



# The Cross Keys Flyer --- February 2014

## THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

**SOUTH JERSEY CHAPTER 216**

A Tax Exempt 501 (C) (3) Non Profit Organization

**Chartered November 3, 1964. Incorporated May 26, 1966**



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**The February 15, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
Chapter 216 Monthly Gathering**

**Will be held at the Glassboro VFW  
275 WILMER STREET  
HOSTED BY TOM McDOWELL  
TOM'S # 856/305-3541 if you need directions**

Hi Folks,

Dan here. We have an exciting change in our March Awards Banquet at Terra Nova.

Last year everybody wanted to know, where's the beef? So we're going to have a Roast Beef entree replacing the pasta option. We have also managed to trim the cost to \$28 per ticket. See the updated Banquet flyer/registration form at the end of this newsletter.

We need your RSVP by March 3. Just fill out the form and send it in with a check.

In other news, we had a very successful 1st Saturday at Millville Airport on Feb. 1. We started out with five of us having Breakfast at Verna's. By the time breakfast was finished there were 12 of us.

John Panchesine took our new member Bill Christenson for a ride in the RV12. Bill had a grin from ear to ear when they taxied back.

Then off to see Dick Fekete who has a hanger at the airport. Dick taught me and Rich Cheeseman to fly – now he has a machine shop and does inspections, repairs, and does fabrications. He builds camera mounts for his airplane and takes pictures. A very busy aviation guy.

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We met Ralph Morrill and his son at Fekete's. Ralph's been a member for years. Looks like his son will be joining our chapter as well.

It turned out to be a great 1st Saturday.

Our next 1st Saturday, a visit to McGuire Air Force Base, is on March 8. You will step into a KC10, C17 (my favorite), Control Tower, and Radar Approach Control. It's free and we'll car pool to a bus pickup location. Call Rich Cheeseman at 845-589-4195 to sign up.

See you at the next meeting, Feb. 19. The program will include a new Oshkosh video.

Dan

## Meeting Minutes

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The first EAA chapter meeting of 2014 was held on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Glassboro VFW. It was called to order at 7:33pm with a strike of the rubber mallet by the newly elected president, Dan Marchetti.

**Order of Business:**

Following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag a moment of silence was announced in memory of Charlie Eshleman. Several of the members present spoke in tribute of Charlie as a valued member of EAA and Chapter 216; of his willingness to share his depth of aeronautical knowledge; and his welcoming spirit. Bob Cooper reported that he notified EAA Headquarters of Charlie's passing. A memorial service is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> in Alden Pa.

As of the meeting date, our secretary, Bill Varnes, was recovering at Virtua Hospital in Voorhees, Room 544. If you find these minutes to be lacking in any way, as I'm sure they are, blame me (Dave Strittmatter) not Bill.

We welcomed and enjoyed the company of our guests, Bill Christianson and Dick Brooks.

Bill Conway gave the Treasurer's Report with comments from Roy Hermansen, concerning expenses of the trailer, and Mark Ramos. The motion to accept was given by Ed Neumann, seconded by Tom McDowell and passed unanimously with a voice vote.

There were no reports from the Tech Counselors or Flight advisors.

Joe Flood reported on the status of an RV-14 project he knows of. The builder has the wings done and he noted the exceptional quality of construction.

**Old Business:**

Tom McDowell reported on the status of the trailer which is currently at the Gibbstown VFW to be transported to Cross Keys airport. If all of the preparation goes as planned the trailer will be moved in the late January/early February time frame.

The chapter requests any photos of Jim Owens, who passed away in December. He was a big help to the chapter in the B-17 project.

A trip to the Millville Army Air Field Museum is scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup> starting with an 8:30 breakfast at Vera's Flight Line Café. EAA Chapter 240 has a scheduled fly-in to the museum on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:**

The chapter, by unanimous voice vote, donated \$100 to the VFW Memorial Home in Vineland. Motion made by Mark Ramos and seconded by Rich Gaglianone.

Chapter 216 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Dates are June 6, 7 and 8.

Rich Cheeseman was announced as coordinator with committee members as Dan Marchetti, Tom McDowell and Bill Conway. The meetings which are to be held at Rich's house are open to any member interested in assisting the committee.

The chapter would like to have a float in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Pitman NJ.

Roy Hermansen asked for photos of past chapter members and aircraft.

Donald Powell spoke on the Camden Youth Aviation Program that he and Ira Weissman spearhead. They are setting up an after school club and tax exempt organization. He asked for volunteer help from the chapter and of their goal to build a plane with the youth, possibly an Avid Flyer, that the youth who participate could be given rides.

The need for a Young Eagles coordinator for the chapter was announced.

Dues, to remain active in the chapter, need to be in by March and membership forms were distributed. Members were reminded to remain active in the EAA National Organization. Mail them to Bill Conway.

A motion to adjourn was introduced at 8:45pm by Ed Neumann, seconded by Mark Ramos and passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Following the meeting, Roy Hermanson spoke on ethanol and Star Tron Enzyme Fuel Treatment. A DVD from EAA National Hq. was then shown.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Strittmatter

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## Bill's Adventures

### Massey Aerodrome Open Hangar Day

By Bill Varnes 12/1/2013

I hate being cold! My hands and feet just can't take it. My fingers are freezing right now as I type this in the comfort of my home. In fact, while most people set their thermostats at 68 degrees, I have mine set to 70 and I'm still cold. So you can imagine my hesitation to go flying when the outside temperature dips below 40 degrees.

I saw an e-mail from Dan Marchetti, addressed to Chapter 216 members, that said he was going to drive over to Massey and anyone that wanted to ride along should call him. I considered doing just that, but hey, I would really rather fly my Kolb over there. What to do? Sunday morning came and I hadn't yet called Dan to reserve a seat in his vehicle. I looked at the weather forecast and they were predicting a high in the 40's. Well, maybe I'll just hop in my car and head on out for Alloway Airport. If, on the way, I feel it's too cold to fly, I'll just peel off of Rt. 55 and stop at Dan's home to see if he still has a spare seat.

With the heater in my car keeping me warm, I drive right on by Dan's place. OK, if it's still too cold to fly after I reach Alloway, maybe I can change my mind and get back to Dan's before he leaves. When I arrive at Alloway, I put on my hoodie and glove's, open the hangar doors and pull my Kolb out to begin the set-up procedure. Maybe it's the anticipation of flying that is allowing me to ignore the brisk air as I spread the wings and tail. I filled the fuel tank and packed an extra 2 gallons in my baggage, just in case I would need it. Had to pull the rope starter on the Rotax engine about ten strokes to get it started (cold natured beast that it is). But that did result in warming me up a little☺. While the Rotax engine was warming up, I called my wife, Doris, to let her know I was ready to take

off. Then, when I arrive at Massey, I will call her again to let her know that I made it across the river safely.

Although my Rotax has never stopped running in flight, it is always on my mind as a possibility. And I especially don't relish landing in the Delaware River. So, to help avoid that, I climbed up to 4,000 feet MSL altitude, hoping in the event of an engine stoppage, I might be able to glide down clear of the river and land on something other than water.

The visibility was fair and the flight was non eventful. Because I had left early, I was one of the first planes to arrive there. As usual, as the day progressed, a lot of airplanes flew in. In fact, after the regular parking area was filled, they started parking them along the north side of runway 2-20. I saw Joe Flood fly his antique Aeronca in. The ground crew wanted to guide him to a parking spot, but you know Joe, he wanted to park his pride and joy right up by the main entrance. It was kind of funny, the ground crew guy was frantically waving his flag and Joe just turned his head and kept right on going to where he wanted to go.

Tom McDowell and Bill Conway arrived on their Trikes, shortly after I did. I saw Dan Marchetti and Rich Cheeseman drive in. Also saw Al Cooper and his wife Rae. Some of my Kolb friends from Smoketown, Pa were there in a brand new Sonex. It was finished in polished metal. A real beauty! Also saw Bob Cooper, who arrived a little later after church. After eating some of their fine food, it was time to head back to Alloway. The trip back was also done at 4,000 feet and again I called the wife to insure safety. Amazingly, the cold air didn't bother me very much during the flight. Maybe the fun of flying was overcoming my feelings of being cold. Of course, I had dressed very warmly, so that helped too.

Oooops! Roy Hermansen stopped by my home in mid-January and while we were talking about flying, he mentioned the recent change to the Class B Airspace around Philadelphia. Wow! I had forgotten all about that. Now I'm wondering if I busted the new controlled air space. I flew on the north side of the nuclear towers on the way to Massey, in order to cross the river at its narrowest point. I didn't reach 4,000' MSL until I was near the river, so I think I was ok there, but I'm not sure of the outer ring limits. Guess I better get a current sectional chart and check that out.

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News Letter Editor : Volunteer Needed!

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 23rd ANNUAL DOUG  
MACLEOD MEMORIAL  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST DRIVE-IN/FLY-IN - CROSS KEYS  
AIRPORT (17N) –  
ANTIQUÉ CARS WELCOME “NO FEE” NO PRIZES” “JUST  
FUN” MORE DETAIL TO FOLLOW –  
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JUNE 14, 2014 ----- SOUTHAMPTON. NJ  
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JULY 12, 2014 --- - - SOUTHAMPTON. NJ  
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JULY 28 – AUGUST 3, 2014 - - - OSHKOSH, WI  
EAA AIRVENTURE – WITTMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT  
(OSH) - PLAN AHEAD!  
**THUNDERBIRDS** will fly on August 2 & August 3<sup>rd</sup> -  
[www.AirVenture.org](http://www.AirVenture.org)

AUGUST 9, 2014 ----- SOUTHAMPTON. NJ  
BREAKFAST FLY-IN @ ALLEN'S AIRSTRIP (3NJ9) 609/267-  
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SEPTEMBER 3 – 6, 2014 ----- 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](http://www.tripletreeflyin.com)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2014 --- - - SOUTHAMPTON. NJ  
BREAKFAST FLY-IN @ ALLEN'S AIRSTRIP (3NJ9) 609/267-8392  
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SEPTEMBER 13 – 14, 2014 -  
MARTIN STATE AIRPORT, MD  
BLUE ANGELS – <http://www.blueangles.navy.mil>

OCTOBER 4, 2014 ----- 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 – 856/881-8343 –  
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OCTOBER 11, 2014 --- - - SOUTHAMPTON NJ BREAKFAST  
FLY-IN @ ALLEN'S AIRSTRIP (3NJ9) 609/267. -8392  
[Rallen231@comcast.net](mailto:Rallen231@comcast.net)

DECEMBER 7, 2014- - - - - MASSEY, MD

MASSEY AIR MUSEUM – 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OPEN HANGAR  
DAY MASSEY AERDROME (MD1)  
1:00 TO 5:00 PM – BRING HORS D' OEUVRES TO SHARE  
[www.masseyareo.org](http://www.masseyareo.org)

It's wise to confirm dates as some events cancel  
without notice.  
Please send event data or updates to Bob Cooper  
– 856/694-4221  
EAA CHAPTER 216 – [PL4COOP@JUNO.COM](mailto:PL4COOP@JUNO.COM)

# 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY



## AWARDS BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2014



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 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).**

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# Ticket Order Form

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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