Zenith is getting a lot of action lately !
Angelina has also been approved to fly when she is
home on break from college ! 😊**

Nuts n Bolts FROM THE WingMan V.P. -- (Also HUGE THANKS for the extra newsletter ideas)

Thanks to Chad for sharing an AOPA article written by Jeff Simon -

‘Aircraft Maintenance: Top tips to prepare your airplane for winter ‘

Since cold or snow won’t keep many of you grounded, make sure you have a safe and uneventful flight with this helpful information.

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2018/november/07/top-tips-to-prepare-your-airplane-for-winter>

Here is a brief list of the seven tips he offers for preparing your airplane for the colder weather:

Wash, wax, and detail the exterior; Change the oil; Lubricate the airframe; Charge, maintain, or replace batteries; Inspect the heating system; Prepare for preheating; Be prepared!

Happy (and safe) Flying !

Here’s another cool snippet of information that might be of interest.

If you see some low flyers in parts southeast Missouri and southern Illinois beginning in late November 2018 through March 2019. The mapping will be used to make 3D surface maps of mining districts and seismic implications within the New Madrid Seismic Zone. The plane will be flying low to the ground, about 260-450 feet, in those areas. Cool!

See the link for more info:

<https://www.kfvs12.com/2018/11/20/usgs-airplane-map-geology-southeast-mo-southern-il>



Chapter 461 would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of President George H.W. Bush, our 41st president, from 1989 to 1993.

President Bush enlisted in the United States Navy when he was 18 years old and trained in Pensacola. He was one of the youngest Naval Aviators in WWII. "He flew TBM Avenger torpedo bombers from the carrier USS San Jacinto in 1944... For his 58 combat missions, Lieutenant Junior Grade Bush was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals."

Read more at <https://www.airspacemag.com/history-of-flight/from-pilot-to-president>

George Herbert Walker Bush

June 12, 1924 – November 30, 2018

For some Christmas fun, don't forget you can track Santa's flight at:

<https://www.noradsanta.org/> It's an annual tradition at our house to watch where he's flying and delivering the goodies... Hopefully, some of us might find some fun things under the tree, or in our new Chapter Hangar???

Speaking of gifts... if you're looking for something awesome for your Pilot friends, or need ideas to share with your Significant Other, check this 2012 link out, too! There are some great ones, you can google to find them if they are not still available.

<https://www.golfhotelwhiskey.com/best-of-the-web-christmas-gift-ideas-for-pilots>

Personally, I am very interested in this awesome Corsair shelf from pilotssupplies.com (just sayin'...)

<http://pilotssupplies.com/product/F4u-Corsair-Wall-Shelf.html>

You can find some hysterical placards for your plane at Sporty's too....



Deck the Hangar, and your plane!



On to warmer thoughts.... For those of you who are anxiously awaiting OSH'19...

The 2018 AirVenture video is available for purchase to download and stream for \$13.99:

<http://inspire.eaa.org/2018/11/21/stream-the-airventure-2018-digital-video-now/>

Check it out to relive all of the excitement! The fireworks were a BLAST!

UPCOMING DATES TO KNOW ABOUT:

December:

8th C15 Santa Fly In - C15-Pekin Muni Pekin, IL 09:00 AM - 01:00 PM

Don't forget to check out www.socialflight.com for events and activities going on around us.

Look at: www.avweb.com for more AV info, too.

ALSO, check out EAA.org for info on upcoming webinars !

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>

**MY SOUL IS IN
THE SKY.**

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



**AND HE RODE UPON A
CHERUB, AND DID FLY: YEA,
HE DID FLY UPON THE WINGS
OF THE WIND.**

PSALMS 18:10



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**NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, January 3rd, at 7pm at Clow International
Airport (1C5) in Bolingbrook, Illinois – in the Illinois Aviation Museum**