



The Cross Keys Flyer --- March, 2014

THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER 216

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President's Message

Welcome to our first **EAA Chapter 216 50-Year Anniversary** event: the Chapter 216 awards banquet on March 19 at Terra Nova in Sewell. If you haven't already ordered tickets, see the form at the end of this newsletter. The March 3rd deadline is fast approaching.

This is an opportunity to celebrate our experimental airplane chapter, EAA216, remembering all the different shades of hair we had — and when we had hair at all.

Send your photos of chapter members and their airplanes to prez@eaa216.org, and we'll put them on a DVD to be shown at the dinner. (They will be returned to you.)

This banquet should be a lot of fun!

In other news, I can't say enough about Ed Neumann's handling of our newsletter. He has written, edited, published, e-mailed, and mailed hard copies for 11 years. He

has communicated with other chapters, exchanging newsletters and info. Now Ed has retired as newsletter editor, but we look forward to seeing him around at chapter events.

Starting with this edition, Mark Schmid (news@eaa216.org) is the EAA 216 newsletter editor. Mark started as a Young Eagle and now he's an airline pilot, so let's welcome him.

-Dan Marchetti

View from the Tail Gunner

Looking Back.

It's been a long ride, I have been the chapter 216 Newsletter editor for 11 years. Looking back it was a great learning experience. I wanted a word processor back when I had the Tri-Pacer. I was typing the Short Wing Piper News on an old Underwood typewriter, and using a ton of "white out". Rich Capece who was the Short wing Chapter President gave me an old Tandy computer that didn't have a hard drive. It had a yellow monotone monitor, but I could use it as a word processor.

(View From the Tail Gunner Continued)

It had two 5¼” Floppies that had the programs, and I had a NEC daisy wheel printer that I salvaged from a dumpster and repaired. I went to the computer show and bought a 3½” Floppy drive. Wow, what power! I never bought a computer, I just bought parts and put them together. There was always something to learn. Bob Cooper was the Newsletter editor back then, before Barry Campbell. When Barry moved to Tennessee I took over the job. I contacted the other local chapters and by sharing newsletters we all learned a lot. Bob Cooper's events appear in quite a few of them. God always gives me the things I wish for, and it was time for a rest.

Thanks Mark and Good luck.

–Editor emeritus, Ed Neumann

From the Flight Deck?

It came to my attention that the chapter was in need of a newsletter editor, so I decided to kick the tires and see if I could help out. Ed Neumann has done an outstanding job over the past 11 years. His contributions will be greatly missed. Mr. Neumann will hopefully continue to contribute his signature “Tail Gunner” articles.

Continuing in step with Ed Neumann's clever “Tail Gunner” branding, I've decided to call my occasional contributions to the newsletter “From the Flight Deck.” This is on account of me jotting most of this down as I watch the miles click by, flying transcontinental trips. (with George the autopilot on, of course.)

For those of you who do not know me, I will briefly introduce myself. I have been a member of EAA 216 for about 10 years. I began my aviation career at Cross Keys Airport the old fashioned way of long days washing airplanes and cutting the grass at Free Fall Adventures. From this entry level position I was able to earn my licenses and eventually began flying the Jump Planes there. I then spent many years building time by circling up and down over 17N. After flying for Free Fall Adventures, I went to the regionals, working for Republic Airways and flying the Embraer 170/190 Regional Jet. In 2012, I was hired with Virgin America Airlines, where I currently work flying the Airbus 320 series. While I love my job, my true passion is flying tailwheel planes, and loafing around in the sky going no where in particular. I have owned three airplanes so far, a 1939 Aeronca Chief, an Experimental Stits Playboy, and I now currently own a 1946 Cessna 140. I purchased all of these aircraft as projects and have had much support from both the EAA, and the local Cross Keys community.

While my work schedule doesn't often allow me to attend the monthly meetings, you may have seen me at the Pancake Breakfast or just bumming around the airport. I am looking forward to putting together the newsletter and contributing more to the organization. If you would like to contribute an article or have any suggestions or corrections please do not hesitate to contact me at

news@eaa216.org.

–Mark Schmid

MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2014

LOCATION: The meeting was held at the VFW in Glassboro, NJ.

ATTENDANCE: A total of 16 members were present, including new member William Christensen.

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:37 PM by President Dan Marchetti, with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Dan Marchetti announced that Mark Schmid will be taking over the newsletter duties and he asked that we thank Ed Neumann for his past 11 years of hard work. Over the years Ed had massaged the newsletter into what it is now with articles and pictures.

READING OF MINUTES: Thanks to Dave Strittmatter for recording the minutes during Bill's absence. The January 15, 2014 minutes were published in the newsletter. Bill Varnes made a motion, with Tom Coyle seconding it, to accept the minutes as published and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURERS REPORT: Our new Treasurer, Bill Conway, reported on the transfer of duties from Mark Ramos. The checking account has been changed over so he can now write checks. Bill explained that he has received instructions from the bank clerk and he will be able to access the account on line, making it easier to look at the account activity.

TECHNICAL COUNSELORS REPORT: No reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) 50 Year Celebration – Catering for an afternoon meal, buffet style, would be \$13~16 per person according to one vendors estimate. (2) Annual Awards Banquet March 19. Reservations and payments are due by March 3. (3) First Saturday Events – Rich Cheeseman presented several possibilities as follows: McGuire Tower Tour with access to a C-17 & KC-10. This will be on 3/8, so talk to Rich ASAP to get on the list. Other interests: Trip to the Battleship NJ; Visit Dover AFB Museum; Visit John Desmond aircraft rebuilding and visit Udvar-Hazy Museum in DC. (4) Chapter Membership Dues – Still only \$15 per year, January thru December and now being accepted by Bill Conway, Treasurer. (5) Chapter Home/Trailer – Tom McDowell gave an update on the progress of getting the permits and various other steps necessary to get the trailer brought to Cross Keys airport. He is hoping the move might happen sometime in March.

YOUNG EAGLE REPORT: We are still looking for a volunteer to fill this position.

PROGRAM: The EAA Monthly Video with Jeff Skiles on learning how to fly the WWII airplanes, including the B-17 and B-25.

ADJOURNMENT: The business meeting adjourned at 8:13 and the program ended at 9:00 PM.

Submitted By: Bill Varnes, Secretary

**Next Meeting
March 19th**

WHITEY'S 87th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Whitey Lance, owner and operator of Alloway Airport, is one of the most respected members of our EAA Chapter 216. Whitey loves airplanes and people and he is always willing to help each and every one in whatever it is they might need. When the chapter was interested in having a Fall Festival Fly-In, they asked Whitey if he would be interested in letting us utilize his airport and the answer was, sure, why not! For the past several years, we have enjoyed having the Fall Festival Fly-In at his field.

Chapter members, feeling that we should give recognition to him in some way, thought what better way than to celebrate his birthday. For the past few years we have done just that. Whitey is not a guy who likes high fluting, fancy places, so these events are just plain and simple. Not a lot of planning goes into it. One year it was just having a cake in his hangar, Another year it was lunch at the Pole Tavern Restaurant (about as fancy as we get). Whitey's birthday is March 8, and this year it came on a Saturday. Unfortunately, the chapter had already planned a fly-out to McGuire AFB on that day, so we decided to celebrate his birthday on Friday the 7th.

The idea was to meet at Whitey's place about 11:30 a.m., and then decide on where to go for lunch. Tom McDowell, Roy Hermansen, Dan Marchetti, Bill Conway, Howard and Barbara Bates and Whitey chose to go to the Deli. I was running a bit late and missed the rendezvous, so I had to call Tom to find out where they went. When I arrived I snapped a couple of pictures and got something to eat. As the group talked, I discovered I missed the best part of the party. Howard Bates is a bee keeper and has been getting quite a bit of honey. He put some in a small bear shaped jar, attached a wooden stick to it

with a candle on top. With the candle lit, it was presented to Whitey, who extinguished it with one breath of air. Happy Birthday Whitey!

-By Bill Varnes 03/07/2014

Member Profiles

In honor of the 50 Year chapter anniversary, starting next Issue I will have member profiles of the current members of the organization who have been pivotal in making this chapter such a long running success. . If you would like to be interviewed, or have a suggestion of a member to interview, email me at news@eaa216.org. Stay tuned for the first installment next month!

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50-Year Anniversary

Awards Banquet



590 Delsea Drive
Sewell, NJ 08080
(856) 589-8883

Social Hour: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Buffet Dinner: 7:00 PM

MENU

6:00 PM: Beverages, Cash Bar, Veggies and dip
7:00 PM: Buffet Dinner

Salad: Field Green Salad w/vinagrette dressing

Choice of Entree:

- Roast Beef
- Chicken Marsala
- Grilled Salmon

Dessert: Vanilla Ice Cream w/Chocolate Sauce and
EAA 216 50-year anniversary cake

Special surprise drawing for the ladies.

Tickets: \$28 per person in advance (\$33 at the door).

Ticket Order Form

EAA Chapter 216 Awards Banquet, Terra Nova, Wed. March 19, 2014

Please send check made out to: EAA Chapter 216 by MARCH 3.

Mail to: Dan Marchetti 451 Whig Lane Glassboro, NJ 08028

Phone: (856) 881-8343

Number of Dinners _____ X \$28 each = \$ _____ Total shown on check

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Awards Banquet



Wednesday, March 19, 2014

**590 Delsea Drive
Sewell, NJ 08080
(856) 589-8883**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

by Bob Cooper

MARCH 8 ----- --McGUIRE AF BASE, NJ
EAA CHAPTER 216 - TOUR OF BASE – THE
TOUR IS LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE -
MEMBERS MUST ARRIVE AT WRIGHTOWN
BY 7:45 AM –
BUS WILL PICKUP TOUR GROUP AT 8:00 AM
–
MEMBERS MUST SHOW THEIR NJ PHOTO
DRIVERS LICENSE TO TOUR THE BASE. -
CONTACT RICH CHEESEMAN ASAP @
589-4195
wrcheeseman@juno.com - REMEM BER
TOUR LIMITED TO 20 PERSON

MARCH 5----- --GLASSBORO, NJ
7:30 PM – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
VFW MEETING ROOM – 275 WILMER
STREET
PRESIDENT DAN MARCHETTI –
856/881-8343 – danmarch1@verizon.net

MARCH 19 --- - HURRFVILLE/SEWELL, NJ
EAA CHAPTER 216 MARCH AWARDS
BANQUET -
TO BE HELD @ TERRA NOVA RESTURANT,
590 DELSEA DRIVE
\$28.00 PERSON – SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 TO
7:00 PM – BUFFET DINNER
@ 7:00 PM – RESERVATIONS BY MARCH
3RD –
RESERVATION FORM WILL BE IN
NEWSLETTER -
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APRIL 1 – 6- -----LAKELAND, FL
SUN-N-FUN – www.sun-n-fun.org

MAY 19 – 11- ---- - McGUIRE AF BASE, NJ
THUNDERBIRDS

MAY 10- ----- ---- SOUTHAMPTON. NJ
BREAKFAST FLY-IN @ ALLEN'S AIRSTRIP
(3NJ9) 609/267-8392
Rallen231@comcast.net

MAY 10 ----- ---- MASSEY, MD
MASSEY AIR MUSEUM – 2014 CHILLI
FIESTA FLY-IN
MASSEY AERDROME (MD1) -
www.masseyareo.org

MAY 17, ----- ---- CAMBRIDGE, MD
POTOMAC ANTIQUE AERO SQUADRON –
WILL HOST THE
HORN POINT FLY-IN – @ HORN POINT
AERDROME (MD18)
38 35.4N – 76 08.2 W
2014 COORDINATOR - MIKE STRIETER –
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MAY 17 ---- ----- TOUGHKENAMON, PA
EAA CHAPTER 240 FLY-IN BREAKFAST –
www.eaa240.org
NEW GARDEN FLYING FIELD (N57)
MAY 31 ----- ---- GREENWOOD, DE
FLY-IN FOOT LONG HOT DOG DAY – SUGAR
HILL AIRPORT (DE17)
www.longdogs.biz – 302-339-3949

JUNE 7 – 8 ----- ---- CROSS KEYS. NJ
EAA CHAPTER 216 50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELBRATION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 23RD ANNUAL
DOUG MACLEOD MEMORIAL
PANCAKE BREAKFAST DRIVE-IN/FLY-IN -
CROSS KEYS AIRPORT (17N) –
ANTIQUE CARS WELCOME “NO FEE” NO
PRIZES” “JUST FUN”
CAMPERS WELCOME – DRY CAMPING –
CATERED DINNER ON SATURDAY EVENING
– MORE DETAIL TO FOLLOW
PRESIDENT DAN MARCHETTI –
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JUNE 6-7-8 ----- ---- READING, PA
MID-ATLANTIC AIR MUSEUM – 24TH
ANNUAL WWII WEEKEND
A GATHERING OF WARBIRDS – maam.org

JUNE 14 ---- -----SOUTHAMPTON. NJ
BREAKFAST FLY-IN @ ALLEN'S AIRSTRIP
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JUNE 14 - - - - - **TOUGHKENAMON, PA**
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JULY 12 - - - - - **SOUTHAMPTON. NJ**
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JULY 19 - - - - - **TOUGHKENAMON, PA**
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NEW GARDEN FLYING FIELD (N57)

JULY 28 – AUGUST 3 - - - - - **OSHKOSH, WI**
EAA AIRVENTURE – WITTMAN REGIONAL
AIRPORT (OSH) - PLAN AHEAD!
THUNDERBIRDS will fly on August 2 &
August 3rd - www.AirVenture.org

AUGUST 9- - - - - **SOUTHAMPTON. NJ**
BREAKFAST FLY-IN @ ALLEN'S AIRSTRIP
(3NJ9) 609/267-8392
Rallen231@comcast.net

AUGUST 23 – 24 - - - **TOUGHKENAMON, PA**
ANNUAL NEW GARDEN AIRSHOW w/EAA
CHAPTER 240 BREAKFAST –
www.eaa240.org - NEW GARDEN FLYING
FIELD (N57)

SEPTEMBER 3 – 6 - - - - - **WOODRUFF, SC**
8TH ANNUAL TRIPLE TREE FLY-IN – WE
HEAR THAT MORE THAN 700 AIRCRAFT
ATTEND – MANY ROUND ENGINES –
“THE AUGUSTA NATION OF AVIATION”
www.tripletreeflyin.com

SEPTEMBER 13 - - - - - **SOUTHAMPTON. NJ**
BREAKFAST FLY-IN @ ALLEN'S AIRSTRIP
(3NJ9) 609/267-8392
Rallen231@comcast.net

SEPT 13–14- - **MARTIN STATE AIRPORT, MD**
BLUE ANGELS –
<http://www.blueangles.navy.mil>

OCTOBER 4, - - - - - **ALLOWAY, NJ**
EAA CHAPTER 216 FALL FESTIVAL WHITEY
LANCE AIRPORT (NJ02) 438 ALLOWAY-
FRIESBURG RD, ALLOWAY, NJ

11:00 AM – TO 3:00 PM – NO BREAKFAST –
CHILI CONTEST -
HOT DOGS – HAMBURGERS WILL BE
SERVED –
BRING DESSERT TO SHARE – DONATIONS
WELCOME -
PRESIDENT DAN MARCHETTI –
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OCTOBER 11- - - - - **SOUTHAMPTON. NJ**
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OCTOBER 11 - - - - - **TOUGHKENAMON, PA**
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NEW GARDEN FLYING FIELD (N57)

DECEMBER 7- - - - - **MASSEY, MD**
MASSEY AIR MUSEUM – 11TH ANNUAL
OPEN HANGAR DAY
MASSEY AERDROME (MD1)
1:00 TO 5:00 PM – BRING HORS D'
OEUVRES TO SHARE
www.masseyareo.org

It's wise to confirm dates as some events
cancel without notice.
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