



EAA CHAPTER 808

November Newsletter 2016

Christmas party/meeting December 8th the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

Words from the outgoing President

Howdy Chapter 808! Well, we have some great news! Some good people stepped up and filled the ranks of all of the Officer positions. We had a long discussion about the future of our chapter and there were a lot of great ideas. To make a long meeting short...more flying, less meeting, smaller more frequent Young Eagles Rallies, and more fun!

The nominees in place for our election in December are:

President: Terry Terrill

Vice President: Ron Davidson

Treasurer David Springer

Secretary/Newsletter Editor John Davolt

Web Editor Dave Myhre

Young Eagles Coordinator Susan Myhre

We will not be meeting in November, but will meet December 8th, 7pm at the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum for our Christmas Party. Please send me an email coloradodavidson@gmail.com or call [719-647-2386](tel:719-647-2386) for your RSVP so we can know how much food to have at the dinner. I'm not sure on the cost of the dinner yet, but I expect it to be \$10 to \$15 a plate. If you didn't make it there last year it was a really great time with great food too!

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your President and I am so excited to get a super motivated next President in nominee Terry Terrill! Terry was actually the first President of Chapter 808. It would be rude of me to put a date on when Terry was last President, but I will say that I was a Freshman in High School! LOL!

Thank you for all of your help trying to build our Chapter up again...We accomplished some amazing things and will continue to do that together in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Davidson

Ex-President Chapter 808

Introduction from your incoming President:

I would like to introduce myself to those members that are not familiar with me and give you a few of my thoughts.

First of all I would like to thank Ron Davidson for his hard work and commitment to the chapter and its members. Ron has been a guiding force to keep the chapter active and build his own airplane at the same time. He is a wonderful person and Tammy right by his side to help. He has agreed to become Vice President to help me get my feet on the ground and help out as he can. I will really rely on him. To all of you that have supported Ron and assisted him in the chapter activities my kudos to you also.

Not all of you are aware that I was the first President of the chapter 808 back in 1983. We had quite a following in those days and we always had somewhere to fly to at least twice every month, poker runs, fly ins and visit everyone's hangar/projects and most of all include the family. The youth is our future of aviation and I am convinced that Susan will keep the Young Eagles

program going. We are looking forward to different ways to promote General Aviation in as many ways that we can. It can be experimental, aerobatics, back country, go fast, or just get into the air. We also like to sit down and tell stories and there is always some experiences that we can learn from no matter how many hours we have flying. Drones are a thing of the future and I think we need to be involved in that from a safety point of view but also to draw the younger crowd into becoming pilots. EAA has had strong ties with the AOPA recently and together have accomplished many positives for general aviation and we should support them in combination to make flying more affordable and safer. I look forward to developing relationships with the FAA, Pueblo and Fremont County airport management and to draw more active members into EAA. I look forward to your support and help in the future.

Terry Terrill

Minutes for EAA

Chapter 808 October 8, 2016

President Davidson Presiding, 12 members in attendance

Main question of the meeting was: "What do we do with the chapter?"

Ideas presented:

- Have volunteers running normal operations as Officers
- Delay the decision further, take time off and decide in March
- Turn the organization into a social club, electing one member as treasurer
- Dissolve the chapter, donate all of our accumulated treasury and terminate the website

Notes on the ideas:

- A social organization would require paying dues, probably meet formally way less often
- Group consensus is that we need to preserve the Young Eagles; Other chapters fly Young

Eagles on a monthly basis

- It might be helpful to distribute the Officer duties among the membership. The issue is that we cannot get volunteers to take up Officer positions; Still, any group always seems to have a core of only 8-10 people who actually volunteer; Ron estimates that we have 40 members in the chapter.
- Group consensus is that we need to do more activities as a chapter than meetings.
- One solution may be to have the chapter leadership do only chapter level tasks and only volunteers handle activities.
- Jon is willing to do the Treasurers duties
- Ron is willing to do anything but President
- Barry will be out all year.
- Group consensus is to hold Quarterly Business Meetings and continue with flying activities. Business tasks can be settled by email.
- Susan still wants to handle the Young Eagles program.
- Terry is willing to be a member of a Co-Presidency; This will be a team of Terry and Ron.
- Chapter will be taking November off; Plan on a December Christmas party and then the next meeting will be in March.
- Volunteers for Christmas Party organization: Dave Springer, Ron Davidson, Jon, Gordon. Jon will be the head of the committee. Motion made, 2nded and approved.
- It may be possible to obtain discount gas at some airport, and chapter can use that as an excuse for a flying.

2017 Officer Slate, approved and 2nded by motion:

Terry Terrill – President
Ron Davidson – Vice President
Dave Springer – Treasurer
John Davolt – Secretary/Newsletter
Dave Myhre – Web Editor
Sue Myhre & Don Brosh – Young Eagles

Website

Motion made and 2nded to pay back Grant for website hosting costs of \$65/year

In The Workshop...

In the Workshop is back and with some new progress from its builders! If you are working on a project send an update to Ron Davidson at intheworkshop808@gmail.com

Barry Cole just joined the Avid Magnum club with a beautiful kit that was living in Washington. He flew out and bought the kit and then convinced someone to go get it for him... Anyway, he has the kit in the local area now and once he frees up some time he will start building. Congrats Barry!



Jon Fredricks finished his Avid Flyer MIV and after getting John Davolt to test fly 5 hours off of the Phase one he has decided to sell it.



Jon took a half of a day off and then asked himself "Now what?" He located a Zenith 601

project that was partially completed in Kansas and decided that was his new project. He drove to the metropolis of Manhattan...Kansas and picked it up. After a whopping 13 miles of travel his trailer blew a tire! So to make a long day longer, he called AAA and soon he was back on the road. Now the kit is at home and Jon has been figuring out where to begin. Congrats Jon!



Well I, Ron Davidson have finished all of the work I can do on my Avid Magnum at home and will be taking it to the Pueblo Airport in the next week or two. I just received my 31" Alaskan Bush wheel tires from Fed Ex and I will be putting those on at the airport. This has been a fun project and I look forward to some fun flying in it!



Keep building! Fly Safe! Ron Davidson

Meetings

ATTENTION MEETINGTIMES AND PLACES FOR 2016 WILL BE NOTED IN NEWSLETTERS. CONTACT JOHN DAVOLT TO GET ON THE NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION LIST

Dues: \$15 a year per member. They are due in June, Mail to Barry Cole, 862 Nollan Rd., Cotopaxi, CO 81223

Attention New Web Page!!!

Web page address:

www.flightsquid.com/club.cfm?id=649

Please visit the site and sign up. Feel free to change your profile and add a hero shot. Send me an email if you have any problems,

ColoradoDavidson@gmail.com

the old page is still available at

www.eaa808.org

From The Editor;

This is the first newsletter from the new newsletter editor. It has been a little trick getting all the files set up, to sync. Sorry that I am a little late with the letter but promise it will get out sooner in the next issue.

I, as well as the incoming President Terry Terrill would like to see the Chapter to flourish, I know that it takes a lot of work, but hopefully we can receive a new vision.

I had the privilege of flying Jon Fredricks Avid Flyer, that makes about the 4th home built that I have made the first flights in. It is always fun to fly, and sometimes a little challenging to try and keep on your toes, as every plane is built a little different, so some times they perform or handle a little different. I have owned several home built aircraft my self, A Sonerai II that is still flying. A KR-2 and a Wittman Tailwind W-10, it is fun to fly whether flying the little Sonerai or a Mustang Citation.

John E. Davolt

Feel free to send any interesting photos, or articles to me my email address is testpilotjed@gmail.com.